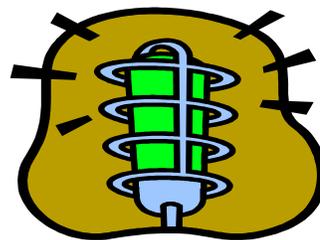




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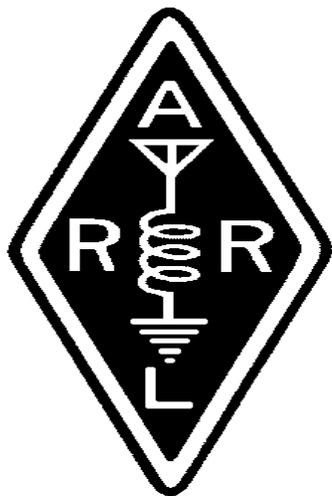
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EXT KLUB MEETING  
December 8th 7:30PM at the EOC  
Highlander Way, Howell, MI



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PREZ SAYS



"A Happy and Joyous New Year from the Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Officers"

73, from your President, Art KC8WAZ

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## LARK SOCIAL NOTES

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Secretary's Report  
General Meeting

Not Available at press time

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**LARK Board Meeting**  
**Board Minutes**

## TREASURER REPORT

Not available at press time

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## EDITORS COMMENTS



Welcome to 2006! Time for the annual ritual of remembering to write down the correct year! Also, a good time for all kinds of fun plans and resolutions for the coming year, unless of course, this edition of the LED finds you metabolically challenged. Having trouble determining if you are challenged in this way? We understand, and can offer a simple test to help you sort this out.

### 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, when you first discovered that you were metabolically challenged, or whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case the end result of all that New Years 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? Regardless, the 50/50 drawing is a great way to help support the Klub, and the extra prizes give everyone a chance to win! This month, some really special prizes donated by another LARK member!

## 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. Also consider that by NOT participating, you are conforming...irony, isn't it wonderful? My thanks to all of you who have made an effort to check in!

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical team has been very busy during the cold months planning for warmer days. If you need to find them, give them a call on the air. Funding snags are definitely setting back the progress of the remote receiver project. Several other projects are moving forward, however.

## 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. Concerned that you might be metabolically challenged? We can administer a simple test at the meeting and verify this 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, and if you're part of the problem, you have little to complain about. Social engagements are really not that difficult, despite your past experiences.

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## 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 accomplished 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 exercise throughout the district. I will keep you updated as I get more information.

Bruce Pollock, N8WWX, EC/RO

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"Where are the dreams that we once had?

This is the time to bring them back!

What were the promises?

Caught on the tips of our tongues?

Do we forget or forgive?

There's a whole lot of life, waiting to live with,

One day we're brave enough, to talk with conviction of the heart..."

That's the first verse of one of my many favorite tunes...the song talks about getting involved, taking risks, and many other things most folks are not comfortable dealing with, especially because it demands something from

them. I always get a little reflective around this time of the year, and for me, the process has become very useful.

I start with the sheet of paper I was using last year at this time. My notes for the things I wanted to accomplish last year, personally and professionally. Trust me, I never get everything done on my list (and if someone does, it usually really means they sandbagged). I give myself a little time to think back on things at several levels. First, did I really accomplish the goal? Did I accomplish this the way I might have imagined I would? What other serendipity "happened" along the way? In accomplishing what I set out to, did the world become better or worse for anybody?

Golly, it would be great to tell you that I always accomplish everything on my list, and that I leave the world much better off than what I found it to be. It also wouldn't be true. The act of living every single day presents you with countless new variations on a theme, if you allow it to. And it is with each of those variables, countless options, and of course, the challenge to be open to them. Divinity grants us choice, and with that choice, the responsibility for our action or inactivity. That's just the way it works, and has for a very, very long time.

Next, I make my new list for the coming year. Some things obviously transfer from the previous list, but I always try to add a few new ones to the mix, just to keep it interesting. It isn't always about technology or personal enrichment, but a mix of things, like I said, both personal and professional. I usually make a copy of the list, and file the original away for next year. Although I hope for balance out of all the activities, I have faith that all that I should be doing, I will be doing, as long as I'm open and receptive to the world around me.

Hopefully, you're all doing something like this, in whatever fashion serves you best. I can think of nothing more wasted than a life with little or no options, nothing new or different. This is little harm in my view for trying, and unbelievable underachievement in doing virtually nothing. Wiser souls than I have often declared that insanity is continuing to do the same thing you always have, expecting a different outcome.

We live in an unbelievable time in human history, in a fantastic place on Earth where just about anything is possible. It only takes your positive effort to make it so. One of the challenges for me this year will be mastering the art

of Sushi making. What about you? What might you consider doing new and different?

Wishing all of you the best that 2006 can begin to offer you, I'll end the same way I started;

" As the Sun hides its head –

For another nights rest,

And the Wind sings the same old song,

And you on the edge –

Never close, never far,

Always there when I needed a friend,

But it's hard living life, on this merry-go-round,

Always up, always down, spinning round and round and round,

And all this could be such a dream, so it seems,

I was never much good at "goodbye"..."

73 Jim WB8AZP