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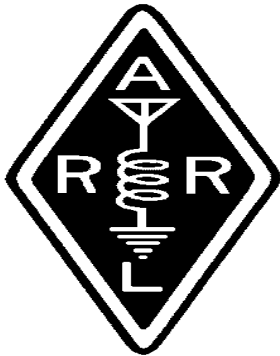
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**NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM**

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, June 13th, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI**



Jim's Jive

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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.

I'm going to take most of the blame for the cooler weather we've been experiencing lately. Yep it's my fault. You see, we had a significant repair done at home to our heating and cooling system recently, and of course; as a result we haven't needed to use it.... This isn't the first time something like this has happened. When we moved to our new home about a dozen years ago, there I was with a brand new shiny snow blower, and we received about 3 inches of snow during the entire year. Let's hope we don't have to dig a new well or something, we could all be in need of an Ark!

2013 HAMVENTION

This year marked not only 45 years as a licensed amateur radio operator for me, but also my 45th year of attending the Dayton Hamvention. If you've never been to Hamvention, it needs to be on your "bucket list".

Since 1952 Hamvention® has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For many years it has been the world's largest amateur radio gathering, attracting hams from throughout the globe.

About 1950, John Willig, W8ACE, had asked the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to sponsor a HAM Convention but was turned down. John wanted to have a quality affair. Speakers and prizes would be a drawing point. John finally found a champion in Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), the newly elected president of the club. A meeting was held and the DARA Board allocated \$100 to get started. The first organizational meeting was held in January 1952.

The Southwestern Ohio Ham-vention was born. The first committee consisted of: John Willig, W8ACE, General Chairman Al Dinsmore, W8AUN, Arrangements Bob Siff, W8QDI (K4AMG), Prizes and Exhibits Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), Publicity Bob Montgomery, W8CUJ, Finance Clem Wolford, W8ENH, Program Ellie Haburton, W8GJP (W4ZVW), Women's Committee. The next year the name became "Dayton Hamvention®" and was registered as a trademark.

April was determined to be the best time but the Biltmore Hotel, in downtown Dayton was booked. March 22 was the chosen date, causing a short lead time. How far did \$100 go? Not far! A 12" TV was raffled off to help raise funds. The FCC agreed to give license exams and Phil Rand, W1BDM, a pioneer in TVI elimination was on the program. First prize, a Collins 75A2, was purchased locally.

Hoping for 300 visitors, the committee was amazed that over 600 showed up! There were 7 exhibitors and 6 forums. The ladies program was successful with a luncheon at the Biltmore and a trip to a local TV station. In 1955 the Awards Program began with the "Amateur of the Year." The Flea Market has grown from 200 to more than 2000 spaces. In 1964 the Hamvention® moved to Hara Arena. Shuttle buses and handicapped parking were added in 1969. In 1973 it became a 2 day event with Sundays added in 1974. The program has grown to a "Souvenir Program" and in 1976 the dimensions changed from 6"x 9" to the current 8-1/2"x11".

Jim's Jive continued

The growth of the Dayton Hamvention® can be attributed to caring, energetic people who enjoy being on a winning team.

Perhaps we'll see you there next year?

FIELD DAY

We are planning a very nice Field Day event, independent of the Balloon Festival, at the EOC. We've invited many local VIP's to come and witness Amateur Radio in operation, and I hope each of you plan to spend at least a few hours operating this year. Bob Hitchens and many others have worked tirelessly to plan a nice event.

LARK RADIO RAFFLE

Make sure you buy a raffle ticket for what is the hottest low band transceiver of the decade. LARK is giving away a fully equipped KX3 transceiver! Tickets are only \$25 each, and there are only 125 tickets. We plan on giving the radio away at the September Klub meeting. This is one of the nicest portable transceivers you can buy on the market today, and one of the most highly rated receivers available for the amateur market, with the only exception being the 17 THOUSAND dollar Heiberling Transceiver from Germany.

VE EXAMS

There are not too many excuses for not upgrading your license, we hold VE exams every month, and there are no charges for any amateur radio exam. Additionally, we have made VE exams available just about any time we have 3 or more examiners present..

See you at the meeting, at Field Day, and at the next local swap!

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LARK General (5-9-2013) & Board (5-16-2013) Meeting Minutes

Minutes not included at this time.

Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND	
May 6, 2013 -----	\$398.19
INCOME	
Raffle -----	\$100.00
Memorial Contribution (John Pavlic K8PXG) -----	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	\$568.19
EXPENSES	
Maintenance fee -----	(\$4.95)
Repeater Phone (37.86 paid by club member) -----	\$0
Field Day Shelter -----	<u>(\$239.42)</u>
NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	\$323.84
1000 CD -----	\$1390.59
500 CD -----	<u>\$668.91</u>
TOTAL BALANCE June 12, 2013 -----	<u>\$2383.34</u>

OPENING BALANCE FROM EMG FUND AS OF	
May6, 2013 -----	\$4448.54
INCOME	
ACCOUNT BALANCE -----	<u>\$4448.54</u>
EXPENSES	
TOTAL BALANCE as of June12, 2012 -----	<u>\$4448.54</u>

What is Field Day ...

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities. But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the 150,000+ member national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

For More Information visit: www.arrl.org

FCC Targets Online Retailer in Citation ...

June 7, 2013 — The FCC this week cited an Omaha, Nebraska-based online retailer for marketing unauthorized RF devices — including 10 and 12 meter amplifiers capable of putting out up to 8200 W — in violation of FCC rules. An FCC [Citation and Order](#) dated June 6 orders Enterprise Group Inc, doing business as [ePowerAmps](#), to immediately stop advertising, marketing and selling “all unauthorized radio frequency devices, specifically modified Citizens Band (CB) radios and non-certified radio frequency (RF) amplifiers for use in the 10-12 meter bands.” The FCC said continuing to engage in such conduct could subject the retailer to substantial fines and seizure of equipment.

Responding to the citation’s release, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said it’s reassuring to see evidence of the FCC’s continuing commitment to enforcement relating to Amateur Radio. “It is gratifying to see the Commission’s Enforcement Bureau taking action against flagrant violators,” he commented. The Amateur Radio community has long complained about interference, mainly on 10 meters, from unlicensed CBers and and so-called “HFers.” The FCC once banned the sale of amplifiers capable of operating above 24 MHz, a move that some considered misguided and punitive to Amateur Radio licensees.

The FCC C&O described ePowerAmps as “an online retailer of CB and amateur radios, linear amplifiers, and radio accessories, which specializes in the ‘customization of radios.’” Responding in April to a complaint, an agent from the Commission’s Kansas City office observed on ePowerAmps’ website “illegally modified CB radios being offered for sale in the United States.” The FCC said the retailer also offered offer various modifications and upgrades for 35 makes and models of FCC-certified CB radios. These included swapping out the original final amplifier for a higher-powered replacement. Other mods expanded the authorized frequency range of a CB to include what it called the “26 MHz range and the upper 27 MHz range.” Linear amplifiers offered for sale varied between 120 W and 8200 W and ranged in price from around \$140 to nearly \$2600, the Commission said, adding none of the 50 linears offered for sale appear to have FCC certification.

The FCC called on ePowerAmps to confirm “in writing” that it has stopped marketing unauthorized RF devices and to provide certain information to the commission within 30 days of the C&O. The information request, contained in a non-public appendix to the C&O, seeks to determine ePowerAmps’ “external RF power amplifier suppliers and sales, as well as the disposition of its illegal inventory,” the Commission said. The FCC gave the retailer 30 days to respond to the C&O and even to challenge the FCC’s findings.

Upcoming Hamfests ...

Hamfest/Convention

06/15/2013 | [Midland Hamfest](#)

Location: Midland, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8kea.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/16/2013 | [Monroe Hamfest](#)

Location: Monroe, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Website: <http://www.mcrca.org>

Hamfest/Convention

07/20/2013 | [NOARSFEST](#)

Location: Elyria, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.noars.net>

Hamfest/Convention

07/21/2013 | [Van Wert ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Van Wert, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8fy.org>

Hamfest/Convention

07/27/2013 | [2013 CMARC Outdoor Hamfest - Amateur Radio, Electronics & Computer Equipment](#)

Location: Lansing, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.centralmiarc.com>

Kid's Day is June 15th ...

The next Kids Day is Saturday, June 15. Sponsored by the Boring (OR) Amateur Radio Club, Kids Day is the perfect way to introduce a young person to the magic of Amateur Radio.

Open your doors, have some hot dogs or pizza, and let the Little Folks take the Big Chair. Let them find stations they hear or work on a map, color in a map of states worked, show them the insides of a kit or help them build something.

More information, along with a free participation certificate you can fill out and print yourself, can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>.

Take the time to share the radio with the youngsters in your life.

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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.

June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop						
9	10	11 VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC FREE!!!	12	13 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	14	15 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill Midland Hamfest
16	17	18	19	20 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	21	22 Field Day 2 pm – 2 pm 6/22-6/23
Monroe Hamfest						
23 Field Day 2 pm – 2 pm 6/22-6/23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Balloon Fest
Balloon Fest						
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July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!!!!	5	6 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
7	8	9 VE Testing 7 pm Howell EOC FREE!!!	10	11 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	19	20 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill NOARSFEST Hamfest
21 Van Wert ARC Hamfest	22	23	24	25	26	27 CMARC Hamfest
28	29	30	31			

Future events: