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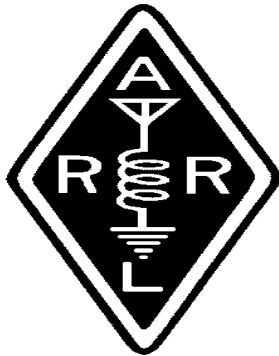
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NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, February 10, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI**



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President	Jim	WB8AZP
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Treasurer	Patrick	W8LNO
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PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX
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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

Well, it appears we're safely into the real winter season here in Michigan! You still have plenty of time to plan for those antenna upgrades in the spring. It's also a good idea to upgrade your license, if you haven't already done so, or perhaps study that "one new thing" for this year that you might want to take on? I predict at least a few more "snow days in your future!"

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! Nominations have already been voted on for the Craig Aronson WB8OHO "Ham of the Year" award, given in honor of Craig's spirit and dedication to our hobby. We have a delightful dinner, (bring a dish or two to pass, something that will at least serve 6 comfortably), and then dive into passing out awards for the previous year.

Don't forget too, our White Elephant event, held at the banquet. I think it's just the cure for the mid winter "blahs"! It's not too late to wrap up something to give away!!!

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 activities already in your life and are looking to augment it with a staff position at the LARK?

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.

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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. We're ready almost any time you are to take a test. Formally, we offer VE sessions every month, at the EOC.

See you all at the meeting!

73



Jim WB8AZP

Thought for the day ...

“Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and can be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.”

- St. Francis of Assisi.

Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

December 31, 2010 ----- \$968.08

INCOME

50/50 ----- \$51.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1019.08

EXPENSES

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1019.08

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$667.34

TOTAL BALANCE January 21, 2011 ----- \$3077.01

BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF December 31, 2010

BALANCE ----- \$4628.46

INCOME

Deposit – DUES ----- \$355.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$4983.46

EXPENSES

Insurance (322) Liability

Insurance (182) Equipment

TOTAL BALANCE as of January 21, 2011 ----- \$4983.46

LARK General Meeting Minutes 1-13-2011

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

LARK Board Meeting Minutes 1-20-2011

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

Thought for the day ...

"Wisdom is knowing when you can't be wise."

- Paul Engle

NASA Seeking Hams' Help ...

NASA is asking hams around the world to listen for the beacon from the NanoSail-D nanosatellite, which was ejected January 19 from the larger FASTSAT (Fast Affordable Scientific and Technology Satellite).

The beacon is in the 70-centimeter ham band at 437.270 MHz.

The satellite is supposed to deploy a solar sail after three days in orbit. Hams who monitor the beacon are asked to send their reports to the NanoSail-D dashboard at:

<http://nanosaild.engr.scu.edu/dashboard.htm>

More information on the satellite and the mission may be found at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/news/releases/2011/11-009.html>

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List rules and information: <http://www-w6yx.stanford.edu/vhf/>

Humor for the day ...

I found out that Jim WB8AZP, called 911 from his cell phone to report that his car has been broken into. He was hysterical as he explains his situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' he noted in distress. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm... An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard.' He says. 'Jim got in the back-seat by mistake.'

Humor for the day ...

Patrick was driving down the freeway when his phone rang. Answering, he heard Van's voice urgently warning him, 'Patrick! I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on I-96! Be careful!'

'Heck,' Patrick replied, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

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	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	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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March 2011

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