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**NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM**

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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

Welcome to September! For me, September is the gateway month to fall and fall is arguably my favorite season. Temperatures are generally cooler and it makes it much more comfortable to be outside working on those little projects that need to be taken care of BEFORE winter. If you've been putting off those antenna projects, now is the time to actually get serious about them, before you need to wade in snow up to your armpits.

For a moment, let's back up and re-visit last month. August this year was an interesting month, because this last August, there were 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. This happens about every 823 years, so I don't think you'll have to worry about that again.

OK, now that we've traveled back in time a bit, let's try and move in the other direction. Have you been thinking about upgrading or trying a new facet of amateur radio? The LARK is the place to help you. We sponsor VE testing sessions every month at the EOC and will also pull together a VE team just about any time. Those of us who serve on the ARRL and W5YI VE teams just love to see those happy folks leave with their CSCE in hand. Thinking about a new operating mode or band? I'd bet we have someone in the club that would love to talk with you. Drop on in to a meeting,

Perhaps you'd really like to talk about something you've done related to amateur radio? We can help you put together presentation materials and give you an opportunity to speak at the next meeting. Just chat with Jon KC8VAB, who'll be happy to help you.

Remember, the LARK is here to help you be all that you can be. We have lots of folks who are willing to help you, but as the old story goes, "the journey of one thousand miles begins with the first step", and you own the first step.

Speaking of help, by the time you read this, we'll be very close to drawing the winning tickets for the ICOM ID-880H and IC-80AD transceivers. ALL tickets will be sold, and any remaining tickets that are not purchased before the drawing will be purchased by the Klub. Our raffles are an excellent way to earn a little extra money for the group, and help us keep our dues low. Again, as another old story goes "meet me half way....buy a ticket!".

With the planning for our next radio raffle already in motion, we're still looking for your input as to what we give away next. Remember that your participation is important.

Jim's Jive (continued)

Looking forward to seeing you at the next LARK meeting!

73



Jim WB8AZP

Thought for the day ...

"Life is what we make it, and the world is what we make it. The eyes of the cheerful and of the melancholy man are fixed upon the same creation; but very different are the aspects which it bears to them."

~ Albert Pike, attorney, soldier, writer

LARK General Meeting Minutes 8-13-2009

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

LARK Board Meeting Minutes 8-20-2009

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

Finance Report ...

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

August 30, 2009 ----- \$2128.75

INCOME

50/50 ----- \$ 63.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$2191.75

EXPENSES

Accout Balance (8/31/09) ----- \$2191.75

1000 CD ----- \$1390.51

500 CD ----- \$ 656.85

TOTAL BALANCES AUGUST 31, 2009----- \$4239.11

BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF JULY 31, 2009

BALANCE ----- \$5024.48

INCOME

Raffle Deposits ----- \$260.00

\$100.00

\$80.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE (8/31/09) ----- \$5464.48

EXPENSES TOTAL BAL as of AUGUST 31, 2009 ----- \$5464.48

One more Thought for the day ...

“One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.”

~William Feather, American publisher and author.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for the George Hart Distinguished Service Award



George Hart, W1NJM, operating with the Newington Amateur Radio League on Field Day 1989. [Steve Ewald, WV1X, Photo]

At its [July 2009 meeting](#), the ARRL Board of Directors established the George Hart Distinguished Service Award to be given to an ARRL member whose service to the League's Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature. The Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of George Hart, W1NJM. Hart was a long-time Communications Manager at ARRL Headquarters and chief developer of the National Traffic System ([NTS](#)). Upon learning that the ARRL Board of Directors had established this award named after him, Hart called his namesake award "a great honor."

Selection criteria include:

- Operating record with the National Traffic System; or
- Participation within the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®); or
- Station appointments and/or leadership positions held within the ARRL Field Organization.

Nominations for the George Hart Distinguished Service Award shall be accepted from anyone and shall be submitted to the Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager at ARRL Headquarters by November 1. Nominations should document as thoroughly as possible the nominee's lifetime activities and achievements within the ARRL Field Organization. It is expected that nominated candidates will have 15 or more years of distinguished service. The Programs and Services Committee will serve as the Review Committee, with the Board of Directors making the final determination at its Annual Meeting in January. Recipients will be given an engraved plaque and cover letter, and will be profiled in [QST](#).

Nominations for the George Hart Distinguished Service Award, including any related supporting material and letters of recommendation, may be e-mailed to ARRL Headquarters to the attention of ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, [NN1N](#), or to ARRL Field and Public Service Team Supervisor Steve Ewald, [WV1X](#). Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than November 1, 2009 to be considered.

Humor for the day

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL data base through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep.

Now give me back my dog.

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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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Across

1. Eight furlongs
5. Propagation predictor, with solar
9. Early ham technology
14. 7700 maker
15. Network, especially in I-land
16. Blender setting
17. Solar WX org.
18. Kit maker of the 1960s
19. Poem of lament
20. Propagation predictors, with 58 down
22. OX dir. from XE
24. Formerly known as
25. Chop (off)
26. Solar minimum result
28. Fed. fiscal agency
31. "Encore!"
33. 144 MHz
34. Phoned
36. Deteriorates
38. Post det. stage
42. Hams eagerly await it
45. 1970s sat.
46. Garbage barge
47. "I'm ___ your tricks!"
48. Checks in check ins
50. Calls from NJ or NY
52. What some amateurs are, professionally
53. The 2009 sun, mostly
57. W7 ARRL sect.
59. 440 MHz region, say
60. Prefix, opposite of 63 down
61. Early receiver maker
65. Wanderer
67. Generate RF sig.
69. Handle
70. Nonsensical
71. Tropospheric propagation path
72. Connectors with shells
73. FD abodes
74. Ckts. for CW
75. Put in stitches

Down

1. Subcompact
2. Desktop feature
3. PA front panel label
4. In-box contents
5. C6 city
6. KH6 rings
7. GMT replacer
8. Veracruz prefix
9. Indy place
10. YA cent
11. Hara, for example
12. Superhet alternative
13. Sent CW
21. It may follow a dot
23. ___ King Cole
26. Picks up, on the air
27. Fab
28. Shamu, for one
29. W0 Clinic
30. Locking connectors
32. Column crossers
35. Sparkle
37. KC4 WX
39. Code for code
40. Receiver rear panel label
41. Con cons
43. Rules out
44. 33 dBm
49. K7UGA, once: Abbr.
51. Ant. measurement
53. 56 down measurement
54. Second SS weekend
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56. See 53 down
58. Types of 20 across
61. Micro micro
62. Antenna measurement
63. Prefix, with directional
64. What crank-up sections do when cranked-down
66. Dip. or Inv-V, e.g.
68. Propagation condx indicato

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