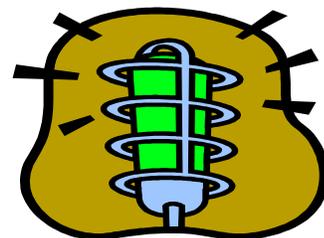




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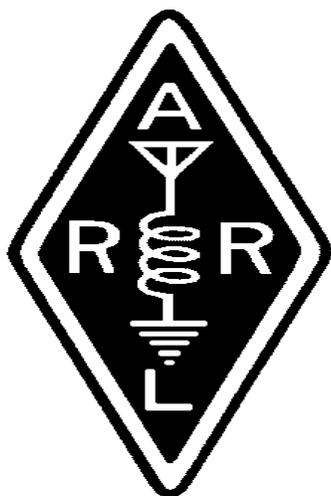
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NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

NEXT KLUB MEETING
December 8th 7:30PM at the EOC
Highlander Road, Howell, MI



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SOCIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY DINNER

LARK annual Holiday Dinner, Sunday, December 11th, 4PM at the American Legion Hall, Grand River, Howell, MI.

Bring a main & side dish to share, drinks and place setting will be provided. Bring your family and friends!

PREZ SAYS



"Holiday Greetings from the Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Officers"
73, from your President, Art KC8WAZ

LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Check on the 146.68 repeater

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Secretary's Report General Meeting

Not Available at press time

SECRETARY'S REPORT LARK Board Meeting Board Minutes

Not Available

TREASURER REPORT

Not available at press time

EDITORS COMMENTS



December has already become a very hectic month for your editor. Many things have contributed to my inability to create timely editions of the LED newsletter. Although I truly do apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, it is to be expected. If you'd like to volunteer to take the reins at the helm of the LED, I for one would welcome it, and for those who would prefer to simply complain about it, thanks for being silent.

Articles

We still need YOUR articles for the newsletter. Swap items, favorite stories, magical operating moments, remembering your first rig, the time your transmitter set off all the fireworks, swap and for sale items, favorite recipes, whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case Thanksgiving "turkey day" celebration still has you confused and you just can't seem to remember how to reach me:

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50/50 Plus Drawings

If you haven't attended a recent regular meeting, then you've missed out on fabulous prizes that are given away along with splitting the raffle pot. Ask a member who has attended for the low down. Better yet, why not show up at the next regular meeting? Sadly, most of the prizes are male oriented, largely because a guy is doing all the prize shopping. Have you noticed it's hard to get any help these days? Regardless, the 50/50 drawing is a great way to help support the Klub, and the extra prizes give everyone a chance to win!

SUNDAY EVENING NET ON 146.68

Let's not forget about the Sunday evening LARK net on 146.68 at 9PM. It's a great time to connect with other LARK members, share information, and just in general gather on the repeater. You would think that a club the size of ours could muster up more than a handful of checkins, now wouldn't you? Why not even volunteer to take on the Net Control responsibility for one or two Sundays to gain some experience? Don't need experience in running a net? How about just volunteering to help out? Don't have the net preamble? We've only printed it in this newsletter three times in the last 6 months. Just want to have something to whine about? Fine, waste your talents. Too bad, participating can be fun if you let it. Hate to conform to the "rules set forth by the man?" Consider that setting on the sidelines serves no one very well. My thanks to all of you who have made an effort to check in!

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee has begun the design effort to deliver on the next phase of the repeater, remote receivers! Although the fall, along with some rather accelerated work schedules, has attempted to interfere with all of this, work is still moving forward. We also have a couple of new surprise additions to the repeater coming up soon.

I hear a lot of people talking about their expertise, and I see very few folks doing anything more than that. Talk is, very cheap, and ultimately easier than actually doing anything. Spare me the excuses, unless they're really unique.

OTHER COMMENTS

Our PR campaigns are starting to bear fruit. Come to a meeting and see for yourself.

We're planning on a Saturday morning "coffee break", to allow those members who can't get to a weekday evening meeting to get together and chat. Plans are still pretty fluid, and I would appreciate your comments. We're even considering offering VE testing during these times as well.

See you at the next meeting, right? (Even if you're not a member now, you can become one!) Need a ride to the meeting? We'll send someone to get you! Need someone to buy you dinner before the meeting? We can probably take care of that, too. Afraid the room will be too cold for you? Bring your blanky. Dress is casual, so don't worry about digging out your Tux or Formal. We have plenty of seats in the front row for you. Do you have another unique excuse for not attending the meeting? Why not share it with others, in a lovely article for the newsletter? Remember, if you're not part of the solution, you're simply a part of the problem. Social engagements are really not that difficult, despite your past experiences.

Public Service Corp

We finally have received most of the equipment for the four district trailers. The only missing equipment is the coax! We will form a work party in the near future to get the equipment installed, probably in January. I will sending out an email with the date and time and will also post the information on the DVR. This equipment came through a federal grant by the CDC to the First District Regional Medical Coalition. Livingston County EMS currently has possession of one of the trailers. The others are assigned to Gratiot, Eaton and Lenawee Counties.

1. Once this is accomplish I would like have training on the use and setting up of the equipment with all of the members.
2. I would also like to set up a call up list of those who would be available to travel with the Livingston County trailer to other parts of the district to run the amateur equipment and the public safety radio equipment.

We have also received the equipment for our two SPARK Kits and again we will be forming a work party for this equipment to be organized, also some time in January.

The 2006 Livingston County Skywarn Class will be hosted by Hamburg Township Fire Department, 3666 East M-36, Hamburg, MI on March 8, 2006 at 7:00pm. Please mark you calendars.

Sometime either the last part of July or first part of August 2006, the First District Regional Medical Coalition will be holding another full scale exercise. I believe amateurs will be involved with this exerise throughout the district. I will keep you updated as I get more information.

Bruce Pollock, N8WWX, EC/RO

Happy Holidays!

This space left for Bruce, N8GEY's antenna article
