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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**JULY 13 7:30 PM**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

**NET**

146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

## LIVINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

The LARK meets every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Livingston County Central Dispatch, 300 South Highlander Way. All persons interested in amateur radio are welcome to attend.

The home page: [www.ismi.net/members/lark](http://www.ismi.net/members/lark)

## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Scott	KB8ZRC
Vice-President	Ray	N8CPO
Secretary	Jeanene	KC8MHI
Treasurer	Marge	N8EAJ
Program Manager	Mark	KC8GRQ
Technical Coordinator	Roger	N8SGU
Board Member	Charlie	KB8OVJ

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

146.680 Repeater	Jack	KA8BOG
145.210 Repeater	Ray	N8CPO
LED Editor	Ray	N8CPO

## THE PREZ'S NOTES

Well, summer is upon us, Field Day is behind us, and we have a picnic coming up with some Fox Hunting tips for those of us that have had little practice. We have had a few Skywarn nets, and my 2 meter 440 antenna is down for the second time. I hope to get it back up (along with my G5RV) soon, and will be testing for Extra at the next session. I expect to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend cutting up the trees blown down over in the last couple of storms. Sounds like a slow summer. If anyone has any ideas for Klub activities, let me know. I would like to see the Klub get involved in some contests, particularly the VHF and UHF ones that the Technicians can participate in. Let's see if we can't keep the new Hams busy and interested in upgrading.

-Scott KB8ZRC

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Louis Vamey G5RV, the founder of one of the world's most popular antennas, became a silent key on June 28, 2000. He was 89 years old.

The subject of doing a coffee break at an expressway rest area came up again at the last LARK meeting. Several members said they would take "the hardest times to fill" the late night or very early morning shifts. Your editor checked the rest areas this holiday weekend and found a Hamburg Boy Scout troupe doing the west bound side of I-96 Friday and Saturday and then switched over to the east bound side for Monday and Tuesday. Gail N8GS informed your editor that the coffee break he worked over the fourth took in over \$800 and most of it was on the 4<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, I have not been able to make contact with the MSP Sgt. to further investigate the coffee break project.

Gale N8GS bought the new Yaesu 1000MP MARK-V. He used it for field day and was very pleased with the way the filters did their job. Your VP stopped by his camper to get a personal view of this big radio. It was amazing what can be done with/to a signal using the filtering and signal enhancing in this radio. Gale will be leaving this area for a new work location near Green Bay Wisconsin about the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Best of Luck Gale.

Don N8SKE and Ellen N8SKD are moving to lake front property in Livingston County. The antennas and tower need to come down, marked and gotten ready for storage. Don was talking about renting the big crane from Fowlerville to get this done. An offer was made to do the work for a donation to the LARK treasury. Don agreed. The work needs to be completed before the end of the July. Can you help with this project?

Did you check all the information on the front page of your "LED"? Did you note the time change for the LARK meetings? This half-hour earlier starting time should allow you early-to-bed folks that much needed half hour of sleep. Now, to get started on time!

Ray N8CPO (editor)

## VE TEST SESSIONS

There is a VE session this Tuesday July 11, 2000 starting at 7:00 PM at the Emergency Communications Center 300 South Highlander Way. Bring picture ID, copies of your amateur license (if you have one) and any CTCSS form you may have.

## FIELD DAY COMMENTS

I think you could say we "won" Field Day this year. Setup was a little slow getting moving, but it is always harder to figure out how to put everything together than it is to take it apart. We kept all three stations operating the whole time, with the help of a number of young people. The heavy rains caused a bit of a problem, but

a few tarps handled that. Tear down was great. When we dropped a tower, everyone (including the XYLs) swarmed it like piranhas and it was in pieces in a matter of minutes. We stopped transmitting at 2:00 PM and were gone by 4:00 PM. We have a preliminary score of 5370, which is a 17% increase over last year. Tom N8HCC and Neil WA2WIM made a great 20-meter beam that was huge. Apparently it worked well, as then made 455 contacts with it. We had quite a turn out for dinner on Saturday as well, and everyone seemed to have a good time, and that is what it is all about.

Scott KB8ZRC

Jim KC8MQK offered his motor home for the CW station and it was very nice (especially the A/C). Kevin KE8RA, who was invited by Spencer N8AP to join us at field day, showed up just after we got on the air. A short time later Ernst (expired call) appeared out of nowhere like he did four years ago. Ernst had not been on the air since FD 1996. These two high-speed CW operators stayed at it almost continuously throughout the contest. It was a blast watching these two pick on, help and egg each other on. Ernst (had to double-team him with a control operator) seemed to get a big kick out of pushing the buttons on the memory keyer. The CW station should end up with 780 contacts after the dupes are eliminated. Jerry N8DY stayed the whole time helping to log and be a good cheering section.

It was great to see so many there for field day. The effort to man the stations continuously was great. Jeanene got a great announcement in the "Press" about field day and ismi Internet Services put an announcement on their home page. A "Thank You" to Larry WB8WOD for the use of three laptop computers that worked great. Also a "Thank You" to Rich KC8JAZ for supplying the port-a-john. All the help was very much appreciated. Especially appreciated were those that stuck around to help tear down in the heat and humidity after the long hours of operating.

Ray N8CPO (*editor*)

## PUBLIC SERVICE N8EOC

Tim WB8HRO has been working on the packet and APRS at the EOC. Preparation is being made to run the MS 150 from the EOC.

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> will be the MS 150 mile bike-a-thon. There are usually over 750 bicyclists for this event. Many hams are still needed to do a good job of supplying through communications for this event. A 2 meter radio and antenna that can be quickly hooked into a vehicle and a writing pad and pencil is all that is needed. A light jacket, hat, and spare fuses may also come in handy.

## DINNER OUTING

"Hot Dogs In The Park" will be the outing for July. See you at the Fowlerville Park on July 18th from 5:30 PM. The Fowlerville Park is located ½ mile north of the main intersection (i.e. traffic light) in Fowlerville. The LARK will supply the hot dogs, kielbasa, buns and fixings. Bring a dish to pass if you can. Look for the LARK banner at one of the gazeboes. At 7:30 PM Willie N8MDY will do presentation on fox hunting.

## MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM

Minutes accepted as printed in the "LED".

A question pertaining to when the interest is posted on the CD's was answered by Marge N8EAJ. The CD's have interest posted every six months.

Treasurer's report accepted as printed in the "LED".

Introductions went around the room.

Repeater Report: 145.210 Equipment was purchased at Dayton to help the repeater. We need a manual for the controller.

Old Business: Field Day Preparation discussion: equipment, stations to setup, scheduling of operators.

New Business: Moving the LARK meeting time to 7:30 Instead of 8:00. Discussion followed. Motioned made by Mack N8RBA to move the meeting time to 7:30 as long as the building is available. The Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Neil WA2WIM: Education Day as printed in the LED. We need to make the necessary arrangements.

Ray N8CPO : Having a rest stop courtesy booth operated by LARK members for a fundraiser. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and passed that Ray N8CPO secure a date for us.

Fall classes for Amateur Radio. What can LARK do to get more interest in Amateur Radio in the public schools?

July 18, 2000 Picnic at the park in Fowlerville 5:30 p.m. until closing. Bring a dish to pass. Be ready for a Fox Hunt class at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

# BOARD MINUTES

Present: Scott KB8ZRC, Roger N8SGU, Jeanene KC8MHI

Marge N8EAJ, Ray N8CPO.

Meeting called to order.

Scott KB8ZRC: Field Day preparations. Asked about Rest stop fundraiser progress

Ray N8CPO: Let's check with our Amateur Radio class Instructors about fall or winter classes. We need to find out about advertising for the classes.

Scott KB8ZRC: Picnic in the park July 18, 2000 at Fowlerville starting at 5:30 with a Fox hunt class at 7:30 p.m.

Ray N8CPO: What about a picnic in the park at Lake Chemung sometime.

We will have to check with Mark KC8GRQ on the programs upcoming. We could have a program on batteries.

Marge N8EAJ: Discussion with Scott KB8ZRC over the clubs Books.

Meeting Adjourned.

## TREASURY REPORT

Balance on 5/16/00	\$1,358.91
6 Month CD	534.10
12 Month CD	1,057.54

### Expenses

Postage for LED	33.00
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### Revenue

Dues	20.00
50/50	<u>11.00</u>
Total	31.00

Balance on 6/15/00	\$1,356.91
6 Month CD	534.10
12 Month CD	1,057.54