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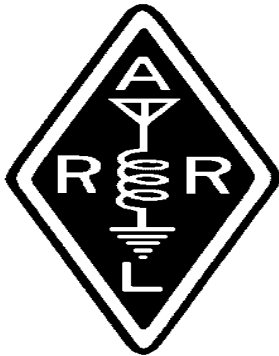
**Livingston Amateur Radio Klub  
PO Box 283  
Howell, Michigan 48844**

[www.W8LRK.org](http://www.W8LRK.org)

NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING  
Thursday, January 12, at 7:30PM  
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way  
Howell, MI**



## BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>WB8AZP</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>N8GVD</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mary</b>	<b>KC8SER</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>W8LNO</b>
<b>Program Manager</b>	<b>Jon</b>	<b>KC8VAB</b>
<b>Tech Director</b>	<b>Les</b>	<b>W8MSP</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>KD8CCR</b>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

<b>Repeater Trustee</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>WB8AZP</b>
<b>LED Editor</b>	<b>Michelle</b>	<b>KD8GWX</b>
<b>VE Coordinador</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>WB8AZP</b>
<b>PIO Officer</b>	<b>Brandon</b>	<b>KC8YHE</b>
<b>PIO Officer</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>N8ENX</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>KB8DAD</b>

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub maintains the 146.680 (Negative Offset, 162.2 CTCSS) and also the 444.525 (Positive Offset, 100.0 CTCSS) repeaters in Livingston County.

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## Jim's Jive ....

Happy New Year! I hope that you, your families, and your friends had a safe, joyful, restful, and peaceful holiday season! Things were very nice around the WB8AZP and K8RJE QTH, and the great weather contributed to make it a wonderful time.

### Current Topics

Our January meeting should be pretty busy. We have a number of things to discuss and vote on. We'll need to be voting on the LARK ham of the year, prior to making plans for our annual awards banquet and "white elephant" gift exchange. This is a really cool social event for our group. Additionally we need to be planning for our upcoming election of officers, as described in a previous newsletter. You won't want to miss this meeting!

### Future Topics

We'd like to begin planning for the 2012 LARK radio raffle, and would love some feedback from the members relative to what radios we should give away. As you know, this has become a primary fund raising event for the group. The LARK board is also looking for membership input on programs you'd like to see in 2012! We should also discuss the viability of the LARK Sunday night net.

### Dues Reminder

Your contribution to LARK helps us to continue to support the public service side of amateur radio, through the served agencies, and the community repeaters we maintain on 146.680 and 444.525. Although your physical involvement is greatly appreciated, we'll accept your membership renewal as a "good faith" gesture toward the support of a fascinating many faceted hobby. Supporting the largest organized amateur radio club in Livingston County can't be a bad thing.

### Year In Review

I am very grateful for all the involvement of the membership and board for making many things work, especially during a very challenging 2011. It takes a village to run just about any group or club, and ours is no exception. Here's to a happy, prosperous, and just plain fun New Year!

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Jim WB8AZP

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## Finance Report ....

### OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

December 5, 2011 ----- \$1440.94

### INCOME

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1440.94

### EXPENSES

Repeater Phone ----- -\$157.42

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1283.52

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$668.91

**TOTAL BALANCE January 10, 2012** ----- **\$3343.02**

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### OPENING BALANCE. FROM EMG FUND

December 5, 2011 ----- \$4448.00

### INCOME

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$4448.00

### EXPENSES

**TOTAL BALANCE as of January 10, 2012** ----- **\$4448.00**

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## Thought for the day ...

“The natural healing force within each of us is the greatest force in getting well.”

– Hippocrates

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## LARK General (12-8-2011) & Board (12-15-2011) Meeting Minutes

No minutes submitted at this time for the December LED Newsletter.

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### Upcoming General and Extra Class Courses from Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

**The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club** will host a General Class License Course

**WHEN:** First Session on Monday, January 9, 2011

**TIME:** each week @ 7 pm to 9pm for 12 weeks

**WHERE:** City of Southfield Emergency Operations Center  
26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI (Basement of the Parks & Recreation  
Center, North end of the Municipal Complex)

**COST:** FREE except for License Manual (\$23)

**BONUS:** FCC License Exam at Last Session

**Contact:** Wallace Murray KE8HR @ 248-685-8485 or email [ke8hr@arrl.net](mailto:ke8hr@arrl.net)

**The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club** will host an Extra Class License Course

**WHEN:** First Session on January 27, 2011

**TIME:** each week @ 7 pm to 9pm for 16 weeks

**WHERE:** City of Southfield Emergency Operations Center  
26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI (Basement of the Parks & Recreation  
Center, North end of the Municipal Complex)

**COST:** FREE except for License Manual (\$23)

**BONUS:** FCC License Exam at Last Session

Contact: Ron Miotke WD8MNX @ 248-246-7959 or email [wd8mnx@arrl.net](mailto:wd8mnx@arrl.net)

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## **Upcoming Extra Class Course from Garden City Amateur Radio Club**

**The Garden City Amateur Radio Club** will host an Extra Class License Course.

- WHEN:** From 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Thursday evenings for 14 weeks, beginning February 16th and ending May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- WHERE:** The Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt Road, just south of Ford Road.
- SYLABUS:** 12 weeks of instruction and one week of review. The last class session will be an ARRL license exam.
- MATERIALS:** No book or manual(s) are required, All instructional material will be handed out in class.
- COST:** \$10.00, which is the instructor's cost of the software and handouts that will be used in class. (There will also be a \$15.00 exam fee payable on exam night.)
- INSTRUCTORS:** Mat Breton, AB8JV; and Fred Comps, K8KUZ

### **Space is limited**

Reserve your space by contacting:  
Fred at 734-261-6441

or by emailing:  
[k8kuz@aol.com](mailto:k8kuz@aol.com)

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## Emergency lights

Due a recent thunderstorm, some of my friends lost power for about 5 hours. We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, flashlights, etc. We looked outside, and noticed our solar lights shining brightly all around our patio, stairs, dock, etc. They were beautiful. My wife walked outside, and brought several of the solar lights inside.

We stuck the solar light pipes into plastic drink bottles containers and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could ever imagine.

We put one in the bathroom, the kitchen, the living room, etc. There was plenty of light. There are all types of solar lights available. We bought ours at Harbor Freight. We put them all around our yard. They look nice and they do not attract flying bugs like the outdoor lights around our doorway.

The lights we have fit into the small (20 oz) water bottles and they also fit into most of the larger liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, you can put a few of the pretty colorful "flat marbles" that they put in aquariums, and vases. (you can also use sand, aquarium gravel, etc., whatever you have available).

The lights we have were perfect inside our home. They burn all night long if you need them.

The next day, you just take your solar lights back outside and they will instantly recharge and be ready for you to use again any time you need them.

Perfect for power outages, hurricanes, etc.

I never thought of it and you don't have to: here it is.

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## Humor for the day ...

**"Electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the Earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called 'generators,' turns back into electricity...where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit".....Dave Barry**

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## **Upcoming Hamfests**

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1/15/2012 Hazel Park 46th Annual Hamfest

Hazel Park High School  
23400 Hughes Avenue  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

**Website:** <http://hparc.org>

**Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.640 (PL 100)

**Public Contact:** Walter Carter , KD8LWC  
27333 Brush Street Madison Heights, MI 48071

Phone: 248-548-4645

**Email:** [KD8LWC@yahoo.com](mailto:KD8LWC@yahoo.com)

02/19/2012 Livonia ARC's 41st Annual Swap & Shop

Civic Park Seniors Center  
15218 Farmington Road  
Livonia, Michigan  
*(on the SE corner of Farmington Road and 5 Mile Road)*

**Website:** <http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>

**Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.35 (PL 100) or 146.52 Simplex

**Public Contact:** Michael Rudzki , N8MR

PO Box 51532 Livonia, MI 48151

Phone: 734-941-5043

**Email:** [k8uns@arrrl.net](mailto:k8uns@arrrl.net)

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Please bring any articles you'd like to have in the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, have a friend bring the information to the meeting for you, email it to me at the above address or feel free to fax it to my work at the above number.

Thanks to everyone for the articles submitted to make the LED a success.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>Happy New Year!!!</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  Hazel Park 46th Annual Hamfest	<b>16</b>  Martin Luther King Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  National Belly Laugh Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



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19  Livonia ARC's 41st Annual Swap & Shop	20	21	22	23	224	25
26	2276	28	29  Happy Birthday to the LED's nephew who is an Arizona Border Patrol Agent! He turns 7 today!			