



# THE LED

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**NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM**

**CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK**

**NEXT KLUB MEETING  
Thursday, August 11th, 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.

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## Jim's Jive ....

It seems like just yesterday we were talking about the return of warm weather. Now, it's already August, and the stores are full of "back to school" bargains. It won't be too long before we begin complaining about winter!

We had a great "un-picnic" at the EOC last month! Our friends staffing the phones also appreciated the great eats we shared with them.

Don't forget to pick up your LARK raffle ticket, for a chance to win one of 10 Wouxun handheld transceivers. We'll have tickets at the August meeting. Remember, all 100 tickets will be sold.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

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Jim WB8AZP

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## Thought for the day ...

“Spectacular achievements are always preceded by unspectacular preparation.”

– Roger Staubach

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## Finance Report ....

### **OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND**

July 1, 2011 ----- \$721.91

### **INCOME**

Dues, 50/50, etc. ----- \$ 60.00

**ACCOUNT BALANCE** ----- \$781.91

### **EXPENSES**

Repeater Phone ----- \$ 35.97

**NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE** ----- \$745.94

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$ 668.91

**TOTAL BALANCE August 7, 2011** ----- \$2805.44

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### **BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF July1, 2011**

BALANCE ----- \$4525.98

### **INCOME**

Raffle ----- \$ 580.00

**ACCOUNT BALANCE** ----- \$5105.98

### **EXPENSES**

Equipment (Wuoxon HT's) ----- -\$ 970.00

AT&T ----- -\$ 95.28

**TOTAL BALANCE as of August 7, 2011** ----- \$4040.70

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## **LARK General (7-14-2011) & Board (7-21-2011) Meeting Minutes**

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

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## Rookie Roundup Contest

The Rookie Roundup is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December). Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event!

In less than two weeks, the Rookie Roundup will make its first foray into the Digital modes. This is the first RTTY contest aimed specifically at beginners.

All you need to get on RTTY these days is a transceiver, a PC, an interface that connects your rig to your PC's sound card, and some decoding software. It's relatively painless and inexpensive; sound card interfaces are less than \$100; if you are a builder, you can make one for just a few dollars. There are many RTTY software packages available for free; use your favorite internet search engine and look for "RTTY software."

If you've never operated RTTY, there's a wealth of info available to you. Veteran RTTY contester and CQ Contest Hall Of Fame resident Don Hill, AA5AU, has a web site: <http://www.aa5au.com/rtty.html> . Take some time and check it out; his expertise and tutorials will have you up and making RTTY QSOS in little time!

If you're a veteran RTTY operator, consider opening your shack to the newly-licensed in your area. What better way to help get more RTTY operators on the air than to get them involved? And definitely get on the air and work the Rookies in this event. It begins only two hours after the last leg of the SARTG WW RTTY Contest, so there should be lots of activity.

We've received word that N1MM's logging software will support the RTTY RR. Be sure to download the latest updates and verify the version you're running will support the RTTY RR. if I hear of other contest loggers that support RTTY RR, I'll gladly post them here.

If you wish, you can also log by hand using the paper log forms provided elsewhere on this page, or use the popular online web logger at <http://www.inthelog.com/> . Keep in mind, though, that InTheLog is just a logger; it will not decode RTTY for you.

As with all other RR's, we do not need your entire log. Simply report your score summary using the RR Online Score Reporting Form. You must fill out this form to be considered an official entry. But don't delay...we need your score summary by 2359 UTC on Wednesday, August 24. No late entries will be accepted.

Questions? Just let me know at [KX9X@arrl.org](mailto:KX9X@arrl.org) .

Here's hoping to run across you on RTTY this August 21.

Sean KX9X

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## Community Service - Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES)

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.

### **ARES membership requirements**

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. Please inquire at the local level for specific information. Because ARES is an Amateur Radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.

### **How to get involved in ARES**

Print out the attached form and submit it to your local Emergency Coordinator.

If you need assistance in locating ARES leadership in your area refer to [www.arrl.org/sections](http://www.arrl.org/sections)

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### **Humor for the day ...**

Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are the winners:

01.-- Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

02.-- Ignoranus : A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

03.-- Intaxicaton : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

04.-- Reintarnation : Coming back to life as a hillbilly

05.-- Bozone ( n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

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### **Humor for the day (continued) ...**

- 06.-- Foreplay : Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
- 07.-- Giraffiti : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
- 08.-- Sarchasm : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- 09.-- Inoculatte : To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- 10.-- Osteopornosis : A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
- 11.-- Karmageddon : It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- 12.-- Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- 13.-- Glibido : All talk and no action.
- 14.-- Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- 15.-- Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
- 16.-- Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- 17.-- Caterpallor ( n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:

- 01.-- Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
- 02.-- Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
- 03.-- Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- 04.-- Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
- 05.-- Willy-nilly, adj. Impotent.
- 06.-- Negligent, adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

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### **Humor for the day (continued) ...**

- 07.-- Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.

- 08.-- Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
- 09.-- Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
- 10.-- Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
- 11.-- Testicle, n. A humorous question on an exam.
- 12.-- Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
- 13.-- Pokemon, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.
- 14.-- Oyster, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
- 15.-- Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
- 16.-- Circumvent, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men

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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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## August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6  LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
7	8	9  VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC	10	11  LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	12	13
14	15	16	17	18  LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	19	20  LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		<b>September Meeting</b> <b>Raffle Drawing</b>  <b>Sell those tickets!</b>	

## September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
4	5  Happy Labor Day!!!	6  VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC  <i>Back to School!</i>	7	8  LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	9	10
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