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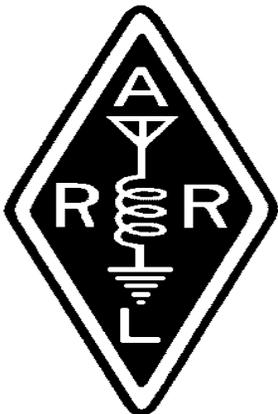
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Radio Klub
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**NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM**

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING
February 8th 7:30PM at the
EOC, Highlander Way, Howell, MI**



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SOCIAL EVENTS

License Upgrade Midnight Madness: Thursday, February 22nd, 11:00PM at the EOC. Upgrade paperwork processed at 12:01 and in the mail to take advantage of the new regulations beginning February 23rd. Pizza and refreshments... Come join the fun!

Special VE Exam Session! Friday, February 23rd, 7PM at the EOC.

Hobby Day: February 24th at the Hartland Library.

PREZ SAYS

I would like to thank all of you that came to the January meeting, almost standing room only. I would like to think it was I but what ever it was it was really nice to see. For all that couldn't make it Dick W8KDR put on a great presentation for the upcoming Hobby day at the Cromaine Library and also showed us new literature he has been working on, Great Job Dick

Of course we also heard from all those hard working people that had information for us: Mary KC8SER, Clairus KC8QQN, Jim WB8AZP and Bruce N8WWX.

I know it sounds early but we need to be thinking about Operation Care. Lets make it easy on Mary and her staff: at least one shift isn't too much to ask. Remember part of Amateur Radio is Public Service, we will never know what impact we really have on those that pass through, but it's got to be good.

February's program is one that I know will be very beneficial to me, and probably a few others out there, so I hope that you show up to learn with me.

Hope to see there,

Van N8GVD



LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Check in on the 146.68 repeater.

LARK Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our current location is the Crossroads Grill, near the intersection of Oak Grove Road and M59 in Howell. (The restaurant is located near the south end of the Kroger plaza). This is a great opportunity to get together with hams that can't always make our regular Klub meetings, and for hams just passing through! All are welcome!



FIRST RESPONDER LICENSE CLASS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Saturday, January 27th, the Livingston Amateur Radio Klub, in cooperation with Livingston County ARES/RACES, sponsored a “1 day training class” and VE testing session for Police, Fire and EMS employees In Livingston County. Using combined materials from many sources, talented instruction from Bruce, NSWWX, Jon, KCSVAB, and photocopy support from John, KD8CCR, 14 potential new amateurs took their Technician exam, with 11 of them achieving passing scores.

VE testing was also offered to any other amateurs throughout the day, and during this special test Session, Brandon, KCSYHE successfully completed an upgrade to Amateur Extra, while Jim, N8JVE, was Able to pass his Element 2 examination.

The VE testing team led by Jim, W8SAZP, included:

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| Jon KCSVAB | Dick W8KDR |
| Van N8GVD | Steve N8GQ |
| | Rick KCSHEZ |

By the time you read this, those new licenses should already be issued! Hear the details At the next LARK meeting!

EDITORS COMMENTS



Wow! What a month January was! With most of December and January being very warm, several projects were added to the winter list. Our first remote site antenna project was completed, getting us another step closer to putting remote receivers online for 146.68. We still need all of your help and support so that we may continue to represent all that our hobby has blessed us with, and can help it grow in the coming years.

The January meeting attendance was outstanding! Make sure To mark your calendars for the February meeting!

Articles

Thanks for all those who have taken the time to contribute real quality articles to the newsletter. Your editor appreciates the effort.

50/50 Plus Drawings

If you haven't attended a recent regular meeting, then you've missed out on fabulous prizes that are given away along with splitting the raffle pot. Ask a member who has attended for the low down. Better yet, why not show up at the next regular meeting? Regardless, the 50/50 drawing is a great way to help support the Klub, and the extra prizes give everyone a chance to win!

SUNDAY EVENING NET ON 146.68

We seemed to have slipped back into our old habits. Turn on your rig on Sunday evening, and check into the net! It won't cause you any pain or discomfort.

LARK SATURDAY BREAKFAST

It's just a nice way to offer an opportunity to mingle with the membership. These meetings are currently held at the Cross Roads Grill in Howell, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, usually starting around 8 AM or so. Stop on in for a glass of water, or breakfast, or a cup of coffee. Heck, if I'm there (and I often try to be) you can probably get me to buy your coffee! Oh yes, let's see; your lame excuse for not making it on Saturday morning is?

VE TESTING

With all the new emphasis on amateur radio, and our local PR efforts, VE testing sessions have been busier than ever. If you want to assist, you need to become a registered VE. Talk with me for details. There is nothing more rewarding than to be able to congratulate a person who has just made it through an exam!

OTHER COMMENTS

See you at the next meeting, right? (Even if you're not a member now, you can become one!) Need a ride to the meeting? We'll send someone to get you! Need someone to buy you dinner before the meeting? We can probably take care of that, too. Not sure if you have enough change to buy yourself a refreshing beverage at the meeting? We'll handle that for you as well. Afraid the room will be too cold for you? Bring your blanky. Dress is casual, so don't worry

about digging out your Tux or Formal. We have plenty of seats in the front (or back) row for you. Do you have another unique excuse for not attending the meeting? Why not share it with others, in a lovely article for the newsletter?

Support the Klub. It's important. Not just to the organization, but to the future of amateur radio as well.

AWARDS BANQUET INFORMATION

The awards banquet is coming up in February. Everybody that has attended can vouch for the good time we have with the white elephant exchange. Some of the things are very good and useful and some are not.

This year I would like to request that if at all possible do not bring back any of the white elephant goodies you were so lucky to win last year. Garage/yard sale season is about over for this year so getting something real cheap that way is hard to do if you do not already have something. Maybe you could even ask a relative, friend or neighbor if they have something to donate to the cause. Remember to tell them all the proceeds go to a charity. You could bring more than one item if you so desire. So start looking around for real goodie and save some of that fancy Christmas wrapping paper to make your package look very desirable. Lets enjoy the evening!

Who is going to receive the HAM of The Year Award this year? Be thinking about this.

Who do you think should receive an award this year? It could be a very well earned recognition for work done and time spent making ham radio and/or the LARK more enjoyable. Or maybe a recognition for a real good screwup we all seem to make every once in a while. Maybe it could be just something funny that happened that you think the comedian ought to get recognition even if he/she doesn't think so. Let Marge know your suggestion. She is very anxious to put her new computer to the test of making those fancy certificates. Phone number 517-546-9209 or email at margemelosh@yahoo.com. She does need some ideas!

Ray N8CPO

TREASURER REPORT

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

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|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| NOV 30 2006 | | 775.34 |
| DUES | 320.00 | |
| DUES | 100.00 | |
| DUES | 85.00 | |
| TOTAL BALANCE NOV 30, 2006 | | 1280.34 |

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| 1000 CD | 1248.04 |
| 500 CD | 613.13 |
| TOTAL BALANCES DEC 31, 2006 | 3141.51 |
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| BALANCE FROM EMG FUND AS OF NOV 30 2006 | |
| BALANCE | 1518.45 |
| DEPOSIT DONATIONS 50/50 | 225.00 |
| DEPOSIT DONATIONS | 10.00 |
| TOTAL BALANCE AS OF DEC 31, 2006 | 1753.45 |

Kindly Consider Going To Hell (A title I've wanted to use way too many times!)

On February 3, 2007, several hams are "Going to Hell"; (Hell, Michigan, that is) to operate during the AzScQRPions F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (FYBO) contest.

So far, the contingent will include Ed AB8DF, Courtland KA5S, and Hank N8XX.

A special event call of N8H has been reserved. They'll be operating on all the "QRP" frequencies, but the best chance for folks in this area will be on 7.04 (CW) or 7.285 (SSB) MHz. They will be operating between 1400z and 2359z.

They will also try to activate a station on the preferred mode Hellschriber (of course), but this is whether any of them can figure out how to operate those fancy things called computers to run the software. For details on the contest, see http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2007_01072007.htm

Commitment and Determination Dick W8KDR

Two factors determine the results of everything we do in life, what we commit and how determined we are to make it successful.

My father, a successful business owner in the 50s and 60s, always taught me that to be successful in business you had to commit everything to make it a success. If you make a conditional commitment, like I will if the weather is good or I have the time, you are already planning to fail. In business as in the rest of your life you have to make a total commitment. What does that mean? You do *what ever it takes* to succeed.

Success at anything is not convenient or easy. That is why so many people don't succeed. People who succeed don't make excuses they make plans and commit to the plans.

What should you commit? What ever you have. Time, money, energy and praise. PRAISE? Many people have no money or energy, but you can always give praise. There is great power in praising others every chance you get. It empowers them and you. As to the time, we all have time, it is just how we prioritize it. Don't make excuses if you want to do something else just say "I chose to use my time for this". The bottom line on commitment is to give. What ever your persuasion, you can't give discriminately, you just have to give and you will receive the right things. It isn't a trade, you just give and give and give and give and somewhere it comes back to you.

So you made the commitment, now what? Determination is what moves the commitment to a successful outcome. You start by setting a goal, then develop a plan and most important take the first step. In the military, when a squad wants to move it needs to "step off", but the first step is only the beginning. You need to do the old "left, right, left, right" or you don't get very far. So it is with everything in life. It is a simple process of not stopping until you reach your goal. Success is not easy. There are many challenges on the way. You must be prepared to change direction if you encounter a problem. A heat seeking missile does not fly in a strait line, it is constantly making correction to stay with the target and zigs and zags until it makes contact.

Failures are some of those zigs and zags on the way to success. You must *FAIL YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS*. Successful people are not just lucky, they just keep failing until they reach success.

You can't control all the circumstances on the way to success and you certainly can't control other people. You can only control your own actions and thoughts.

Keep saying to yourself "*If it is to be, it's up to me!*"

One last thought on what your level of commitment and determination should be.

IF YOU WANT TO BE A BEAR, BE A GRIZZLEY!

See the folks working on the water tower? Why are they working on the water tower? They're working on the water tower to install antennas and remote Receiver equipment for the LARK 146.68 repeater.

Why do we put their pictures here? So you can see what's going on.

Why should you care? Because these folks volunteer to help make things work For everyone.

Next time you see or talk to them, thank them for doing what they do....



← Jon and Brandon suit up for the climb. Ray, Rick, John and Dick (behind the camera) stand by for the safety briefing.

Jon climbs to the first platform →



← That is Brandon hanging out of the access port rigging the pulley for the ground crew to hoist the coax, antenna and tool bags up.

MAKING THINGS STICK AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will include a program on soldering, a fundamental skill in dealing with just about anything electronic. This will be a very hands on program, and everyone will have the opportunity to do a little soldering right there. Additionally, 4 lucky members will take home brand new (actually lightly used during the program) solder stations! All parts and solder will be provided, but if you have a favorite pair of needle nose pliers and side cutters, bring 'em along! It will be lots of fun, and of course, we'll have a room full of "resident experts" available to critique your efforts! If your successful, you'll also be able to take home a fun little creation you make right there!

SKYWARN TRAINING DATE SET

Mark your calendars now for the SKYWARN Training session, Wednesday, March 28th, 2007, 7PM at the Hamburg Fire Department, M36 just east of Pettysville Road. More information is available at the Klub meeting.

DON'T FORGET HOBBY DAY AT THE CROMAINE LIBRARY, FEBRUARY 24th!

Contact Dick, W8KDR for details....

DON'T FORGET "MIDNITE MADNESS", 11PM AT THE EOC. COME SNACK, TAKE EXAMS, AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE! BE SOME OF THE FIRST TO GET YOUR LICENSE UPGRADES PROCESSED UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS

This is a quiz for people who know everything!

I found out in a hurry that I didn't.

These are not trick questions but straight questions with straight answers.

- 1 . Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S."

ANSWERS AT THE NEXT LARK MEETING!