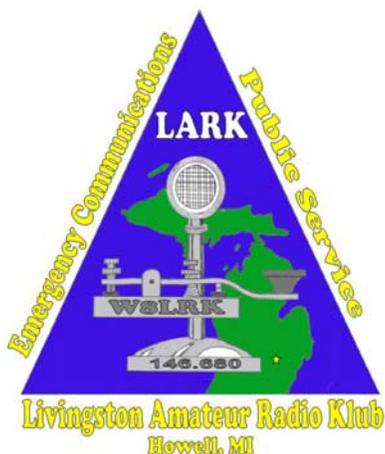




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**NEXT KLUB MEETING
March 8th 7:30PM at the
EOC, Highlander Way, Howell, MI**

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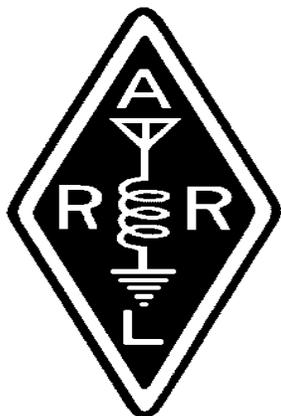
SOCIAL EVENTS

March 17th Marshall Swap

March 18th Toledo Swap

March 28th SKYWARN Training

March 30th Thank the Hams that make all this
stuff happen day....



PREZ SAYS

For being the shortest month of the year it sure seemed like there was an awful lot going on. Midnight madness, Day one of no code, Cromaine hobby day and the Awards dinner, but that was all in four days.

Well I have to tell you it was a ball to be part of Midnight madness. Lots of VE's, Lots of Food, plenty to drink and I almost forgot a good crowd to either test or turn in their CSCE for up grade. It all seemed to go smoothly. And there seems to be an increasing interest in people wanting to get their VE credentials which will be very helpful if the test session is as busy as the last two. So I would like to encourage everyone to upgrade and get credentialed.

Day one of no code while every bit as much fun just wasn't quite the same. Had a good crowd for testing or upgrades but we could of used a few more VE's. I'm sure that Jim will have numbers for you in his report. I would like to thank everybody that helped out to make these testing sessions work so well. It couldn't happen with out you.

Hobby day was a little bit of a test in trouble shooting, but I guess it like reading the directions, there's no sense in checking things out before you take them someplace. What's the fun in that? I find it real learning experiences whenever I help out, you never know were the conversation will go. Some times it's even about radio. Even though the crowds were small, a very worthwhile event. Its fun to here people tell you what Amateur Radio is or what the think it is, then here the Ham's try to explain what it is to them. I'm looking forward to the next time we can show off Amateur Radio.

Let's not forget the Awards Dinner, lots of food to choose from and Mac's wit in presenting of the coveted LARK awards, oh and that White Elephant thing. It's amazing how serious people get about that package, and they haven't a clue what's in it. I wish more of the members could have worked it into their schedule - you missed a fun afternoon.

March appears to be a little quieter than last month but there are things to do, Testing session, Saturday breakfast, Klub meeting and SKYWARN to mention a few. Hope to see there.

Van N8GVD



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!



EDITORS COMMENTS



Wow! What a month February was! Our testing efforts centered around the new FCC regulations have resulted in a number of new amateurs involved with the LARK.

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

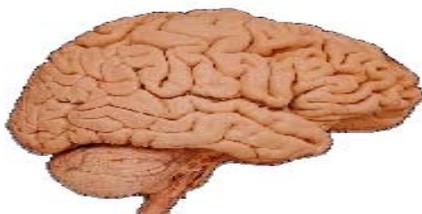
OTHER COMMENTS

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?

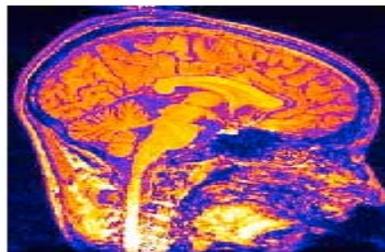
Support the Klub. It's important. Not just to the organization, but to the future of amateur radio as well.

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.



This is your Brain



This is your Brain
on Ham Radio

**Ham Radio looks
like more FUN!**

AND IT'S LEGAL



Cromaine Library Amateur Radio Display
February, 2007.....you should have been there!

Annual Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday February 25th was a wonderful mix of great food, good friends and the non stop fun and chaos of the White Elephant drawing. See pictures below.

Dinner was great, with lots of interesting and delicious choices.

Mac N8RBA presented the 2006 awards:

Board members: President – Art KC8WAZ Vice President Van N8GVD
Treasurer – Clairus KC8QQN Secretary Mary KC8SER Tech Director – Jim WB8AZP
Program Director Jon KC8VAB Member at Large – Chuck W8CLK

Committee Chairpersons: Public Information Officer Brandon KC8HYE
LED & VE Coordinator Jim WB8AZP

General Awards: Digital Radio Operator of The Year – Tom AB8IT
Digital Futurists of The Year Jim WB8AZP & Bruce N8WWX
Purple Crystal Award – Duane N8WMN Open Mic Award – Ray N8CPO
The Nothing Award – Chuck W8CLK Lack of Attention Award – Art KC8WAZ
Sneakiest Ham Award – Irene KA8MVW Highest Member in The Klub – Brandon KC8HYE

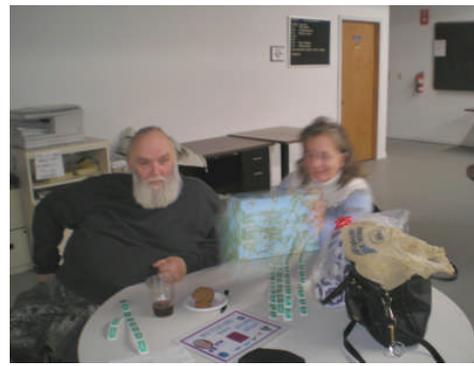
Special Awards: WB8OHO Award – Jim WB8AZP & Dick W8KDR

Dick W8KDR presented a Very Special award to Mac N8RBA for Outstanding Performance in the Awards Presentations.

Dick presented two other Special Awards. One to Ricky KD8EYO as the Youngest Person to be tested and receive an Amateur Radio license from LARK and the W5YI VE team. The second award was presented to Van N8GCD, from the VE team, officially recognizing him and bestowing the title of “*Jim’s Beeaaach*”. Included with the Fireball Fuchsia certificate were a title name tag and evening wear neck tag in the same color. Van is a multi-talented individual.

The most sought after objects, during the White Elephant drawing, were the small talking box (Furby) and a large “Yellow Thing” that may be an illegitimate relative of one our members.

The race was on with the largest collection of potential Elephants being acquired by the “Girls in the Back Row”. The end result, after all the packages were unwrapped, Rick W8RCM was the lucky recipient of the “White Elephant”. Good luck with next years planning Rick.



Dick W8KDR