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**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, January 13, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI**



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The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub maintains the 146.680 (Negative Offset, 162.2 CTCSS) and also the 444.525 (Positive Offset, 100.0 CTCSS) repeaters in Livingston County.

Jim's Jive

Welcome to 2011! I hope all of you had a pleasant and safe Holiday season and that you're looking forward to another New Year ahead. I don't, as a general rule, make "New Year's Resolutions", but only because it's much easier not to have to feel guilty about breaking them. I only offer that I will try to do at least one thing during 2011 that I've not done in the past. Perhaps you might consider doing the same thing?

Holiday Dinner

My special thanks to all of the members who made it to our 2010 Holiday dinner. We had a great time, good food, great conversations and special treats provided by Karen KB8AKC!

2011 Membership Drive

We kicked off our 2011 LARK membership drive by physically mailing the 474 licensed amateurs in Livingston County, minus those already LARK members, (in most cases), a brief letter about the LARK, what we do and asking them to join. We have received a few new members and I'm hopeful they will get the opportunity to attend a meeting or club event in the near future.

Sadly, we also received a few complaint notes back from amateurs who live in the county who do not see the value in supporting the club and its efforts. In a few of those cases, the person is angry because they believe their needs were not met or another LARK member upset them at some point. My old friend Buddha (we went to school together, a long time ago) has been quoted as saying, "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned." I have taken the liberty of personally responding to each note we received and reinforcing that while I can do nothing about the past, with their positive help, we just might be able to influence the future.

When you talk with other amateurs in Livingston County, be sure and encourage them to join. Remember, we will be giving a radio away to a lucky new member and for every 2 new members you bring into the club, you have a chance to win as well!

My special thanks to Pat W8LNO, Van N8GVD and Les W8MSP, for helping to make the mailing happen!

Award Banquet

Our annual awards banquet is coming up fast! Make sure you get to the next meeting to submit your award nominees! We can offer an award for just about anything, we leave it to your imagination! Of course, nominations are open for the Craig Aronson WB8OHO "Ham of the Year" award, given in honor of Craig's spirit and dedication to our hobby.

Don't forget too, our White Elephant event, held at the banquet. I think it's just the cure for the mid winter "blahs"!

Jim's Jive goes on and on and on

Elections

It's never too early to start thinking about elections. 2011 is an "odd" year, so potentially up for grabs are positions as: President, Secretary, Program Officer and Board Member. Get your name on the ballot soon! All positions are 2 year terms. Remember too, that the board has recently approved pay increases for all positions by 120%. Elections are held at the May meeting and you assume office at the June meeting. Remember too, that you need not be present to win!

To help you select the job of your dreams, here's a brief overview of the election schedule:

POSITION	TIMING	TERM
President	Odd Years	2 Years
Vice President	Even Years	2 Years
Secretary	Odd Years	2 Years
Treasurer	Even Years	2 Years
Program Officer	Odd Years	2 Years
Technical Officer	Even Years	2 Years
Board Member	Annually	1 Year

Additionally, there are many appointed positions available. Perhaps you don't have enough abuse already in your life and are looking to augment it with a staff position at the LARK?

Our Changing World of Technology

I have a few interesting flashes of inspiration from time to time. My most recent one came to me while looking for a new computer printer at a local store. A person and his 9 year old daughter were in the same aisle at the store attempting to select a new printer as well. When the daughter suggested one that looked nice, her dad replied, "we need one with FAX capability". She said "Daddy, what's a FAX?".

I suspect that my grand kids will never have to use a FAX machine, much less see one outside of a museum someplace. So goes it with many technologies so many of us have grown up with. I'm sure you all can think of a few things that have literally disappeared, or will soon, because a new or different technology has taken their place.

It is our responsibility as licensed radio amateurs to at least stay informed about advances in amateur radio. These are not just my thoughts, but those of the FCC, who actually defines this in Section 97.1 of the rules and regulations governing amateur radio. If you want to see programs about new technologies, you just need to make your wishes known to the Program and Technical Officers.

Jim's Jive goes on and on and on

Station Identification

Some things just need to be repeated. Despite all of the interpreted conclusions being drawn by amateur radio operators everywhere, identifying your station is the simplest thing to remember. It is best to identify with your callsign during the first transmission you make and at least every ten minutes. Concluding your conversation with your callsign is also a really good idea.

The text of FCC Part 97.119 is a bit confusing, but I believe the spirit and intent hasn't changed very much.

It's also a best practice to call other stations by their callsign. The last time I checked, "Hey Jimmy, are you headed into Detroit this evening?" has not been issued as a valid FCC amateur radio callsign.

Amateur Radio operators are self-policing and in the eyes of many folks, held to much higher levels of responsibilities than many other groups. We owe it to each other to be just a tad bit more professional about our behavior relative to proper identification.

Part 97 is a fun read on a cold winter night. I strongly suggest everyone grab a copy.

VE Sessions

Your VE teams are always happy to administer a testing session. One of the great thrills in my life is seeing a person receive their first amateur radio license or upgrading their current license status. That just never gets old. Most recently, we were privileged to administer license upgrade exams that were successfully completed by K8PXG and KJ4UEV. Why not start the New Year out with a license upgrade?

See you all at the meeting!

73



Jim WB8AZP

Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

December 7, 2010 ----- \$859.68

INCOME

50/50 ----- \$75.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$934.68

EXPENSES

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$934.68

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$667.34

TOTAL BALANCE January 11, 2011 ----- \$2917.64

BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF December 7, 2010

BALANCE ----- \$4799.00

INCOME

Deposit DUES ----- \$320.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$5119.00

EXPENSES

TOTAL BALANCE as of January 1, 2011 ----- \$5119.00

LARK General Meeting Minutes 12-9-2010

No minutes submitted at this time for the January LED Newsletter.

LARK Board Meeting Minutes 12-16-2010

No minutes submitted at this time for the January LED Newsletter.

Thought for the day ...

“As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained... And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come. Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life.”

- Taylor Addison

Mixing Technologies ...

From my friend Larry, KD8MZM, from the ARROW.

Kinda fun.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/ring-in-the-new-year-with-morse-code-ringtones>

Happy New Year!

73

Larry

KD8MZM

LARK Holiday Dinner

Happy Holidays!!!!



Contest Summary ...

Jan 8-12

- ARRL RTTY Roundup
- NS Weekly Sprint--CW(Jan 7)
- 070 PSKFest
- Hunting Lions In the Air
- WW Peace Messenger Cities,
- North American QSO Party--CW
- EUCW 160 Meter Contest--CW
- DARC 10 Meter Contest
- Midwinter QSO Party
- CWops Mini-CWT Test (Jan 12)
- Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest (Jan 12)

Jan 15-16

- North American QSO Party--Phone
- LZ Open Contest--CW
- International United Teenager Contest
- UK DX RTTY Contest
- HA DX Contest
- Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint

Humor for the day ...

Two elderly LARK hams, Jim and Pat, had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures on the ham bands. Lately, their activities have been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when Pat looked at Jim and said, "Now don't get mad at me.....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name and your call.! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember them. Please tell me what they are."

Jim glared at Pat. For at least three minutes, he just stared and glared at Pat ... Finally Jim said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Humor for the day ...

Deer Camp

Four LARK members have been going to the same deer camp for many years. Two days before the group is to leave, Van's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Van's friends are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do. Two days later the three get to the camping site only to find Van sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered and dinner cooking on the fire. "Dang man, how long you been here and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?" "Well, I've been here since yesterday. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said, 'Guess who?'"

I pulled her hands off and she was wearing a brand new negligée. She took my hand and pulled me to our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. On the bed she had handcuffs and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed and I did. And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

So, here I am!

Thought for the day ...

"Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it."

- Bill Cosby

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Please bring any articles you'd like to have in the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, have a friend bring the information to the meeting for you, email it to me at the above address or feel free to fax it to my work at the above number.

Thanks to everyone for the articles submitted to make the LED a success!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year!!! LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC		LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Martin Luther King, Jr Day			LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
6	7	8	9	10 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	11	12
13 Awards Banquet VFW M-59 & Grand River	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16	17 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	18	19 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
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