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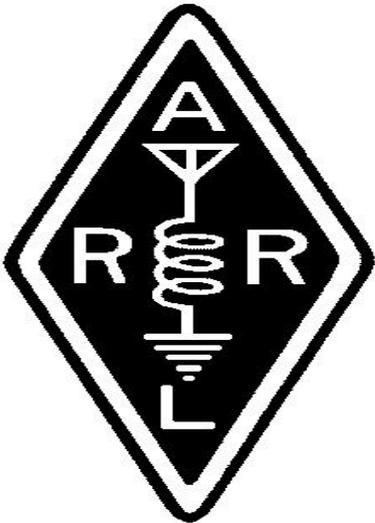
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NEXT KLUB MEETING
APRIL 10th 7:30 P.M.
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

NET
146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS

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THE PREZ'S NOTES

Thanks to all who attended the awards dinner, and congratulations to the recipients of the various awards. Since all of them have not been made public we will wait till next months LED for a full accounting.

The white elephant exchange and raffle went very well. Paws for a cause and the Livingston Red Cross will be receiving check for \$56.00 each.

Last months VE session was extremely successful with 9 individuals getting new licenses or upgrades.

Last chance for signing up for the Memorial Day Coffee Break. Unless the participation improves we will end up canceling our participation.

Many people have started discussions about antenna projects since spring has finally arrived. Please keep Dave informed about the location of the KLUB's gin pole. There has been at least 3 interested parties inquiring about it so let's make sure it gets passed around and doesn't linger to long on the ground.

Enjoy the great weather we are experiencing and be careful when climbing towers or working other projects.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN FRANCE

Today it was reported that severe earthquakes have occurred in 10 different locations in France. The severity was measured in excess of 10 on the Richter Scale. The cause was the 56,681 dead American soldiers buried in French soil rolling over in their graves. According to the American Battle Monuments Commission there are 26,255 Yankee dead from World War I buried in 4 cemeteries in France. There are 30,426 American dead from World War II buried in 6 cemeteries in France. These 56,681 brave American heroes died in their youth to liberate a country which is guilty of shameful unspeakable behavior in the 21st century. May the United deal with the Godforsaken unappreciative, forgetful country of France!

Steve N8GQ

EDITORS COMMENTS

Last month I had a bit of a problem with my computer and I guess it didn't send the LED's out. The day after I sent them my motherboard went bad. I took my computer into service and I just got it back on March 24th. I am hoping for a better show this month.

Roger N8SGU

TREASURER REPORT GENERAL OPERATING FUND

For period 1 February- to - 28 February 2003

OPENING CASH:	\$2, 823.03
Total Income	\$269.00
Total Expenditures	\$335.37
Net Cash Flow	\$-66.37
ENDING CASH	\$2756.66

INCOME

50/50 Drawing	\$12.00
Donations	\$17.00
Dues	\$240.00

EXPENDITURES	
Insurance (Equipment)	\$196.00
Printing (LED)	\$14.40
Post Master	\$49.10
Sales Tax	\$0.87
Telephone (3 Months)	\$75.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dave KE8Z Treasurer

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TREASURER REPORT

For period 1 February– to – 28 February 2003	
OPENING CASH:	\$1045.75
Total Income	\$5.00
Total Expenditures	\$5.00
Net Cash Flow	\$0.00
ENDING CASH	\$1045.75

INCOME	
Donations	\$5.00

EXPENDITURES	
Bank Fee (Copying)	\$5.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dave KE8Z Treasurer

SECRETARIES REPORT 03/13/2003

Steve N8GQ called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary Report: There was one correction to last months Secretaries report. Mac, N8RBA made a motion to accept the report as corrected and Rick seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Dave, KE8Z, read the Treasures report, as it was not published in last months LED. Mac, N8RBA made a motion to accept the report and Rick, KC8HEZ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bruce showed a film about Amateur Radio provided by the ARRL. Walter Cronkite who is a HAM himself narrated the film. The film was very informative.

Operation Care: Volunteers are not stepping forward very fast. It will be cancelled if we do not get enough help. LETS pull together.

Field Day: No volunteers for this either. This is a fun weekend. LETS SEE what we can do.

Awards Dinner: Plans are finalized. We have 25 paid reservations. It will be March 23rd at 5 PM at the Pinckny Masonic Hall. There will be a Roast Beef dinner then a white elephant sale.

Bruce, N8WWX, gave a very good update on what is happening in the county. In regards to ARES/RACES, there will be an meeting in the EOC on March 26th at 7 PM.

YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group will meet March 22nd at the Howell Bowling Lanes, on Grand River Ave, at 2 PM.

AUCTION: An auction was held with an AM/FM radio and two flashlights being auctioned off. All proceeds went to the club.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations were opened for the year 2003/2004 officers:

President:
Vice President:
Secretary: Melisasa KC8UTF
Treasura: Irene KA8MVW
Tech Dir:
Board Memb: Paul KC89UKF
Program Dir:

The current president, vice president, treasurer, technical director and program director have declined nomination.

Rick, KC8HEZ made a motion to adjourn. Jim, KC8MQK seconded, the motion carried.

50/50: Bruce won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings (\$14.00) to the Emergency Communications Fund)

Respectively Submitted
Mary KC8SER

WHY SUPPORT ARRL?

Imagine if ARRL could double in size in a few short years! Imagine the great projects that we could take on! It is possible, and it's all up to those of us that believe in Our League, the Affiliated Clubs and the membership that is the heart and pulse of our clubs and ARRL.

Make no mistake about it, when we speak of ARRL or The League, we are talking about a national membership association specifically for amateur radio operators, for all of us. We are the ARRL and our support makes it what it is.

Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, today ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the United States. ARRL is a "not for profit" organization that promotes interest in amateur radio operation and experimentation, but also represents radio amateurs in legislative matters affecting our very existence. ARRL Headquarters employs a staff of 120 people to provide us with needed services. I have been a member for over forty years and I had no idea of the professionalism and dedication that exists in the headquarters complex. I was amazed when I was able to see, with my own eyes, the work being done for all of us within those walls. It is truly awe inspiring and you must really see it to understand the passion with which these men and women put forth for our benefit.

Many of our clubs and other membership organizations have been losing members recently. We are dis-associating ourselves with others. More and more, as a society and as individuals, we are missing out on the camaraderie and a sense of pride in belonging to an organization that is unique to us as individuals and based on our skills and interests.

How can we correct that? We can start with the first step, getting involved in service to the public. It takes more than simply joining to make us a part of Amateur Radio's public

service team. Belonging requires action such as commitment and training.

Let's take a look at the Basis and Purpose of Part 97, that regulates the amateur radio service. The very first item states, "Recognition and enhancement of the values of the amateur radio service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications."

These words tell me that, as a condition of my license, I am responsible to the public, the citizens of my community, state and nation, to provide my voluntary services by providing communications when needed. Most of us are blessed to have a very unique talent in our ability to provide communications. We can best do that by volunteering our skills to the amateur radio emergency service. To provide this service, we must first have a basic understanding of what is expected of us and how to effectively provide a much needed service. To gain this understanding we must first be trained in the types of services and procedures to be used as well as understanding the organization itself.

If you act soon the second step, training, won't cost you anything but your time thanks to the grant to the ARRL from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This federal grant to enhance homeland security already has funded the training and certification of hundreds of amateurs through the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course. As a result, the Amateur Radio community is better prepared than ever to heed the call whenever and wherever a natural disaster or other catastrophe may strike. This grant is tangible evidence that the federal government sees us as partners in the effort to ensure the security of our nation and its citizens.

There is another step that you can use to explain to others why you are volunteering your time to public service. It is a short, six minute video entitled "Amateur Radio Today", produced by ARRL. This should be used in promoting Amateur Radio to non-amateur audiences throughout the country.

Take the time to watch it. (Check the ARRL Web site for availability.) You will swell with pride as you watch and hear one of the most respected and recognized Americans of all time extol the virtues of Amateur Radio, which means so much to all of us.

But don't stop there. In the words of Dave Sumner K1ZZ, ARRL Executive Vice President, "As you watch the sailboat in the closing scene, imagine that it represents Amateur Radio and think about where you are on the screen. Are you helping trim the sails? Are you helping maintain a steady hand on the tiller? Or are you out of

sight beneath the surface, perhaps a barnacle, not impeding progress very much but just along for the ride while others do the work?"

We have been blessed with many talents and skills and now is the time to use them in the service to our communities. Let's not just go along for the ride, but instead provide direction and purpose to our served agencies through ARES. Keep your local radio clubs strong by providing support and participation.

While we are at it, with all the pride in being involved in the only failsafe communication service in the world, let us all look to a friend or colleague and convince them that League membership is important to keep the wheels in motion and to keep amateur radio safe for our posterity.

We cannot afford any more cuts in services provided to us due to lack of funding. It is up to us to provide for amateur radio, so that it's future is insured in the years to come.

Promoting ARRL and amateur radio is not the sole responsibility of the Headquarters Staff. They do a fine job from all aspects but that is not

enough. We must all accept responsibility to sell ARRL Membership and promote all the good that we have all derived from ARRL, The National Organization for Amateur Radio. Please join me in getting the message out.

73, Dick Mondro W8FQT

Vice Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division.

10: Comment:

Bruce Pollock, N8WWX, EC

YOUTH GROUP

Great turn out. We had 6 kids and 7 adults
Thanks to all.

April will be Roller Skating April 19th
12:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Cost \$5.00 (skate rental not included)
skates \$2.00 roller blades \$5.00
or bring your own. Thank You,

Paul (KC8UKF)

PROGRAM AGENDA

April will be on batteries (various technology)

May brings us to general election of officers

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ARES REPORT

1. Livingston County

2. March

3. 2003

4. Total Members 35

5. Membership change + 1

6. Local Net Name LARK Repeater

7. 146.68/100pl

8. NTS 0

9. Number of net sessions, drills, or tests this month-

1-SKYWARN Net 15 check-ins +1hour =15 hours

