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



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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

Greetings. The weather here in Livingston County has been gently reminding us that we will move through the fall season more quickly than we'd like to think about. The cooler evenings, and downright chilly mornings, are a sign of things yet to come. I've gotten most of my outside projects done, especially antenna repairs and replacements. Hopefully, you are in the same shape, or will be soon.

As previously mentioned, our October and November Klub meetings will be held at the Burkhart Road EMS station, thanks to John, KD8CCR. During the next 2 months, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facilities are tied up and not available for our use. We'll try and continue to remind you going forward.

Our October meeting will be extra special, for a couple of reasons. First we'll be serving up Sub sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverages just before the meeting. Check the DVR for details. Second, we've invited the members of the Livingston County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to join us. Some of these folks are amateur radio operators already, and some will be working on obtaining their licenses. Third, our program for the evening will be a presentation from John Waters about the vehicles they use to respond to medical emergencies.

I would like to encourage you all to invite any of your amateur radio friends to our meetings. Heck, the October one might be a great one to invite folks to, because they get free food!

Speaking of things you need to do, don't forget that your board is still looking for ideas as to what our next raffle should be giving away to some lucky winner(s). We're looking for your input and normally, you're not a shy bunch. Your lack of contribution automatically negates if you're unsatisfied with the outcome, in my opinion.

I am always amazed about the synchronicity of things in our lives. Synchronicity is the term applied to events or actions that may never normally appear to be related or influent, but because of happy accidents, are suddenly connected together. After a recent brief test of will between my vehicle and a deer, I found myself in a rental car for a few days (Despite some damage, my car faired much better than the deer). The saved settings on the car radio were different than my usual ones and the first song I hear was from a group called Nickelback. The song struck a particular chord with me and it might for you as well. The first verse begins with:

"If Today Was Your Last Day"

My best friend gave me the best advice
He said each day's a gift and not a given right
Leave no stone unturned, leave your fears behind
And try to take the path less traveled by
That first step you take is the longest stride

Jim's Jive continued

Like so many things in life, there is always an easy way out. It can sometimes be difficult to understand why that may not be the best path. Our amateur radio licenses, the radio frequencies we use and the folks we often depend on, are not "given rights". Life is not just a spectator sport, but truly does demand your involvement and interaction. I know there are risks involved with all of that, but as John F. Kennedy once said, "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction."

During the last presidential election, Democratic voters outnumbered Republican voters by more than 3 to 1. The real reason is that many Republican voters just didn't bother to vote! There is no difference between those statistics and the state of amateur radio here in Livingston County. So, by definition, are you part of the problem or part of the solution?

Looking to see you at the next meeting!

73



Jim WB8AZP

Thought for the day ...

For those who still have lessons to learn, don't pick a fight with an old soldier. Even if he is too old to fight, he may still remember how to simply destroy you. It is a wise man who knows not to corner something that can become meaner than he ever thought to be.

Finance Report ...

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

August 31, 2009 ----- \$1879.20

INCOME

50/50 ----- \$ 48.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1927.20

EXPENSES

Account Balance (8/31/09) ----- \$1927.20

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$ 656.85

TOTAL BALANCES AUGUST 31, 2009----- \$3974.56

BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF August 31, 2009

BALANCE ----- \$5364.48

INCOME

Raffle Deposits ----- \$440.00

\$800.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$6604.48

EXPENSES Radios for Raffle ----- -\$937.03

N8EOC Renewal Fee ----- \$7.00

TOTAL BAL as of September 25, 2009 ----- \$5660.48

LARK General Meeting Minutes 9-9-2009

No minutes submitted at this time for the October LED Newsletter.

LARK Board Meeting Minutes 9-16-2009

No minutes submitted at this time for the October LED Newsletter.

Thought for the day ...

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms.Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found places on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story."

If you want more background check this link. Don't you love teachers who love their jobs?
<http://www.snopes.com/glurge/nodesks.asp>

ARRL Board Adopts Guidelines and Recommendations on the Appropriate Use of Amateur Radio

On Friday, September 25, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted [guidelines on the appropriate use of Amateur Radio](#) on behalf of commercial, non-profit and government entities, as well as recommendations for additional steps to be taken by the ARRL to educate radio amateurs and others on how to prepare and train for public service and emergency communications while complying with the current FCC Rules.

At its meeting in July 2009, the ARRL Board created an ad-hoc committee to study the issue and prepare suggested guidelines. The committee submitted its report to the ARRL Executive Committee, which reviewed and revised the document. After additional discussion among Board members by electronic mail and teleconference, the Executive Committee submitted the document to the Board for formal adoption.

Entitled *The Commercialization of Amateur Radio: The Rules, The Risks, The Issues*, the document offers guidelines to assist radio amateurs and anyone wishing to utilize the capabilities of Amateur Radio in understanding the FCC Rules that prohibit communications in which the amateur has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. While the FCC Rules in this regard have not changed in many years, there has been increasing discussion of the issue as growing numbers of employers and non-amateur organizations recognize the value of Amateur Radio as an emergency communications resource and encourage their employees to obtain amateur licenses. Also included are guidelines for evaluating the appropriateness of Amateur Radio volunteers providing communications services to commercial enterprises and other entities for which other communications systems are available.

"The guidelines are not intended to be the last word on the subject, and surely will not be," observed ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, and chair of the ad-hoc committee. "The report includes several recommendations for additional steps that the ARRL needs to take to help amateurs and the organizations we serve to better understand the Rules and to ensure that what we do to prepare to be of service in emergencies is consistent with the current Rules." <http://www.arrl.org/>

Humor for the day

THE OLD DXER

The sunspots were roaring and the Old LARK DXer was working DX night and day. The faithful XYL had had it with his QRZing and blew her stack. "DX DX DX – that's all you ever think about!" she groaned. "Why, I'll bet you don't even remember our wedding date!!" "I mostly certainly do!" was the immediate reply. "It was June 14th, 1958 ... That's the night I worked the XT1, the CRØ and the AC6!! -- By AC6V"

ARRL Continuing Education Online Course Registration

Registration remains open through **Sunday, October 25, 2009**, for these [online course sessions](#) beginning on **Friday, November 6, 2009**: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1; Antenna Modeling; Radio Frequency Interference; Antenna Design and Construction; Ham Radio (Technician) License Course; Propagation; Analog Electronics, and Digital Electronics

Each online course has been developed in segments -- learning units with objectives, informative text, student activities and quizzes. Courses are interactive, and some include direct communications with a Mentor/Instructor. Students register for a particular session that may be 8, 12 or 16 weeks (depending on the course) and they may access the course at any time of day during the course period, completing lessons and activities at times convenient for their personal schedule. Mentors assist students by answering questions, reviewing assignments and activities, as well as providing helpful feedback. Interaction with mentors is conducted through e-mail; there is no appointed time the student must be present -- allowing complete flexibility for the student to work when and where it is convenient.

For more information or to register for any of these courses, visit the Continuing Education Program [page](#) or [contact](#) the Continuing Education Program Coordinator.

<http://www.arrl.org/>

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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 September 2009 LED a success!

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