

# THE LARK LED

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## NET'S

L.A.R.K. Sunday 9:00 P.M.  
MI YL Robin's Monday 8:30

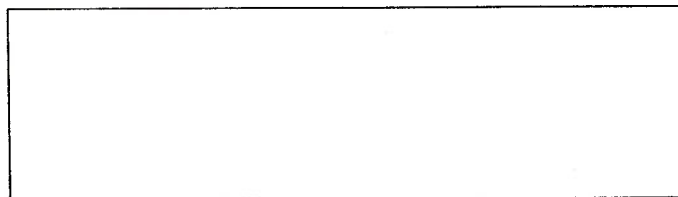
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December 1995

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NEXT CLUB MEETING  
December 5, 1995 8:00 PM  
HOWELL FIRE STATION

Livingston Amateur Radio Klub  
Box 283  
Howell, Michigan 48843



## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Marge	N8EAJ
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Board Member	Jack	KA8BOG

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Repeater	Jack	KA8BOG
HamFair	Ralph	N8WWW
Contesting	Dave	N8NNC
Sunshine	Peggy	N5XHT
Historian	????	?8??

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

What's that you say? Have a good Thanksgiving? Christmas can't be only a month away! Where does the time go to anyway? Sound familiar? Time does have a way of slipping away from us.

I sincerely hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day, with plenty to eat and friendly fellowship.

By the time you read this, Christmas will only be about three weeks away. We plan on having some Christmas type snacks at the December 5 meeting and Ralph KG8AW has gotten us a speaker, so mark your calendar and come on out.

My main goal is to keep the business part of the meetings short and to the point. In so doing, we can all receive wanted information, have more time for socializing and enjoy other club activities.

Marge N8EAJ

## THE BLURB

Boy oh Boy! Here it comes! The season that both young and old alike can dream of all the goodies that would sure look good under the tree and better yet in the Ham Shack! And the list is endless, probably due to the fact that Amateur Radio is such an expansive and if you let

it, expensive hobby. But ya know that is the beauty of Amateur Radio, if ya get tired of one facet of the hobby you can move on to another. Just haul all the ole stuff to the next swap and re-invest! Too bad the lady of my life tells me I should put all my "stuff" in a pile and light it up like the "Towering Inferno"!

Well, the 68 is back, and has only one filter on it. It should work well as far as range goes, but pager interference maybe the price. I am going to try and get a filter with lots of attenuation above the Larks receive frequency, to reduce the paging problem, but have low loss in the receive path. The filters that I had been using worked well on the pager thing, but also cut down the receiver performance to an unacceptable degree.

Next thing I would like to get going is the old RTTY repeater. The controller is in, and the antenna is fixed. So what needs doing is wiring the controller in to the repeater. I have had some members indicate an interest in taking on the job, which would be a help to me. I will try and keep everyone posted on this matter.

Have a Merry Christmas and  
73's KA8BOG Jack.

## HAMFAIR HAPPENINGS

The next swap is "Hazel Park" on December 10, 1995 (just in time to get that Holiday Gift). If you are going, get a contact with Darlene N8NND 517-223-4488 and help distribute our HamFair fliers.

## THE "LED" COMPILER

Comments that I make over the air about doing the "LED" are not complaints about doing the newsletter. It is more frustration with myself at not being able to type fast and get the information to format out neatly and logically.

The bands seemed to be in pretty good shape for the CW and SSB sweepstakes contests. From reports of several club members heard contesting the total club points should be good if all the points get accounted for.

This newsletter will contain both the KLUB and board meeting minutes. The treasure's report will be for the previous month due to lead time in getting it into print. Hopefully, this helps to shorten up the business part of the meetings and the LARK can get on to more informative, helpful and fun activities as a club.

I wish you all the best for the Holidays. May you find that the much desired piece of amateur radio gear suddenly appears in your ham shack!

73 Ray N8CPO

#### **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS :**

##### **KIT BUILDING ACTIVITY**

The response to the suggestion to have several social evenings on a weekly basis to build kits was great. About 20 members showed interest. Now we know about what size facility and material we will need.

Order up a kit or call Neil WA2WIM at 313-878-2186 for assistance in a kit selection. Hopefully, you wait to build it at the social activity.

Plans at this time are for a January 10, 1996 start date. Time is tentatively from 7:00 PM, or whenever you can get there, till when you have to leave or about 9:30 pm. We are trying to keep this as flexible as possible considering there will be young people attending.

##### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION EVENING**

The search is on for a place to gather for a nice meal and to give recognition to those that have done a little (some a lot) extra for amateur radio and the LARK during 1995. This activity is being planed for February 10, 1996.

Nominations with the reason for the nomination can be made at the December LARK meeting. The "Ham Of The Year" award will also be nominated. Ballots for both of the above will be provided at the January KLUB meeting.

#### **ARES/RACES**

There was a lot of RACES activity on Thanksgiving Day. A fire erupted at a manufacturing facility that uses a lot of plastic. This resulted in a lot of toxic gases going into the atmosphere. So much toxic gases that the Greenery Health Care Center had to be evacuated.

About 120 persons that were mostly in wheel chairs were taken to the shelter and about 40 were transported directly to McPherson Hospital. A hot Thanksgiving dinner was served at the shelter.

Peggy N5XHT did the net control from the American Red Cross office for both the fire sight and the shelter. Ed WALLRL reported in at the hospital and later at the fire sight. Neil WA2WIM handled communications from the nursing home and was later relieved by Larry WBSWOD.

#### **DECEMBER SPEAKER**

Sean O'Callaghan K8BVY will be the speaker for the December meeting. Sean will speak from 8:00 PM to 8:45 PM. We will then break for some Christmas snacks before getting in the business and social activities of the KLUB.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

##### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance for September 1995	\$3002.79
EXPENSES for October 1995	
Diane K8NSU postage (swap)	9.79
Ralph N8WWW Fair grounds for 96	50.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 59.79
INCOME for October 1995	
50/50 from HamFair	86.50
TOTAL INCOME	86.50
BALANCE FOR OCTOBER 1995	\$3029.50
Respectfully Submitted	Darlene N8NND

## NOVEMBER 50/50 REPORT

FOR SALE

The Klub was able to give out two prizes for October. The first winner, Darlene N8NND choose the cash money. Peggy N5XHT won the two tickets donated by the Fort Wayne Swap Committee. Since Peggy said she was working the Sweepstakes contest, she said to choose another person. Barb N8XVC was thrilled to win the tickets since she and Bill K6SAW were planning to attend the swap.

I want to thank Laura Michelson and Joey Galipeau for helping on the raffle.

Darlene N8NND

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### NEW KLUB MEMBERS

WB8HRO Tim Conroy 514 Roosevelt Howell,  
MI 48843 517-546-2063 69 yes Adv

W8LJP Walt Tait 2950 Faussett Rd Howell,  
MI 48843 517-548-2274 12 yes Ext

Welcome these people into the L.A.R.K. Write them in on your KLUB roster.

#### CONTEST COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who worked phone or both Sweepstakes contests. Have to admit that Darlene and I were unable to work either of them but I was hoping for all of you. Always another year to look forward to! Get your scores turned in!

#### December & early January contests:

Dec. 1-3 ARRL 160 meter  
Dec. 3 QRP ARCI Holiday Sprint

Dec. 9-10 ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
Dec. 31 ARRL Straight Key Night  
Dec. 31 RAC Canada Winter  
Jan. 6-7 ARRL RTTY Round-Up  
Jan. 6-7 N. American CW QSO Party

Dave N8NNC

Hy-Gain TH6-DXX Thunderbird Tri Band Beam  
with manual: You take it off the  
tower. \$100.00

D104 Microphone: \$40.00

NYE-Vicking Master Straight Key: \$40.00

TUNER: J.W. Millen Components, roller  
inductor, 1.8 to 15 Mhz operation,  
coax or built in balun for open wire or  
twin lead operation. Capable of 5,000  
watts. 16" W, 16" D, 10" H,  
\$275.00

Call: Greg N8fZD 810-878-2465  
after 8:00 PM

#### VG RECEIPTS

Please bring any VG receipts you may have to the December 5 meeting.

Thanks,

Marge N8EAJ

#### THANK YOU

How about a round of applause for Darlene N8NND and Marge N8EAJ for the goodies at last month's meeting. Great job, ladies. This month's treats are being donated by Tina KB8YEU and Hillary KB8CWS.



# MI YL NET NEWS

## YL DINNER

The YL's net is now on Monday's at 8:30 pm. We made the change on the first Monday in November. Pam KB8PSF has been doing a super job as net control this month.

### The Theater

Several of the YL's have been going to plays around the area. We enjoy getting out for an evening to see a play and socialize. If any of you would like to join us, here is a list of upcoming plays.

- 1/25/96 "Sweet Charity" Baldwin Theater,  
Royal Oak
- 2/2/96 "Out of Sight, Out of Murder"  
Millpond, Brighton
- 2/17/96 "Our Town" Middle School  
Howell

There are more I could list but I'll save them till I see how much response I receive. Just see me at the meeting or give me a call on the LARK repeater or at (517) 546-9209.

Your editor has a couple of recipes for your enjoyment. I made both of these for Thanksgiving this year. I thought they were both absolutely scrumptious, so I'm sharing them with all of you.

### Man's favorite Cake

1/2 cup shortening	1 cup sugar
(or cooking oil)	1 cup applesauce
1 tsp soda	1 egg
2 cups flour	1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp allspice	1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp salt	2 Tsp hot water

Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes in bundt pan.

I left the cake plain and served it warm with whipped cream. This was one of my great-aunts recipes.

## Apple Streusel Coffee Cake

- 2-1/4 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon, optional
- 1/3 cup raisons, optional

Combine flour & sugar in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly; set 1/2 cup of mixture aside. To remainder, add the baking powder and soda; set aside. Combine egg and buttermilk; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Spread two-thirds of batter over bottom and part way up sides of greased 9" springform pan. Combine pie filling, flavorings (if desired) and raisons (if desired). Spoon over batter. Drop spoonfuls of remaining batter over the filling. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

I did not use cinnamon or raisons in mine but let your own tastes guide you.

This recipe is from the second edition of A Taste of The Country and was submitted by Lorelee Hanes of Troy, Ontario.

Enjoy! Marge, N8EAJ

Word search of HAM RADIO terms  
by Darlene N 8 N N D

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