



# THE LED

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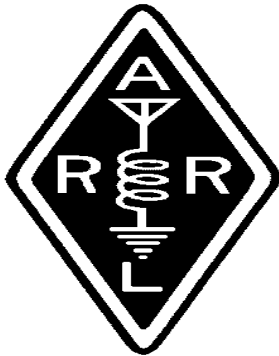
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**NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM**

**CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK**

**NEXT KLUB MEETING  
Thursday, July 12, at 7:30PM  
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way  
Howell, MI**



## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Jim	WB8AZP
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Secretary	Mary	KC8SER
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Director	John	KD8CCR

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

Repeater Trustee	Jim	WB8AZP
LED Editor	Michelle	KD8GWX
VE Coordinador	Jim	WB8AZP
PIO Officer	Open	?????
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Web Site	Jim	KB8DAD

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 ....

July became the new August, with the start of the month showing us real summer temperatures. A rash of storms during the beginning of the month helped us celebrate the 4th of July holiday in a HOT fashion. I hope everyone made it through all of this with a minimum of hassles.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Even the best of us make mistakes worth learning from. In my case, I thought I was in good shape when we lost commercial power last week. What I hadn't counted on was a generator failure. After 13 years of great service, the generator through a rod. The biggest hassle was that I had made no provisions for routing around the old generator, and applying power from yet another external portable generator. That we change when the generator gets serviced/replaced.

Bobbi K8RJE and I thank all those who offered to help, we clearly appreciated it!

### **Repeater Outage**

During the storm, and the power failure that followed, we did lose power at the repeater site. The backup generator, once provided by the site owner, is no longer functional. The technical director is investigating other potential approaches to solve the problem.

### **VE EXAMS ARE FREE!**

Beginning with the July 10th VE examination session, all LARK Amateur Radio exams will be free of testing fee charges. Absolutely free. That means you can come out for that license upgrade any time you'd like. LARK has become the FIRST amateur radio club in the state of Michigan to become affiliated with the LAUREL VEC team. If you've been putting off upgrading, there isn't much standing in your way now!

### **VE EXAMINERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

The LARK can never have too many VE examiners. With the LAUREL VEC, adding a new examiner is even easier than ever. To my knowledge, the current VE Team leaders for the LARK have NEVER turned down a single request from ANYONE to become a VE. I cannot speak of previous team leads, nor do I care.

As it has been said many times before "The past is not a doorway, but a mirror". If you want to become a VE, just ask. We have reserved the right to limit our VE team to LARK members only, however, which does seem to be reasonable.

### **FINDLAY HAM SWAP TABLES**

I always try to attend the Findlay Swap in September, and will have the opportunity to do so again this year. I buy (with my own funds, to be clear) 2 tables inside the building for selling my excess radio gear. I invite all LARK members in good standing to sell their excess gear there as well. You can do this one of two ways:

- Bring your gear on your own to sell, and spend some of your time watching the table.
- We'll haul your gear there, and sell it for you, but we'll ask that you donate 12% of your take to the club.

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## Jim's Jive continued ....

### **No Radio Raffle This Year**

We've decided not to attempt to pursue a radio raffle this year. We don't have enough time at this point to get a license, print tickets, get them sold, and hold a drawing in September. None of the suggestions that we received seemed compelling enough to get folks excited about it. We can use this time to prepare for the 2013 radio raffle.

### **Dues Restructuring**

Many organizations I belong to are considering dues restructuring. We probably need to do so as well. At our current rates, several picnics, 50/50 drawings, a project or 2 a year, plus all the other free food that appears due to the generous members who often contribute are an incredible value. Asking members to kick in a little more shouldn't be that big of a deal. We can even consider setting up a program to allow you to "pay" for your dues by doing officer duty. It's worth talking about.

Looking forward to catching up with all of you at the next LARK meeting!!!!

73



DE WB8AZP

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## Humor for the day ...

**Sven says to Ole, "Close your curtains da next time you're having sex with Lena. Da whole street vas vatching and laughing at you yesterday!"**

**Ole says, "Vell the joke's on them, because I vasn't even home yesterday!"**



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## LARK General Meeting Minutes (6-14-120)

Meeting called to order by Van, N8GVD.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made.

Secretary Report –

- Mac, N8RBA made the motion to accept the Secretary's report and Mark WQ8S seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report –

- Mac N8RBA made the motion to table the report and Mark WQ8S seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ARES/RACES –

- The Balloonfest was discussed along with the Communications truck the National Guard of Battle Creek has. They will help anyone who has needs. There is a Chain of Command to ask for help. No pictures can be taken of the truck. The truck is real awesome.

LED –

- Michelle requested articles for the LED. If you have ideas and need help writing them, please feel free to contact Michelle.

Technical Report –

- CERT radios are in.

Volunteer Examiner Report –

- One test was given but they didn't pass. The test sessions will now be given the the Laurel organization. Further information will be provided for the newsletter. The AB8ZI scholarship is available for those who need it to help with testing supplies and other amateur radio needs upon request.

Old Business –

- It was decided to have an indoor picnic. Charlie, KB8OUJ will be in charge. This will occur at the August meeting for the first picnic. Mark WQ8S made the motion for September for the 2<sup>nd</sup> indoor picnic and Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposed.

Field Day –

- Field Day is in conjunction with the Balloonfest.

Program –

- The program was given by Michelle, KD8GWX. Michelle talked about her recent deployment to Kentucky to help with the tornado recovery efforts through the American Red Cross. She showed slides of the damaged areas and various efforts of the recovery process. Thank you Michelle KD8GWX.

50/50 Raffle –

- Ji, W8JPM won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment –

- Mac N8RBA made the moto to adjourn and Charlie, KB8OUJ seconded the motion. Motion passed. Les W8MSP opposed many things.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary, KC8SER

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## LARK Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes to follow.

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### Finance Report ....

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND	
May 31, 2011 -----	\$703.61
INCOME	
50/50 -----	\$83.00
Dues -----	<u>\$20.00</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	\$806.61
EXPENSES	
Account fee -----	(\$1.95)
Maintenance fee -----	<u>(\$9.90)</u>
NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	\$794.76
1000 CD -----	\$1390.59
500 CD -----	<u>\$668.91</u>
TOTAL BALANCE July 7, 2012 -----	<u>\$2854.26</u>
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OPENING BALANCE. FROM EMG FUND AS OF	
May 31, 2012-----	\$4448.54
INCOME	
ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	\$4448.54
EXPENSES	
TOTAL BALANCE as of July 7, 2012 -----	<u>\$4448.54</u>

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### Who said it?

“The first step in getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want?”

- Ben Stein

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## Three Hams Scheduled to Head to ISS This Weekend

NASA will televise the launch and docking of the next mission to the International Space Station (ISS), scheduled for 8:40 PM (CDT) Saturday, July 14 (0140 UTC, Sunday, July 15). NASA Flight Engineer **Sunita Williams, KD5PLB**, along with Russian cosmonaut **Yuri Malenchenko, RK3DUP**, and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut **Akihiko Hoshide, KE5DNI**, are completing preparations as they undergo their final Soyuz spacecraft fit. Live NASA TV coverage of the Soyuz TMA-05M spacecraft launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan begins at 8:30 PM CDT on Saturday, July 14 (0130 UTC July 15).

The trio will arrive at the station on July 16, joining NASA Flight Engineer **Joe Acaba, KE5DAR**, and two Russian cosmonauts: Expedition 32 Commander **Gennady Padalka, RN3DT**, and Flight Engineer **Sergei Revin, RN3BS**. Acaba, Padalka and Revin have been aboard the ISS since mid-May. Williams, Malenchenko and Hoshide -- who also will be part of the Expedition 33 crew starting in September -- will return to Earth in mid-November.

NASA TV's scheduled coverage is as follows:

Friday, July 13

- 1 PM CDT (1800 UTC) -- Video File of Expedition 32/33 Russian State Commission meeting and final prelaunch crew news conference in Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

Saturday, July 14

- 8:30 PM CDT (0130 UTC, July 15) -- Expedition 32/33 Soyuz TMA-05M launch coverage begins 9:40 PM CDT (0240 UTC, July 15) -- Launch of Expedition 32/33 Soyuz TMA-05M; includes video B-roll of crew pre-launch activities and launch replays from Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

Monday, July 16

- 11:15 PM CDT (0415 UTC, July 17) -- Expedition 32/33 Soyuz TMA-05M docking coverage begins (docking at 11:38 PM [0438 UTC, July 17]), followed by post-docking news conference from Mission Control in Korolev, Russia.

Tuesday, July 17

- 2 AM CDT (0700 UTC) -- Expedition 32/33 Soyuz TMA-05M hatch opening and welcoming ceremony coverage begins (ceremony scheduled for 2:25 AM [0725 UTC]).
- 4 AM CDT (0900 UTC) -- Video File of Expedition 32/33 Soyuz TMA-05M docking, hatch opening and welcoming ceremony.

You can watch live **online** on the NASA TV Public and Media channels, or on your television set. Contact your local provider for the NASA TV channel in your area.

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## Executive Order Poses No Threat to the Amateur Radio Service

On July 6, 2012, the White House released an *Executive Order* that addresses National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) communications functions of the federal government. Contrary to some concerns raised in a few Amateur Radio circles, the *Order* does not appear to contain any threat to the Amateur Service or its ability to continue support communications during times of emergency or disaster. It also poses no threat to amateur spectrum.

“The purpose of the new entity, which would be created by this *Order* within the Executive Branch, appears to be to plan for future NS/EP communications and to insure survivability, hardness and interoperability, as well as to develop a long-term strategic plan for NS/EP communications,” said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. “Based on the Amateur Service’s ongoing, positive working relationship with officials at the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Emergency Communications, it is hard to envision that any new management plan would not include Amateur Radio. Nothing in this *Order* directly affects Amateur Radio’s daily operations.”

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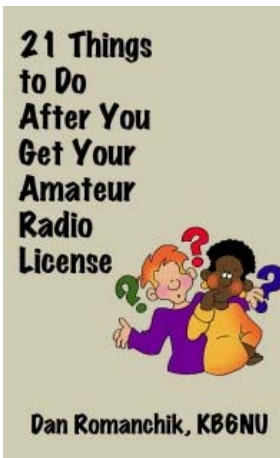
## Told ya so!

“Not a shred of evidence exists in favor of the idea that life is serious.”

Brendan Gill

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21 Things to Do After You Get Your Amateur Radio License is now available as an e-book for the Kindle and Nook. Written for the new ham or those amateurs who have not really been all that active lately, its 21 chapters advise you to join a club, find an Elmer, how to buy a radio, set up a shack and much more. It's available on Amazon.Com and BarnesandNoble.Com for just \$2.99.

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### **Thought for the day ...**

“No one gets rich teaching, but then no one leads a richer life.”

- Author Unknown

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Please bring any articles and or pictures you'd like to have in the LED to 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. If you have an idea for an article and need help writing it, feel free to contact me.

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	6	7  LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
8	9	10  <b>FREE!!!</b> VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC	11	12  LARK Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19  LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	20	21  LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  Detroit Maker Faire  Henry Ford Museum 9 am – 6 pm
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Future events:

# August 2012

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