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SUNDAY 9PM**

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING
Thursday, May 8th, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI**



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President	Jim	K8JK
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Secretary	Karen	KB8AKC
Treasurer	Patrick	W8LNO
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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.

Jim's Jive

OK, so winter was long and challenging, I think we'd all agree. The good news is that spring is finally upon us, and soon we'll be complaining about how hot it is. I like spring, because after it gets rolling, everything just starts out new.

In amateur radio, just like the seasonal changes in the weather, there are "seasons". We all are not active in the hobby on everything all of the time. One of the advantages of a radio club is that you have many folks who might be busy in some facet of amateur radio when you suddenly have an interest. Having a resource or two to guide you along the way can be priceless. It's always good to try new things, or even get back into the swing of things with a portion of the hobby that you've neglected. What about firing up that low band station and making a few contacts?

KC8TGX Silent Key

Mac, N8RBA brought to my attention the passing of Bob Ackerman, KC8TGX. At this moment, we have little if any of the details. Bob was a long time LARK supporter, and always good for a QSO.

Free Radios (remember, there is no such thing as a free lunch)

Some months ago, I came into a large collection of Motorola VHF GM300 mobile transceivers. These are older, somewhat larger, dash mount radios, with 16 channels. I can program them up for virtually any VHF frequency you'd like. You can wind up with one in one of 2 ways. The first and perhaps easiest way is to hand me \$50, and a list of the 16 frequencies you'd like programmed. The second (and perhaps a little more difficult) is to tell me what you propose to do for the Klub in exchange for one of these radios. If I like your plan, you get a radio, almost for "free".

License Exams are Free at the LARK (now this is an exception to the rule)

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub is still the ONLY club in Michigan that I'm aware of that offers totally free non subsidized amateur radio license exams. **TOTALLY FREE OF CHARGE.** Tell your friends, have them tell their friends, it's hard to beat this opportunity. Exams are given on the second Tuesday of each month.

Field Day – Are you going to play?

The annual Field Day event isn't that far away. Would you like to enjoy making contacts on some state of the art radio gear? Last year, we have several very nice stations to operate, thanks to N8MSA, K8VQC, and W8LNO. Want to be involved in the planning and setup? Just ask.

Jim's Jive continued

Dayton Hamvention 2014

It's just around the corner, the biggest and most widely known amateur radio event of the year, the 62nd annual Dayton Hamvention is something you need to experience at least once in your amateur radio career. There are several clubs offering low cost bus rides to the event, and it's actually a pretty easy one day trip if you choose to drive. Hopefully, you can be a part of the experience along with 24,541 of your close friends.

Did K8JK eat too many carrots?

The picture below of me decked out in orange wasn't a result of eating too many carrots, but rather a response to some of my friends in The Netherlands when they claimed that Americans do not know how to "let loose". To help them celebrate "King's Day" during my recent visit there, I dressed up in orange.

I did put the rumor of Americans not knowing how to party to rest....

See you at the meeting!



73, Jim K8JK

LARK General (3-13-2014) & Board (3-20-2014) Meeting Minutes

Members and guests present: Karen Butler KB8AKC, Les Butler W8MSP, Jim Kvochick K8JK, Robert Hitchens K8VQC, Ralph McChristy N8RBA, Issac Mc Christy, Charlie McChristy KB8OVJ, Michelle Roderick KD8GWX, Michael Alexander N8MSA, Kay Alexander K8KAY, Bruce Pollack N8WWX, Bruce Van Dam N8GVD, Don Wirt KA8GOU, John Wirt KD8SWT, Nolan Rollo N8NCR, George Verciuc W8CO, Mark Sharef WQ8S and Larry Kube KD8VKW.

After reciting the pledge of allegiance President Jim Kvochick K8JK call the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and made introductions.

Program Director Bob Hitchens K8VQC, gave a presentation on electromagnetic spectrum

Minutes of the previous meeting were published in the LED

Treasurers Report published in the LED

Newsletter Editor always looking for contributions.

Technical director: The Internet is down for D Star hopefully it will be up soon.

ARES/RACES/CERT: Bruce Pollack CERT training this weekend we need a few volunteers to help.

Announcements:

K8ETR had a stroke on Thursday and in ICU please keep him in your prayers.

Crossroads hamfest Saturday.

Toledo hamfest Sunday.

4/22/2014 Skywarm at the Hamburg Fire Department 7 p.m. Arrive early to reserve a seat.

March 17, 10 a.m. St John Evangelist Parrish in Fenton is the memorial service for Pat Shannon's mother.

Twenty five people showed up for Ham in a Day 21 passed.

Last Tuesdays test exam three people attended and passed. One person passed tech, general and extra all on the same day.

Old Business: Ham of the Year voting took place and we will deliver ballots to Marge.

Still have a few SWR kits available

Rescue Disc have been order for those who signed up and should be available for pickup at the next meeting. \$49

LARK General (3-13-2014) & Board (3-20-2014) Meeting Minutes Continued ...

New Business: nominations for Vice President: George Van Dam N8GVD was nominated by Ralph Mc Christy, seconded by Mark Sharef WQ8S
Treasurer Patrick Shannon W8LNO was nominated by Ralph Mc Christy N8RBA seconded by Charlie Mc Christy KB8OVJ
Member at Large John Waters KD8CCR was nominated by Les Butler W8MSP seconded by Charlie Mc Christy KB8OVJ
Technical coordinator Les Butler nominated by Ralph Mc Christy. N8RBA, seconded by Bruce Pollack N8WWX
Mark Sharef WQ8S put forward a motion: nominees are unopposed and therefor by acclimation be accepted in to office. Seconded by Ralph Mc Christy N8RBA . Motion carried.

Bob Hitchens proposed a motion for board to investigate and purchase a new repeater (68) and if necessary a controller that is more stable seconded by Bruce Pollack N8WWX Motion Carried

Bob Hitchens K8VQC moved the board investigate an alternate site and the costs in case we have to move the repeater seconded by Bruce Pollack N8WWX Motion Carried

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Pollack N8WWX seconded by Ralph Mc Christy N8RBA. meeting adjourned at 9:29
50/50 raffle Charlie \$36 and \$36 to club

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary

Karen Butler
KB8AKC

Board (3-20-2014) Meeting Minutes

Board Minutes not included at this time.

Finance Report

Not included at this time.

Ham Radio Volunteers Shift Gears to Handle Mountain Bike Event Emergency

The 2014 **Whiskey Off-Road Mountain Bike Event** on April 26 in and around Prescott, Arizona, quickly developed into an emergency exercise for **Yavapai Amateur Radio Club** volunteers who were supporting communication for the 11th annual race. Some 2000 amateur and professional mountain bike riders took part in the 50-mile event. About an hour after it began, however, temperatures dropped, and riders were confronted with a mixture of rain, high wind, sleet, and snow. As the weather worsened, some riders dropped out at the second checkpoint, returning to Prescott via a connecting road. Other riders, however, soldiered on for another two checkpoints, at which time another 50 participants quit due to the worsening weather, with some exhibiting symptoms of possible hypothermia. Event communications quickly switched into evacuation mode, and the net control station contacted all checkpoints to determine how many riders needed transportation back to Prescott.

“Net control worked with race, search-and-rescue, and other emergency personnel to coordinate transportation to evacuate these riders,” Yavapai County Arizona ARES District Emergency Coordinator Lloyd Halgunseth, WA6ZZJ, explained. “Personal vehicles and a bus were used in the evacuation.”

With evacuation transportation on its way, Amateur Radio volunteers and race personnel staffing checkpoints provided warm refuge in their own vehicles for some of the riders who were suffering the most. The race continued, and Amateur Radio and event communications were used to locate some missing riders.

Once things settled down, the net shifted back into its accustomed role of gathering race updates from the checkpoints. Everyone was brought in safely, albeit a bit cold. Abandoned bikes were retrieved and returned to the event center.

Despite the challenging conditions, more than 300 cyclists completed the entire course. The weather front broke later in the morning, and the second race began around noon. Race officials shortened the second ride from a planned 25 miles to 15 miles, and it finished with no major incidents.

“During this emergency communications exercise, Amateur Radio enabled a quick response by race officials, which kept a bad situation from getting worse,” Halgunseth said. “This response contributed to the overall success of this three day event.” The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL-affiliated Special Service Club. — Thanks to Frank Bender, K8FB

Upcoming Hamfests ...

Hamfest/Convention

05/16/2014 | [Dayton Hamvention - "REGIONAL ARRL CENTENNIAL EVENT"](#)

Location: Trotwood, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://hamvention.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/01/2014 | [Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop](#)

Location: Chelsea, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wd8iel.com>

Hamfest/Convention

06/07/2014 | [IRA Hamfest \(W8IRA/R\)](#)

Location: Hudsonville, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA/R)

Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/14/2014 | [Midland Hamfest](#)

Location: Midland, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8kea.org>

Hamfest/Convention

06/15/2014 | [Monroe Hamfest](#)

Location: Monroe, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association

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

Thought for the day ...

An OM will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
An XYL will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

A YL worries about the future until she gets an OM.
An OM never worries about the future until he gets an XYL!

A successful OM is one who makes more money than his XYL can spend.
A successful YL is one who can find such a man!

My Treasure Hunt:

Hi all, it's me, your favorite LED newsletter editor! I'm wondering if you can help me? I'm looking for Field Day patches going back to 2007. If you have extras and would like to sell them, please see me, I'd like to see what kind of deal we can make! If you don't have them, but know where I could get them, please let me know that as well! Thanks for your help in my treasure hunt!

Humor for the Day ...

A ham is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road, his antennas flopping in the breeze and flopping into the other lane. A YL is driving down the same road.
As they pass each other, the YL narrowly missed the antennas and leans out of the window and yells...PIG! The ham immediately leans out of his window and replies, "WITCH!!"

They each continue on their way, and as the man rounds the next corner, he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road.

If hams would only listen!

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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.

May 2013

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

June 2013

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1 Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop Chelsea, MI	2	3	4	5	6	7 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill IRA Hamfest Hudsonville, MI
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Midland Hamfest Midland MI
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Future events: