

THE LED

Published by The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
Howell, Michigan



MAY 2006

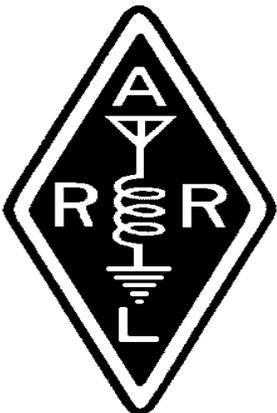
Livingston Amateur
Radio Klub
PO Box 283
Howell, Michigan
48844

www.qsl.net/milark

IET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

NEXT CLUB MEETING
May 11th 7:30PM at the EOC,
Highlander Way, Howell, MI



BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
Vice-President	Bruce	N8GVD
Secretary	Mary	KC8SER
Treasurer	Clairus	KC8QQN
Program Director	Jon	KC8VAB
Tech Coordinator	Jim	WB8AZP
Tech Coordinator	Jon	KC8VAB
Board Member	Chuck	W8CLK

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

146.680 Repeater	Jim	WB8AZP
LED Editor	Jim	WB8AZP
VE Coordinator	Jim	WB8AZP
PIO Officer	Brandon	KC8YHE
PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

SOCIAL EVENTS

See you at the Dayton Hamvention!

PREZ SAYS



"Why not attend a meeting in person, or at least join us for breakfast on the first and third Saturday of the month? Amateur Radio needs your involvement to help keep it an important hobby and public service."

73, from your President, Art KC8WAZ

LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Mr. D's Grand River Avenue, Howell. Check on the repeater if you need directions.

LARK Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our current location is the Crossroads Grill, near the intersection of Oak Grove Road and M59 in Howell. (The restaurant is located near the south end of the Kroger plaza). This is a great opportunity to get together with hams that can't always make our regular Klub meetings, and for hams just passing through! All are welcome!



OPERATION CARE 2006

Attached below is a copy of the signup sheet for this years operation care event during Memorial Day. Please sign up to help out during this event. Some positions may already be Filled, so contact Mary, KC8SER for a more recent list.

SETUP GROUP
 SETUP GROUP
 SETUP GROUP
 SETUP GROUP
 SETUP GROUP
 SETUP GROUP

Clairus & Chuck
 Mary KC8SER

TAKEDOWN GROUP
 TAKEDOWN GROUP
 TAKEDOWN GROUP
 TAKEDOWN GROUP
 TAKEDOWN GROUP

Clairus & Chuck
 Mary KC8SER

MAY 26th

Friday 8AM-12N
 Friday 8AM-12N

Friday 12N-4PM
 Friday 12N-4PM

Friday 4PM-8PM
 Friday 4PM-8PM

Friday 8PM-12M
 Friday 8PM-12M

Duane N8WMN

MAY 27th

SAT 12M-4AM
 SAT 12M-4AM

Duane N8WMN

SAT 4AM-8AM
 SAT 4AM-8AM

Van N8GVD
 Jim WB8AZP

SAT 8AM-12N
 SAT 8AM-12N

Ray Schafer

SAT 12N-4PM
 SAT 12N-4PM

Neil K8IT
 Tom AB8IT

SAT 4PM-8PM
 SAT 4PM-8PM

Marge N8EAJ
 Mary KC8MSA

SAT 8PM-12M
 SAT 8PM-12M

May 28th

SUN 12M-4AM
 SUN 12M-4AM

SUN 4AM-8AM
 SUN 4AM-8AM

SUN 8AM-12N
 SUN 8AM-12N

SUN 12N-4PM
 SUN 12N-4PM

SUN 4PM-8PM
 SUN 4PM-8PM

SUN 8PM-12M
 SUN 8PM-12M

May 29th

Monday 12M-4AM
 Monday 12M-4AM

Monday 4AM-8AM
 Monday 4AM-8AM

Monday 8AM-12N
 Monday 8AM-12N

Monday 12N-6PM
 Monday 12N-6PM

Mac N8RBA
 Charlie KB8OVJ

Van N8GVD
 Jim WB8AZP

Ray Schafer

Marge N8EAJ
 Mary KC8MSA

Mac N8RBA
 Charlie KB8OVJ

Van N8GVD
 Jim WB8AZP

**PLEASE SIGN UP
 FOR A TIME TO
 WORK AT
 OPERATION
 CARE!
 CALL MARY AT
 517-676-2529 AND
 LEAVE A
 MESSAGE
 THANKS! MARY
 KC8SER**

General Meeting Minutes April 13th, 2006

The meeting was opened by Art KC8WAZ. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Introductions were made. Bob, K8PBA presented a brief memorial on Judson Littell who recently became a silent key at 91 years.

The secretary report was read, Van, N8GVD made a motion to accept, and Greg, AA5GO was second. Motion passed.

The treasurer report was tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence included normal bills and LED expenses. Van, N8GVD made a motion to pay the bills, and Don N8SKE was second. Motion passed.

The LED editor reminded all those without email addresses to insure that their address was on his "hardcopy" list.

Bruce, N8WWX gave a report on new Homeland Security requirements for amateurs, and thanked everyone for their efforts on the District mass casualty trailers

Tom AB8IT and Van, N8GVD will meet next month after the general meeting to begin the audit process.

Klub positions for Vice President, Technical Coordinator, Treasurer, & Member at Large were decided at this meeting. All the current officers agreed to retain their respective assignments. Mac, N8RBA moved that the nominations be closed. Don, N8SKE was second. Motion passed.

A suggestion was made that Klub begin issuing picture ID badges. A motion to that affect was made by Bruce, N8WWX, and second by Shannon KD8BVT. Motion passed.

Van, N8GVD volunteered to do pictures, Jim, WB8AZP volunteered to do the lamination.

The Constitution should be ready by next month.

Bob, K8PBA made a motion to adjourn. Van, N8GVD was second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary KC8SER

LARK BOARD MEETING April 20th 2006

Art KC8WAZ called the meeting to order.

Secretary report was given and accepted.

Treasurer discussed current balances and the insurance bill due this month.

Operation Care was kicked off, and began the process to line up all documentation and volunteers.

Clairus, KC8QQN discussed what we needed to do to pursue acquiring Dale, AK8R, callsign for special station use at LARK events.

Board discussed the notion of selling ad space in the LED.

Van, N8GVD, has agreed to begin the establishment of a new Klub website.

Jim, WB8AZP made a motion to adjourn, Jon KC8VAB was second. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary KC8SER

EDITORS COMMENTS



It's great to be working from home on this edition of the LED. Producing any sort of newsletter is becoming more difficult as my schedule at work becomes more complex. Not really a complaint so much, as a general comment. I have a strong belief in the strength of radio clubs, and will

continue to do the best I can, regardless of either the praise or criticism I receive. If you're just dying to help out, get in touch with me. Clearly, if you believe you can do a better job, I'm happy to pass over the reins.

Articles

For newsletters to continue to be interesting, most editors rely on articles written by the membership at large. This is a very common and time honored practice. However, it doesn't seem to be much of a practice around here. 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, antenna projects, when you first discovered that you were fascinated by CW, or whatever. While I appreciate those who forward previously published material, it clearly isn't new and fresh, like something you create yourself. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case thoughts of filled donuts at Operation Care have you all in a twitter, and you just can't seem to remember how to reach me:

Jim Kvochick WB8AZP
10366 Greystone Court
Brighton, MI 48114-7650

810-220-2098 Voice
810-220-2126 Fax
330-283-7070 Cellular

WB8AZP@ARRL.NET

146.680 MHz most evenings

Note that the best form to submit an article in is electronic, however we do accept handwritten and typed manuscripts. Beginning with the May issue of the LED, I have made a decision to attempt to appeal to your sense of greed to get articles for the LED. I will pay for articles that are original works, based on a schedule that I decide upon, that are submitted. Electronic submission will receive greater compensation than hardcopy or FAX pages. Payments will be made in cash, and will only be delivered to a LARK event, (meeting, breakfast, picnic, etc). Please don't worry; I will spend my own money on this project. All decisions for payment are mine, (after all, it's my money), and anyone who is a LARK member can participate. So far, I haven't had to spend a dime. Seems that even greed doesn't motivate this crowd!

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!

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. My thanks to all of you who have made an effort to check in! Again, this net meets every Sunday evening at 9PM. Is 9PM on a Sunday too late for most of you?

LARK SATURDAY BREAKFAST

It's just a nice way to offer an opportunity to mingle with the membership. These meetings are currently held at the Cross Roads Grill in Howell, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, usually starting around 8 AM or so. Stop on in for a glass of water, or breakfast, or a cup of coffee. Heck, if I'm there (and I often try to be) you can probably get me to buy your coffee! Oh yes, let's see; your lame excuse for not making it on Saturday morning is?

LARK WEBSITE

Our current website has been moved to its new electronic home. Find us on the web at: <http://www.w8lrk.org>

Thanks again to Van, N8GVD, for acquiring the new site! Again, if any of you feel compelled to take on this project going forward, just let us know. (Especially all the web experts out there)

OTHER COMMENTS

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. Not sure if you have enough change to buy yourself a refreshing beverage at the meeting? We'll handle that for you as well. 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 (or back) 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? Especially now that you can get paid for an article!

Public Service Corp

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

Livingston County
Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, Michigan 48843
Phone (517) 546-4620

DATE: 4-14-06

TO: ARES/RACES Members

FROM: *Richard L. Winsett,
Emergency Program Manager*

EC/RO: *Bruce Pollock, PEM,*

SUBJECT: ARES/RACES Membership Requirements



PEM-CEM, Livingston County

ENP, N8WWX, Livingston County

Due to Homeland Security, National Incident Management requirements the following training must be accomplished before issuance of the appropriate identification cards.

Members must have had and show evidence the following training has been accomplished, to receive ARES cards issued by Livingston County for 2007

- 1. Fema on-line course IS100 – Introduction to Incident Command or previous IS195**
- 2. Fema on-line course IS700 – Introduction to National Incident Management System**
- 3. Background and Criminal History Check**

Members must have had and show evidence the following training has been accomplished, to receive RACES cards issued by Livingston County for 2007

- 1. Fema on-line course IS22 (or IS2)– Are you Ready, a previous RACES requirement**
- 2. Fema on-line course IS100 – Introduction to Incident Command or previous IS195**
- 3. Fema on-line course IS200 – Basic Incident Command for Single Resources and Initial Action or previous IS195**
- 4. Fema on-line course IS700 – Introduction to National Incident Management System**
- 5. Background and Criminal History Check**

Assistant Emergency Coordinators

- 1. Must have the above requirements plus must have had and show evidence of completion of IS800, Introduction to the National Response Plan.**

NEW RACES CARDS and renewal of ARES CARDS

MI RACES and Livingston County ARES cards will expire at the end of this year. The new RACES cards for next year are in and they are a bright orange. The new cards were required for the deployment of the CBRNE trailer at the KKK rally held last Saturday April 22, 2006.

The National Communication System (NCS), which is a federal agency, classified amateur radio as first responders. Due to guidelines of the NCS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS)_FEMA requirements and the ARRL Michigan Section, there have been new requirements for the issuance of RACES cards. Please see the attached requirements for re-issuance.

These class can be taken on-line at your convenience. I will also be trying to set up some training on this subject as soon as I can put the presentation together.

KKK Rally,

On April 20, 2006, Ingham County requested the deployment of the CBRNE Support Trailer for Saturday's KKK Rally. John Waters then requested amateur radio to assist. Bruce Pollock, N8WWX, EC joined him during the

deployment. John Waters, one his paramedics Anita and I left Livingston County for the rally at approximately 8:30am on Saturday. We arrived in Lansing about 9:15am.

Lansing Fire Department's Hazardous Material Teams and EMS showed up shortly there after. The three of us joined in at the briefing held by LFD and advised them of our capabilities with the CBRNE trailer.

After briefing we opened up the trailer for business. LFD EMS members came over to the trailer and were looking at the stored equipment. You could see by their expressions they were quite impressed the supplies. They request and obtain some of the supplies from the trailer so they could better fulfill their mission.

Later the Battalion Chiefs were given a tour of the trailer, the supplies carried and the communications capabilities.

The deployment of LFD and the CBRNE trailer were largely uneventful, however I believed we impressed them with the capabilities of the CBRNE Support Trailer's supplies and communications capabilities.

Bruce, N8WWX

SWAP & SHOP

For Sale: Alinco DX70 HF rig w/ 6meters...100watts on all bands... I have the cable for detaching the front plate. I also have the ext. cable for the mike. This radio is probably a 9 out of 10 It still has the plastic on the display. it comes with everything it did new. The mike, dc power cord and the manual, and the box. I would like to get about 475.00 for this. It will make someone a nice mobile or even a base. Contact me at aa5go@amsat.org if you're interested. Tnx and 73 Greg

+++++

For Sale: Hy-Gain HG-52SS 52 Foot Self-Supporting Tower and Hy-Gain Heavy Duty Rotator System Model HDR-300. Asking \$350.00 obo. The tower is down and ready for pick-up. Please contact David M. Sgriccia at W8DMS@yahoo.com or 517.546.3857. We are located near Clyde & Latson Roads.

+++++

I have the following for sale:

Kenwood TS 430s Transceiver

Kenwood PS power supply

Kenwood Phone patch PC 1A

Kenwood Headphones HS 5

Would like to get \$350.00 All in good working condition.

Good station for starting out.

Also Have MFJ 949E Deluxe versa turner II
Asking 75.00 used very little.

73 WA8KFC Bill

3 Pondview Dr.
Saginaw, Mi. 48609

+++++

My name is Gary Rennie, KC8BN, and I live here in Hamburg Township.

-- I will have a 32 ft. tilt-over aluminum antenna tower, (good condition)
-- 2 - 27' push-up masts
also
-- An old Heathkit 80m SSB monobander SSB transceiver (in poor shape,
vintage '60s) .
-- Two steel (good condition, one corner type, one standard) office desks.
-- 2 Meter homebrew 2-half wave-in phase colinear vertical antenna (fair
shape)

I would either donate them to L.A.R.K. or sell VERY CHEAP.

I no longer own a pickup so I can't deliver them.

[I haven't been very active the last 10 years with ham radio but still
enjoy it. I've been a register spotter with Washtenaw County (though
Live here in Livingston) taking the training every year with Dr. Ojala.
Two of my daughters had him in college and he's great!]

I also have other stuff for sale, non-ham related, such as 1.5 yr old
snow thrower, desk/hutch etc.

regards

Gary Rennie
KC8BN
734.878.5575

BIRD FLU STRIKES FLORIDA TRAILER PARK....THE HORROR!!!



(NO ACTUAL PINK PLASTIC FLAMINGO CRITTERS WERE HARMED IN MAKING THIS PICTURE)

STILL ROOM FOR YOUR ARTICLES.....