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NEXT CLUB MEETING
FEBRUARY 4 8:00 P.M.
HOWELL FIRE STATION

L.A.R.K. SUNDAY
9:00 P.M.

MI YL ROBIN'S MONDAY
8:30 P.M.

Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
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THE BLURB

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Marge	N8EAJ
Vice-President	Ray	N8CPO
Secretary	Tina	KB8YEJ
Treasurer	Darlene	WA8WHM
Program manager	Neil	WA2WIM
Board Member	Larry	WB8WOD
Board Member	Jack	KA8BOG

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Repeaters	Jack	KA8BOG
Contesting	Dave	W8MFR
Historian	Donna	KA1KFO

THE PREZ'S COLUMN

Super Sunday, hah! The Vice-Prez is in bed with a touch of the old flu bug. Makes for a lo.....ng day for both of us.

So what have all of you been doing to keep warm these past few weeks? Sure has been a cold spell hasn't it? Your Prez has been out pounding the old pavement, hoping to land a job. I know, I know, I already have one as President of the LARK. But I was referring to one that brings in some moola and not just prestige! (Joke?)

We are in serious need of someone to co-ordinate (chair) the Field Day activities. All too soon it will be upon us, even if that is hard to believe when you step outside lately.

The recognition dinner is being held on February 15, 1997 at Knickers. This is where we held it last year. Knickers is located on D-19, South of I-96. 7:00 p.m. is the magic hour. Everyone enjoyed last years meal & program. Come on out and enjoy some socializing with fellow hams! This is a family get-together.

On the subject of get-togethers, the dinner on 1-18-97 was a fantastic success! 24 people had a great time gabbing about those who stayed home or had other obligations. (Just kidding, ha, ha.)

The meal was delicious and I didn't have to bang my gavel even once!

See you at the 2-4-97 meeting.

The Prez, Marge "N8EAJ"

SILENT KEY

WB8JET Roy Bain

(ed. note) Roy was one of the founders of the LARK.

As the kids say "cool" yep, that's what February has been for lots of us. At least most of the projects have been inside this year. I can remember last year at this time working on an engine project. So this year I hope all the machinery keeps going until spring! But ya know, cold weather is a good time for indoor projects and the 145.21 repeater was one of them.

And speaking of the 145.21 repeater, the transmit crystal showed up in the mail a few days ago. So the first thing was to install it and goodness gracious if it don't work as it should. Anyway, the next step is to find a site for the 145.21 machine. Some "politics" are involved concerning the location as far as co-ordination is concerned, but the M.A.R.C. is proving a big help and patience is really proving to be the by-word. So anyway a little more time is required to finalize things, but fun looks like a good word to describe the 145.21 all purpose repeater!

I do not normally endorse any particular group or business, but when it comes to crystals for radios and scanners there is one company I do want to mention. That outfit is International Crystal. When I ordered the repeater crystal, not all of the information for the old crystal was available, so I needed help when the order was placed. Several other companies were called, but the only one that knew what was going on was International Crystal, and they knew exactly what was needed. So a hearty and well deserved "two thumbs up" for them!

73's, KA8BOG Jack.

EDITORS COLUMN

I want to thank Larry "WB8WOD" for taking on the already late "LED" for January. Your editor had to make a sudden trip out of state and Larry got the LARK's newsletter out through all kinds of copier problems and all. Thank You!

As the "PRE" said, it was a lousy way to spend Super Bowl Sunday. Even doing Morse Code would have been better than fighting the flu: "just kidding".

Great antenna erecting weather? Well, it was four years ago when my tower and beam went up in January. This year, I push the button and watch for three seconds as the Ham rig in the car slowly comes to life. It doesn't want to get going on these cold mornings either.

Your editor has been asking permission of every Klub member he hears that has an E-Mail address if he could put that address in the "LED". Almost everyone has said yes. If there are more than one LARK member in the home only one is in the E-Mail list (I'm lazy). If you would like your E-Mail address included, get it to me.

Received a phone call from a Klub member who doesn't get to the meetings because of his work schedule. Seems as his HF rig and TV were getting a lot of interference. To the point that both were useless. Guess what? A CB'er had begun operating across the street from him. He had the antenna well hidden in a tree. Just recently the "QST" had run a short article on how much complaints about CB'ers interference had increased and Amateur radio interference complaints had decreased. There was a bill in congress to allow local officials to prosecute CB'ers for interference, which the ARRL was against because it might cause a hassle for Hams.

LARK MEETING 1/7/97

Attendance: 18

Board members present: Marge "N8EAJ", Ray "N8CPO", Darlene "WA8WHM", Tina "KB8YEJ", Neil "WA2WIM", Larry "WB8WOD", Jack "KA8BOG".

A presentation was held by Neil "WA2WIM" regarding Field Day and discussion of the holidays.

The raffle prize was announced as a "dummy load".

At 8:44 p.m., Marge "N8EAJ" opened the meeting.

Secretary report: Will stand as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer report: Will stand as published in the newsletter, after a question was answered.

Repeater report: Jack "KA8BOG" said that the 146.68 repeater is doing good, there is very little pager noise. The 145.21 repeater is on the air. Use it however you want (RTTY, packet, etc.). He submitted some bills for the repair.

Dave "W8MFR" reminded everyone that it is an FCC rule to identify yourself when keying up the repeater and also listening to the DVR.

Emergency Service report: Ray "N8CPO" said it's time to think of skywarn and the tornado season coming up. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone who was interested in RACES.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising: Larry "WB8WOD" made a motion to do the rest stop fund-raiser. Dick "KA8FBV" seconded, and motion passed. Ray "N8CPO" will contact the State Police for details. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help when the time comes.

Marge "N8EAJ" asked for a vote on the day to hold the next dinner, since the newsletter had the wrong date. The decision was to have it on the 18th at the Pinckney Inn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry "KB8QJE" volunteered to help with Field Day, but didn't want to be the chairman.

Marge "N8EAJ" sent around a sign up sheet to offer names for the WB8OHO award (ham of the year). The recognition night will be February 15th and she is still looking for a place to have the dinner.

Darlene "WA8WHM" said a special thank you to Larry "WB8WOD" for doing this month's newsletter.

Jack "KA8BOG" asked if anyone has heard the Canadian repeater on the 168.68 repeater.

Dave "W8MFR" made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Dick "KA8FBV", meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Raffle was won by Dave "W8MFR".

Submitted by: Tina "KB8YEJ"

LARK BOARD MTG. 1/21/97

Present: Marge "N8EAJ", Ray "N8CPO", Darlene "WA8WHM", Tina "KB8YEJ", Larry "WB8WOD", Jack "KA8BOG" and one guest: Dave "W8MFR".

At 7:07 p.m., Marge "N8EAJ" opened the meeting.

Secretary report: Will stand as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer report: Will stand as read by Darlene "WA8WHM".

Darlene "WA8WHM" stated that there are 34 paid up members at this time.

Repeater report: Jack "KA8BOG" said that the crystal for the 145.21 repeater is not in yet. Ray "N8CPO" said that we need to key up the 145.21 repeater more. Ray "N8CPO" also stressed that the DVR on the 168.68 repeater is being keyed up without an ID, which is illegal. Jack "KA8BOG" suggested that we get on the air and try to let the offender know that they should identify themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marge "N8EAJ" announced the Recognition dinner will be February 15th at Knickers at 7:00 p.m. and the Klub will have to pay \$25.00 to reserve.

Ray "N8CPO" motioned to use the raffle money to purchase a dual band mag mount antenna for the February meeting raffle. Larry "WB8WOD" seconded, motion passed. Jack "KA8BOG" volunteered to purchase the antenna.

Ray "N8CPO" informed the State Police of our intent to do a rest stop, and received instructions to mail his request and it will be put on a waiting list. The Boy Scouts had the rest stop last year and can continue if they put in their request.

Larry "WB8WOD" resubmitted the petition to change the by-laws regarding the meeting night. Ray "N8CPO" will publish it in the newsletter.

Ray "N8CPO" said that we may have to change the Field Day site and that Neil "WA2WIM" has not found a Port-a-potty yet. We still need a Field Day Chairman.

Darlene "WA8WHM" is not getting any response from anyone about where the Klub property is located. Jack "KA8BOG" will give her a list of what he has. Darlene "WA8WHM" will continue to ask for information from the Klub members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray "N8CPO" said the Board should get involved in the Emergency Services. He will use the list from the January Klub meeting of members interested in RACES to get more people involved.

Jack "KA8BOG" needs a copy of the letter of resignation from Joe from the 145.21 repeater position for the M.A.R.C. Marge "N8EAJ" will contact Donna "KA1KFO" to look for it.

Dave "W8MFR" suggested putting E-mail addresses on the Klub roster. Ray "N8CPO" said that the Roster program is outdated. Larry "WB8WOD" will check on new program. Dave "W8MFR" offered to take over the duty of keeping the roster up to date.

Darlene "WA8WHM" asked if the upcoming events are being covered. Marge "N8EAJ" said that she is asking someone to be the nominating committee.

Jack "KA8BOG" asked if there will be a skywarn class. Ray "N8CPO" will make a call and inquiry. March is the usual month to have one.

Marge "N8EAJ" asked Larry "WB8WOD" how the publicity for the Klub was going. Larry "WB8WOD" is going to find out about doing a web page. The meetings are still being published in the local paper.

Larry "WB8WOD" made a motion to sell raffle tickets at the February meeting and at the recognition dinner for a drawing to be held at the dinner for a free meal for two. (Must be present to win, alcohol & tip not included). Darlene "WA8WHM" seconded, motion passed.

Jack "KA8BOG" made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Larry "WB8WOD". meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Tina "KB8YEJ"

TREASURY REPORT

Lark Financial Report For December, 1996

Balance at end of November, 1996 \$3450.19

Expenses:

Item - Newsletter Postage	57.60
Item - Postage/Phone for Secretary	5.67
Item - Ameritech	<u>19.71</u>
Total Expenses for 12/96	\$82.98

Income:

Item - 50/50	<u>\$5.50</u>
Total Income for 12/96	\$5.50
Beginning Balance for 1/97	\$3,372.71

Respectfully Submitted By:

Darlene "WA8WHM"

The Raffle was won by Dave "W8MFR" at the December meeting. He won a Dummy Load.

I now know the procedure for a Klub member to subscribe to or renew membership in the ARRL. This gives the klub a few extra dollars and by joining , you get the QST every month.

As of 1-22-97 we have 34 paid up members. Remember, dues can be sent to the klub P O Box, or send to the treasurer, Darlene "WA8WHM" if you can't get to the meeting.

Please! When you hear that some member or their family is ill, let me know so I can send a get well card.

Please!!! As treasurer, one of my responsibilities is to obtain a list of klub equipment. I have asked everyone who has any equipment that belongs to the klub to write it down and give it to Peter "KF8YC" or me "WA8WHM".

Submitted by: Darlene "WA8WHM"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Irene "WB8UVQ"	2-10
Sub "KB8JQ"	2-11
Larry "KB8QJE"	2-11
Keith "WB8UKR"	2-11
David "KB8SYW"	2-21
Spencer "N8AP"	2-24
Scott "KB8ZRC"	2-28

RACES/ARES

It is that time of year when RACES is mentioned that most of us think of tornadoes. Well, tornadoes are not the only thing that we should be prepared to for. They may be the most frequent of all big disasters in Michigan but Monroe had another type of disaster we can just hope doesn't accrue again.

There was a short report on TV the other day about the Doppler radar and tornadoes. Doppler radar is better and we have it for our area but it still leaves a lot to guess work and the human eye. Weather experts are now starting to believe that some rotating winds start horizontal to the ground and turn skyward to become the destructive devices we know as tornadoes. More research is needed and the government has cut almost all research money. How are these two facts going to change our training on weather watching?

Lets just be prepared to make any disaster have as little suffering as possible.

Ray "N8CPO"

RAFFLE/PRIZES

Just in case you missed reading it in the minutes of the last board meeting; there are going to be a couple raffle prizes this month.

1. At the regular meeting a dual band mag mount antenna will be the winning of that drawing. *(Just what you need for emergency work)*
2. Tickets will be sold at the LARK meeting and at the "Recognition Dinner" for: dinner for two (does not include drinks or gratuity).

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01/19/97

Board of Directors

Livingston Amateur Radio Klub

Howell, Michigan

Petition to Amend the LARK Constition and By-laws

Now is as follows(in part):

Article II: Meetings

Section 2: The regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at approximately 8 p.m. at a site so designated.

Amend to read:

Article II: Meetings

Section 2: The scheduled monthly meeting will be held on the same day of each month and at a site approved by the membership.

		Date
Submitted:	<u>Bob Banta K8PBA</u>	Lark Member in Good Standing <u>01/12/97</u>
	<u>Carl [unclear] N85VM</u>	Lark Member in Good Standing <u>1/19/97</u>
	<u>Steve [unclear] W8WOD</u>	Lark Member in Good Standing <u>1/21/97</u>