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CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, November 8, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI



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President	Jim	WB8AZP
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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

We're moving into the holiday season, it seems more rapidly than ever! I know that the particle physicists in the klub will assure me that time doesn't travel any more quickly than it did 5 years ago, but it doesn't feel that way to me. I still have one more antenna to deal with before it really gets too much for me to deal with outside. Hopefully, most of you are much better planners and implementers, and all of your outside work is done.

Current Topics

Our November meeting will be the continuation of the excellent fox hunt preparation planning brought to us by Les, W8MSP, Mike, N8MSA, and Bob K8VQC. Members who have elected to do so will be assembling active attenuator kits, to work in concert with the tape measure antennas assembled last month. This will not be a meeting to miss.

Future Topics

We'd like to begin planning for the 2013 LARK radio raffle, and would love some feedback from the members relative to what radios we should give away. As you know, this has become a primary fund raising event for the group. The LARK board is also looking for membership input on programs you'd like to see in 2013!

We should also discuss the viability of the LARK Sunday night net.

Dues

Your contribution to LARK helps us to continue to support the public service side of amateur radio, through the served agencies, and the community repeaters we maintain on 146.680 and 444.525. Although your physical involvement is greatly appreciated, we'll accept your membership renewal as a "good faith" gesture toward the support of a fascinating many faceted hobby. Supporting the largest organized amateur radio club in Livingston County can't be a bad thing.

For a very long time now, our dues structure has remained static and unchanged, while the world around us continued to endure price and cost increases. We've cut corners where we felt it was reasonable, for example, eliminating the mailing of hardcopy newsletters, requiring members to contribute toward the cost of materials for klub projects, and the implementation of the LARK radio raffle as a fund raising activity.

The executive board has wrestled with what to do for several months. The proposed change to our dues structure represents the simplest and most direct approach we could come up with to assist the klub in staying viable, and meeting our financial commitments. As per the directives in our by-laws; we'll be voting on this proposed change during our December meeting.

Radio Tune-up Saturday?

It has been suggested that we hold a radio clinic day one upcoming Saturday morning. Have coffee and donuts, and invite local hams (LARK members or not) into the EOC for quick checks on the rigs and power supplies. What do you think?

Stepping In, Helping Out

It's great when people just pitch in and help out. A special thanks to Pat, W8LNO, who took upon the task of creating this month's LED while Michelle, KD8GWX, our newsletter editor

extraordinaire, continues to recuperate from a recent surgery. There are many others in the klub who make it all happen. To all of you, thanks. If you haven't been contributing, perhaps you should consider pulling some of the load as well. Don't wait for someone to beg you to pitch in, just grab hold and take on the challenge yourself. If you unsure about what to do, just ask someone.

73



Jim WB8AZP

LARK General (10-11-2012) & Board (10-18-2012) Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

People were on the teleconference: Jim WB8AZP, Van N8GVD, Les W8MSP, Pat W8LNO, Jon KC8VAB, Michelle KD8GWX, Mary KC8SER.

Discussions held:

- Long discussion regarding the restructuring of membership Dues. Pat, W8LNO, suggested that we increase dues to \$25 per year per adult member, and \$10 per year for youth memberships; children under 18 unless in school. Other discussion included a larger increase, but the motion made by Pat, seconded by Van N8GVD was carried. Proposal will be taken to general membership for review. Final vote would be at the December meeting.
- No other business discussed.

General Meeting Minutes

Pledge and introductions.

Reports

- Secretary Report was read, motion to accept carried.
- Vice President – no report given.
- Treasurer Report was in the LED.

- Program Manager announced that the Antenna building project will be conducted at this meeting, and that we will build the attenuators at the next meeting.
- Technical Director, all repeaters are up and working. The club has taken over the generator at the repeater, however the propane tank was repossessed by the Propane provider. A battery backup is being installed to replace the current UPS System. The repeater sign and tech sound are good.
- Director Report – no report given.
- LED Editor not in attendance so no report given.

Dues are due.

Raffles were discussed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting Adjourned.

Volunteer Exams

2nd Tuesday of every month. 1 person passed.

Adjournment

Mac N8BRA made a motion to adjourn & Doug KC8ZKZ seconded, motion passed.

50/50

Was drawn and won.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary KC8SER

Thought for the day ...

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes."

- Carl Jung

Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND
October 31, 2012 ----- \$325.93

INCOME
Dues \$20.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE \$345.93

EXPENSES
Maintenance fee (\$4.95)
Imaging fee (\$1.95)
Repeater Phone 2 months \$78.57
(paid by club member)
Repeater Battery (\$271.00)

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE \$68.03
1000 CD \$1390.59
500 CD \$668.91

TOTAL BALANCE November 3, 2012 \$2126.94

OPENING BALANCE. FROM EMG FUND AS OF
October 31, 2012----- \$4448.54

INCOME
ACCOUNT BALANCE \$4448.54
EXPENSES

TOTAL BALANCE as of November 3, 2012 4448.54



Our ONE Fox Hunt Photo. . . .

DO NOT SELF-DEPLOY ...

PLEASE DO NOT SELF-DEPLOY TO HURRICANE-STRICKEN AREAS

It appears that a message presumably sent by an SEC in one of the hurricane-stricken eastern states asked for amateurs to self-deploy to provide relief communications in this area. Please do not self-deploy!

ARES officials are requested to determine with certainty that any requests received for deployment by amateurs in Kentucky, Michigan or Ohio (the Great Lakes Division) are from authorized personnel before forwarding such requests. Self-deployment at best is ineffective and at worst very detrimental to disaster relief operations.

Again, please do not self-deploy. Deploy only if requested to do so by authorized individuals such as from state emergency management, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross or ARRL ARES officials who provide specific assignments for you to fill.

Tnx, 73,

Jim

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DIARY OF A FIRST RESPONDER

One of our Members, John Waters, KD8CCR, is on scene at the SANDY relief staging area in New Jersey. Here are some of his updates sent back from his deployment:

Monday, October 29

Just an FYI for those who may be interested. We deployed 2 ambulance and 4 crew members (myself included) to assist with the FEMA response to Hurricane Sandy. We left Howell at 00:45 last night (Monday after midnight) for Fort Dix, NJ. We arrived at Fort Dix at noon Monday.

The way down wasn't bad, we did hit some rain and wind along the way. After arrival we got checked in and headed to the mess for a quick lunch before the mess closed. It has been raining hard since our arrival and the wind is picking up quite a bit, lots of lights flickering as I'm writing this.

We are at the base along with a lot of military along with the deployed ambulances. There are a lot of recruits here also. I mention this because as we were on our way to the mess we heard one of the recruits get a dressing down because he crossed a puddle of water the wrong way. I'm not sure what the right way is, but I now know what the wrong way is!

At this time we are all on stand-by status and have been told that we could be here for a couple of days before being sent anywhere due to the storm.

Will update more as we hear more.

Monday, October 29

So AMR is scrambling a bit right now. The food prep people all left. Said they were evacuating because of the storm, so long, seeya! Most everyone left all their MRE's etc. in the trucks and they they've locked the parking lot down and not letting anyone in their vehicles. We do have granola bars and water, we may start selling them to the highest bidders, lol! Should be interesting!

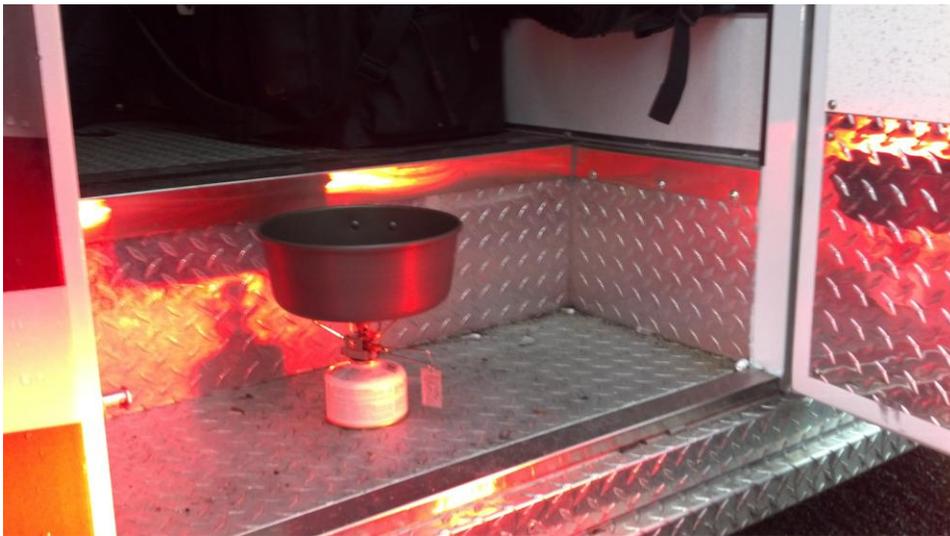
John Waters, Supervisor
Livingston County EMS

Tuesday 9:15 am

Well, we snuck out to the truck last night and got our MRE's so we did get something to eat last night! Then it was just hunker down and wait. It did get pretty windy and lots of rain but not as bad as other places.



This morning they came around and had everyone pack up and get ready to move out. We got to the truck and they came around with "Meals on Wheels". Now we're sitting here waiting to see where we're going.



I do have radios with me, just not sure if I'll get a chance to set anything up. If so I'll try and let you know and we can set up a frequency to meet on.

Pictures are of the meals on wheels and the other where there's a will there's coffee!

Tuesday 12:51 PM

We've now been assigned to a task force. To refresh your NIMS memory a task force is 5 strike teams. A strike team is 5 ambulances. I've been assigned as strike team leader for our group. We're hearing that things are pretty bad in areas of New Jersey and New York and they expect to be deploying us on missions soon. FEMA has requested an additional 100 ambulances at this time.

Tuesday 6:41 PM So the FEMA IC came up and asked what was the highest level IC class I've been through. When I told him ICS300 he assigned me as a Task Force Leader which is 5 Strike Teams with 5 ambulances in each. It's about

like herding cats! We are enroute to Floyd Bennett Field in New York, NY at this time.

That is going to be the forward command post. Most likely we will be assigned to an FDNY group and be receiving missions from them.

We have been told that most of New York is without power so we were advised to top everyone off with fuel. We had 2 task forces (50 ambulances) fueling up in a little town that's not quite as big as Pinckney. That was an exercise in logistics! We got everyone fueled and are finally on the road.

More later if I can, not sure what the internet will be like in NY.

Wednesday 8:49 PM

So my task force was rolled out at 08:00 this morning to evacuate a 7 story nursing home in Brooklyn. I had our 25 ambulances that rolled and when we arrived there were 5 more on scene. We began loading patients around 9:00, we had a mixture of all kinds of patients, from non-ambulatory bed-bound, bariatric, dialysis, feeding tube and psych patients. There were a total of 39 ambulance patients plus 2 that we had to send emergency to an ER. There were a total of 71 ambulatory patients that we had school busses for, and an additional 60 that the facility had vans for that we just needed to assist in getting them down the stairs. There was no power so the place was in total darkness.

Our two rigs had the only stair chairs out of the whole fleet so they were used to move a majority of the more difficult patients. We had 5 that had to come down on backboards and of course those were on the 6th and 7th floors. I did have some assistance from a couple of military guys that were great help in getting those patients and the bariatric patients down.

Patients that were loaded by this time were getting hungry so we had to coordinate with the staff to get food out to them. We finally had all of the ambulance patients down and were ready to go around 13:30. We had been working with NATCOM and the IC at our command post all day for a transport location. We were finally given a location for transport and was just leaving when the nursing supervisor stopped us and said we were not to transport the patients to the facility we were given. We were on hold again for an hour and then was given a destination which was another nursing home. We transported to that facility and after we arrived I went in to coordinate the unloading and was told that they were not accepting the patients.

After approximately 45 minutes we were told to take them to the original destination, so off we went. When we arrived I went inside to talk to the director to make sure they were expecting and accepting the patients. They not only said they would, but they had been waiting for them since Sunday! By this time patients were hungry and needed restroom facilities (those who hadn't already -- well I guess I don't need to say any more there). We also had trucks that were at a pretty critical fuel level. We got everyone off-loaded and headed back to the forward command post. We got back around 07:00 and have been put back in line. At this point there are 140 ambulances ahead of us to get rolled out so we should be able to grab a little rest. No sleeping facilities here so everyone is bunked down in their rigs.

That's about it for now. We're going to try and get some shut-eye while we can before being sent out again. As always, will try and send additional updates as I can and feel free to share with who you see fit.

Friday 8:20 AM

Sorry for the delay in an update, internet has been a little spotty along with phone service. It seems to be better now.

Yesterday we were sent to Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan to assist with the evacuation. The Holland Tunnel was closed to all but emergency traffic but our task force was able to go through. Bellevue is on 1st Avenue and when we arrived there was already 10 ambulances there. Another strike team arrived after us so we had to get everyone lined up along the curb.

In case you didn't know, Bellevue has an ER, hospital and also houses psych patients along with patients that have been deemed criminally insane. We were there waiting for around 4 hours. Eventually the PD commander came by and said that all that were left were the prisoners and they were only going to keep 10 units on scene and released the rest of us. I contacted NATCOM and advised that our task force was released along with the strike team that had arrived later. They didn't have another assignment so we were sent back to forward command. We got to drive through the Bowery and Chinatown on the way back.

The New Yorkers on the street were great. Lots of people coming up to us and asking where we were from and thanking us for coming to help. We also had an NYPD training officer who was there with his cadets directing traffic. He thanked us for coming in and we chatted for several minutes. We talked about 9/11 and he had gone on shift that morning and didn't go home until Nov. 12.

We got back and was able to get something to eat and was back on stand-by status. This morning they had the portable showers all set up so we were able to grab a shower which was great. They are continuing to send teams out on assignments, from what I've heard there is some concern also about some cold weather that is coming in and the fact that there is still no power to lots of areas. We may be doing more evacuations and/or welfare checks on residents or possibly helping set up shelters.

Everyone is doing fine, especially after getting a luke-warm shower! Thanks for all your support, more updates when and if we can.

BELOW IS FROM PAT, W8LNO, ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO NY

Most of the campus, with the exception of Tisch Hospital, and Greenberg hall are open.

I am visiting clinics to ensure that all operations for the system running and to follow the pesky printer problem we have been experiencing of late. We have been warmly received by the staff, and they are effusive in their praise for IT and all the people who have committed to making sure they can operate today.

The primary tunnels into the City are still closed, so I had a very slow \$60 cab ride into the city last night. The FDR was a parking lot last night, and they calculate your cab fare on both distance and time. Hotel is good, full of FEMA people, and FEMA CORPS kids. It appears to me on Manhattan that life has pretty much returned to normal with the exception of the subways and tunnels.

Upcoming Hamfests

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the ARRL website. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>. The page title is "Search for ARRL Hamfests and Conventions". The main content area features a search form with fields for "Keyword", "ZIP Code" (set to 43115), "City", "State", "ARRL Division", and "ARRL Section". There are also "Start Date" and "End Date" fields. A "Search" button is located below the form. To the right of the search form, there are three search results, each with a map icon and text: "12/02/2012 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest" (Location: Harrison Township, MI), "02/17/2013 | Livonia ARC's 42nd Annual Swap & Shop" (Location: Livonia, MI), and "04/20/2013 | Milford Swap-N-Shop" (Location: Highland, MI). On the right side of the page, there are three advertisements: "N3ZN KEYS" with a photo of a keychain, "CUSTOM PADDLES IAMBIC & SINGLE LEVER", and "Buckmaster OCF Dipole Antennas" with a photo of an antenna. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, On The Air, Licensing, Education & Training, Membership, Regulatory & Advocacy, Public Service, Technology, Get Involved, ARRL Store, About ARRL, and News & Features. The left sidebar contains a "Favorites" list with various amateur radio-related links.

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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.

November 2012

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

December 2012

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23/30	24/31 CHRISTMAS EVE/ NEW YEAR'S EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29

We are proposing a modification to ByLaws Article VII Section 2. This section currently reads as follows:

Section 2: Dues are \$20.00 per year per person plus \$5.00 for each additional family member who qualifies for full membership in the KLUB, and resides in the same household, or has as their legal address the same address as the primary member.

We are proposing the following modifications to Section 2 as follows:

Section 2: Dues are \$25.00 per year per person. Youth memberships (18 years of age or younger) are \$10.00 per year per person.

Respectfully submitted;

(Signatures are on file for this proposal)
