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**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, April 12, 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

Wow! We really can't complain too much about last winter! I think I used my snow blower twice the entire season! Hopefully, you all have started to work on those antenna to get ready for a great spring and summer of operating. I'm planning a couple of new bug catchers at the QTH...more about that later.

We didn't produce a single April Fools story this year. Several of us got in a bit of trouble last year, when the story we created "went viral" and was carried by virtually every amateur radio reporting group. Alas, this year, no great April Fool stories to share.

There are a few important issues that the FCC has asked for comments on by radio amateurs, and the ARRL, our only lobbying group for the hobby, has taken up the challenge. Be sure to chime in with your input.

Elections for officers will take place at our May meeting, which will also be held away from our usual location at the EOC . We'll again provide dinner as a thank you for all those who still attend.

When we get back to our traditional meeting location, I've asked Michelle, KD8GWX, to give a short presentation on her recent relief callout in Kentucky. I don't think you'll want to miss that!

We also have some fun presentations planned by Mike N8MSA, and others that you won't want to miss.

The time will fly by, and Field Day will soon be upon us. Perhaps you'd like to plan now for this event?

Be sure and invite your fellow hams (LARK members or not) to a meeting!

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WEAVER'S WORDS

-- Special Issue --

Help Urgently Needed

Do you live in a community that is covered by CC&Rs? Have you been prevented from putting up an outdoor antenna (wire, vertical or beam) whether on HF, VHF or UHF?

Has this inability to put up an antenna prevented you from participating fully in emergency communications activities during disasters? If your answer is yes, ARRL wants to hear about your experience. What you encountered and the difficulty it presented to you in providing public support/emergency communications service may be the information needed to help amateurs get relief from overly restrictive CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions) in home purchase or lease contracts.

A provision of Public Law 112-96 instructs the FCC, in the context of Amateur Radio emergency communications capabilities, to conduct a study to identify, among other things, "impediments to enhanced amateur radio service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations." The FCC will be seeking input very soon, but because time will be short we are asking you to begin thinking about it now. We are particularly looking for stories about situations in which you as an Amateur Radio operator could have provided valuable service through Amateur Radio but your assistance either was prevented or diminished because of overly restrictive CC&Rs. We know situations of this type have occurred during power outage, snowstorm, tornado, flood, earthquake and other crisis relief effort. If you are willing to write to the FCC about your experience, please let me know. We are not ready at this moment to ask for letters, but a request for them will come very soon. If you need help in composing your letter, this help will be given to you.

Please be aware that our request for letters does not relate to actions taken by a branch of government such as a city, township or county. The letters will relate only to limitations placed by home-owners associations and similar private groups on the installation of outdoor antennas.

If you or someone you know has had overly restrictive CC&Rs prevent you from responding to or seriously limited your ability to help during relief operations, please let me know. If you are willing, please include your telephone number so I or another ARRL official can call you if this proves desirable.

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Over the years, many members have asked when ARRL is going to get some relief from overly restrictive CC&Rs. The answer is that the League has been trying different approaches to accomplish this. Now that Congress has mandated a study of the problem we have an opportunity to document it. The study itself will not make the problem go away but should provide a public policy basis for the relief we need. The time is rapidly approaching for you who have experienced the heavy hand of oppressive CC&Rs to come forward to help transform them into reasonable guidelines.

Tnx es 73,

Jim

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LARK General (3-8-2012) & Board (3-15-2012) Meeting Minutes

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

Finance Report

No report submitted at this time for the April LED Newsletter.

Upcoming Hamfests

Milford Swap and Shop

WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2012

TIME: 8 am to 12 noon

WHERE: Milford High School
2380 Milford Road
Highland, MI 48356

COST: \$5

Talk-In: 145.49 (PL 67) & 146.52 (Backup)

Contact: Robert Mueller , K8RGM
3655 West Buno Road Milford, MI 48380
Phone: 248-685-8903

Who said it? ...

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Dayton Hamvention® 2012

May 18-20 2012

Counting Down to Dayton -- Where Global Friendship Takes Center Stage

The ARRL is making all the final plans and preparations to bring its “show and tell” exposition -- known as **ARRL EXPO** -- to the **Dayton Hamvention®** next month. Hamvention, sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (**DARA**) since 1952, will be held May 20-22 at the Hara Arena Conference and Exhibition Center in Trotwood, Ohio.

“ARRL EXPO has been the centerpiece of the ARRL’s participation at Hamvention since 2005,” said ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. Inderbitzen is also the ARRL EXPO coordinator. “This large exhibit area, located in the Ballarena Hall, will be filled with ARRL program representatives, exhibits and activities. Our goal is to provide opportunities that inspire a high level of peer-to-peer interaction among ARRL members and prospective members -- so that following Hamvention, attendees will return home with new ideas to get involved and get on the air!”

Inderbitzen said that the League has an extraordinary team of participants lined up this year’s ARRL EXPO. Visitors to the ARRL EXPO will find representatives from several IARU Member-Societies, including the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (Germany), the Japan Amateur Radio League, the Qatar Amateur Radio Society, the Radio Association of China and Chinese Radio Amateur Club, as well as the Radio Society of Great Britain. “The impetus for hosting the international exhibits was the 2011 Hamvention theme of *Global Friendship*,” Inderbitzen explained. “Representatives from the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) will also be on hand to greet visitors. The IARU works with its Member-Societies throughout the world -- important work that further underscores international goodwill as a fundamental principle of the Amateur Radio Service.”

A new feature to ARRL EXPO this year -- a large QSL Card Wall -- will be located near the international exhibits. “We’re encouraging all attendees to bring a QSL card to affix to the wall,” Inderbitzen said. “If you don’t have QSL cards, please bring a postcard from your hometown. Together, we’ll have fun eye-balling QSLs from around the country -- and around the world!” The popular kit-building booth returns to ARRL EXPO this year. The booth will be supported by a team of instructors and ARRL Lab personnel who will mentor participants through the activity. Those who sign up to participate in the kit building event can choose to build one of the two affordable kits: the Ten-Tec 1054 4-band regenerative shortwave receiver -- considered a classic “first receiver” project -- or a Morse code oscillator produced exclusively for ARRL by MFJ Enterprises. “The oscillator is a great kit for newcomers, clubs, instructors and teachers seeking a classroom kit-building experience,” Inderbitzen said. “The kit-building fun is sure to beckon do-it-yourselfers of all skill levels.”

Counting Down to Dayton -- Where Global Friendship Takes Center Stage ... continued

Drop by the Emergency Communications exhibit area to learn about opportunities to volunteer and explore resources and training. Meet with program representatives for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) and the National Traffic System (NTS) and network with other public service volunteers.

At the ARRL Radiosport exhibit, you can immerse yourself in the world of on-air competitions and award-hunting. Representatives will share information about ARRL award programs including DXCC, ARRL-sponsored contests and Logbook of The World (LoTW). Personnel from the ARRL DXCC Desk will also be on hand to check applications for all ARRL Award Programs. All cards will be eligible for checking, including old cards, cards for deleted countries and cards for 160 meters. Applications will be limited to 120 cards (more cards will be checked as time and volunteer Card Checkers are available).

Other ARRL program representatives and volunteers will staff exhibits for the ARRL Development Office and the ARRL Foundation, the ARRL Legislative Action and Regulatory Information, *TravelPlus for Repeaters*™ software demonstration, the ARRL VEC, ARRL Education Services and the ARRL Media and Public Relations Office, as well as Amateur Radio and Scouting. And don't forget to visit the huge ARRL store to browse and purchase popular ARRL publications, join or renew your ARRL membership (and get a free gift) and to pick up official ARRL merchandise -- including 2011 ARRL Field Day shirts and other gear. This is also the place to get your free, commemorative ARRL Dayton 2011 button.

Licensed or not, all young people are welcome to come by and join the fun at the ARRL Youth Lounge and meet and socialize with other young hams. Come to chat with other hams, grab a snack or participate in one of the many activities, such as fox-hunts, scavenger hunts, Morse code fun, a QSL card designing contest, crafts, prizes and more. The fun continues into Saturday evening with the ARRL Youth Dinner gathering at a local restaurant. Click here to find the youth calling frequencies. Stop by the ARRL Youth Lounge for all the details.

Members may also visit exhibits sponsored by ARRL benefit partners. These include US Bank where you can apply for the ARRL Visa® Card, and Hays Affinity Group to get more information about the new ARRL-sponsored insurance programs.

As part of the Hamvention's full slate of forums, the ARRL will sponsor presentations covering a variety of topics, including talks by ARRL Lab Manager and EMI/RFI expert Ed Hare, W1RFI, a Public Relations Forum highlighting resources for radio clubs and public information officers, an update on ARRL's efforts to promote Amateur Radio on Capitol Hill and ARRL Field Day advice and tips, as well as suggestions for radio amateurs who are interested in developing meaningful partnerships with schools and educators.

Counting Down to Dayton -- Where Global Friendship Takes Center Stage ... continued

A special presentation by NASA Astronaut Douglas H. Wheelock, KF5BOC, is planned for Saturday. Wheelock, a Colonel in the US Army, will narrate a video presentation from his recent tour of duty aboard the International Space Station (ISS). While living and working in space, he operated the station's Amateur Radio equipment, making radio contact with schools and the general ham radio community. Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet and greet Wheelock in the ARRL and AMSAT exhibit areas on Friday and Saturday (times and locations will be posted). Wheelock's participation is jointly sponsored by ARRL and AMSAT.

Besides the full ARRL program, Hamvention attendees will enjoy the sprawling exhibit areas that cover the Hara Complex, including hundreds of manufacturer exhibits, radio club booths and flea market spaces. Dayton draws dozens of affiliated events --some beginning even before Hamvention's three days --including interest groups with operating specialties such as contesting, low-power operating and amateur satellites. Visit www.arrl.org/2011-dayton-hamvention for links to official Hamvention program details, a guide to ARRL activities and for more information including lodging options and travel information.

If you can't make it to Ohio in May, another opportunity to experience ARRL EXPO follows just a few weeks later when the 2011 ARRL National Convention is hosted by Ham-Com in Plano, Texas, June 10-11. Visit www.arrl.org/expo for more information.

Thought for the day ...

"Love the people God gave you because He will need them back some day."

- Author Unknown

Answer to "Who Said It?": Harriet Tubman

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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.

April 2012

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
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15	16	17 VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC	18	19 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	20	21 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
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