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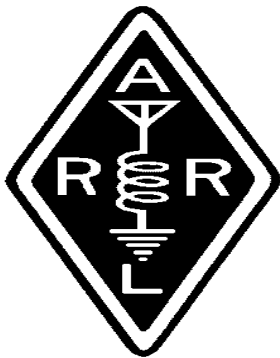
Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
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**NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM**

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, February 9, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI**



BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

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

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.

Jim's Jive

Ground Hog Day has come and gone, and the prediction is 6 more weeks of winter. However, if the weather continues like it has been. I can deal with it. My snow blower has spent most of the winter so far tucked safely in the garage!

Current Topics

Our February 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.

Radio Tune-up Saturday?

It has been suggested that we hold a radio clinic day one upcoming Saturday morning. Have coffee and donuts, and invite local hams (LARK members or not) into the EOC for quick checks on the rigs and power supplies. What do you think?

73



Jim WB8AZP

LARK General (1-19-2012) & Board (1-12-2012) Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

4 people were on the teleconference.

Discussions held:

- Awards Banquet, February 26th from 2:30 – 6 pm in the basement of the American Legion Hall on Grand River & M59. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.
- Radios for the raffles were discussed.
- Patrick, W8LNO, will get the repeater telephone bill on auto payment.
- Mary, KC8SER, got disconnected.

General Meeting Minutes

Pledge and introductions.

Reports

- Secretary Report was read, motion to accept made by Jon, KC8VAB & seconded by Mac, N8RBA.
- Vice President – no report given.
- Treasurer Report was in the LED.
- Program Manager announced that an Electric Course will be presented at the February meeting.
- Technical Director, all repeaters are up and working. The club will take over the generator at the LARK repeater. The repeater sign and tech sound are good.
- Director Report – no report given.
- LED Editor not in attendance so no report given.

Dues are due.

Raffles were discussed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Awards Banquet

Tentative dates are February 19th or 26th, contact person Dale Harter. Nominations to date are as follows:

Mark WQ8S by Jeanie KD9PFK
Les W8MSP by Charlie KB9OVJ

Van N8GVD by Mary KC8SER
Patrick W8LNO by Les U9MSP

Charlie,KB8OVJ made motion to close nominations & Mac N8RBA seconded, all in favor.

LARK General (1-19-2012) & Board (1-12-2012) Meeting Minutes (continued)

Offices up for Vote

President

Treasurer

Member at Large

Maker Faire

Saturday & Sunday, July 30th & 31st, 9:30 am – 6pm both days

Cert Training

Saturday & Sunday, January 28th & 29th, 2 people from LARK to sign up at the National Guard Armory.
Sponsored by the State Police.

Volunteer Exams

2nd Tuesday of every month. 1 person passed.

Skywarn

Tuesday, March 6th, 7 pm at the Hamburg Fire Station

50/50 Raffle

Was won by Ray N8CPO

Adjournment

Mac N8BRA made a motion to adjourn & Doug KC8ZKZ seconded, motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary KC8SER

Thought for the day ...

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams;
who looks inside, awakes."

- Carl Jung

Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

January 1, 2011 ----- \$1440.94

INCOME

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1440.94

EXPENSES

Insurance – Equipment ----- (\$320.00)

Insurance – Liability ----- (\$183.00)

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$ 937.94

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$ 668.91

TOTAL BALANCE February 5, 2012 ----- \$2997.44

Humor for the day ...

Top Ten Reasons you know you must be married to a HAM!

- 10) His favorite superheroes are Marconi and Tesla.
- 9) His sense of well being is tied to the sunspot cycle.
- 8) His electric shaver has a backup diesel generator.
- 7) He shows you his PL-259 connector.
- 6) For a romantic honeymoon, he chooses Dayton over Tahiti.
- 5) He rates your love making in S units.
- 4) He buys you an HT for your anniversary.
- 3) He attaches a mag mount antenna to the baby's stroller.
- 2) When whispering sweet nothings in your ear, he ID's every few minutes.

And the number one reason you know you must be married to a HAM ...

- 1) When the moment is right, he is on the radio.
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Astronaut Janice Voss, KC5BTK (SK)



NASA astronaut **Janice Voss, KC5BTK**, of Houston, Texas, passed away on February 7 from cancer. She was 55. One of only six women who have flown in space five times, Voss' career was highlighted by her work and dedication to scientific payloads and exploration. Voss participated in making **ham radio contacts from space** via the Space Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (**SAREX**), the precursor to the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (**ARISS**) program.

“As the payload commander of two space shuttle missions, Janice was responsible for paving the way for experiments that we now perform on a daily basis on the International Space Station,” said Peggy Whitson, Chief of the Astronaut Office. “By improving the way scientists are able to analyze their data and establishing the experimental methods and hardware necessary to perform these unique experiments, Janice and her crew ensured that our space station would be the site of discoveries that we haven't even imagined. During the last few years, Janice continued to lead our office's efforts to provide the best possible procedures to crews operating experiments on the station today. Even more than Janice's professional contributions, we will miss her positive outlook on the world and her determination to make all things better.”

Voss began her career with NASA in 1973 while a student at Purdue University. She returned to NASA in 1977 to work as an instructor, teaching entry guidance and navigation to space shuttle crews. After completing her PhD in 1987, she worked within the aerospace industry until she was selected as an astronaut in 1990.

Voss' first spaceflight mission was **STS-57** in 1993, the first flight of the **SPACEHAB module**. She next flew on **STS-63** in 1995, a mission to the **Mir space station** and third flight of SPACEHAB. She also flew as a payload commander on **STS-83** in 1997 with the Microgravity Science Laboratory (**MSL**), but the mission was cut short due to problems with one of the orbiter's three fuel power generation units. Voss, the crew and MSL flew again as the **STS-94 MSL-1 Spacelab** mission, which focused on materials and combustion science research in microgravity.

Her last mission was **STS-99** in 2000, a flight to the International Space Station (**ISS**) as part of the **Shuttle Radar Topography Mission**, which mapped more than 47 million square miles of the Earth's land surface. In total, Voss spent more than 49 days in space, traveling 18.8 million miles in 779 Earth orbits.

From 2004-2007, Voss served as the **science director** for the **Kepler spacecraft** at NASA's Ames Research Center. Designed to search for Earth-size planets orbiting distant stars, Kepler was launched in March 2009; to date, it has confirmed 61 exoplanets and identified more than 2000 planetary candidates. Voss most recently served as the payloads lead of the Astronaut Office's Station Branch. -- Thanks to NASA and AMSAT for the information.

Upcoming Hamfests

Livonia ARC's 41st Annual Swap & Shop

WHEN: Sunday, February 19, 2012
TIME: 8 am to 12 noon
WHERE: Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center
15218 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
COST: \$5
Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100) or 146.52 Simplex
Contact: Michael Rudzki , N8MR @ 734-941-5043

Crossroads Hamfest 2012

WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 2012
TIME: 8 am to 12 noon
WHERE: Marshall Activity Center
15325 West Michigan Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068
COST: \$5
Talk-In: 146.660 (PL 94.8)
Contact: David Ashbolt , K8OLY @ Phone: 269-223-7141

Michelle Roderick, KD8GWX, roderickm@usa.redcross.org
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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.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
5	6	7	8	9 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	10	11
12	13	14 VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC	15	16 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	17	18 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
19	20	21	22	23	224	25
19 Livonia Swap Meet						
26 <i>Awards Banquet?</i>	2276	28	29 Happy Birthday to the LED Editor's nephew! He turns 7 today and is an Arizona Pima County Sheriff's Deputy!			

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
4	5	6 Skywarn Training 7 pm Hamburg Fire Station	7	8 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	9	10
11	12 Severe Weather Awareness Summit Lansing \$\$	13 VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC	14	15 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	16	17 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill Crossroads Hamfest
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Future events:

Dayton Hamvention, May 18th – 20th

Detroit Maker Faire, Saturday & Sunday, July 30th & 31st, 9:30 am – 6pm both days