

The LED

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**Congratulations to
Les Butler W8MSP
on his recent awards!**



Upcoming Ham Fests

April 22, 2017
Chassell Hamfest
Chassell, MI

May 6, 2017
Cadillac Hamfest

May 19-21, 2017
Dayton Hamvention
Xenia, OH

June 3, 2017
IRA Hamfest
Hudsonville, MI

June 10, 2017
LARS Hamfest

Jim's Jive



April Showers (and Storms) Bring May Flowers

It's been really nice being able to wander outside without a heavy coat on, and fix those little antenna issues that have managed to creep in after what was a pretty mild winter. It's hard to believe that May will be here in a flash.

Great Lakes Amateur Radio Convention

The Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association hamfest and convention in October (7 - 8th) has passed a couple of milestones during last month. It has been announced that this brand new event will host the 2017 ARRL Section convention. Additionally, the volunteer release form for those wishing to support the event has been posted.

As already discussed, the LARK board voted unanimously to become a contributing member of the event. Additionally, Les, W8MSP, and Karen, KB8AKC, have volunteered to be the contact points for our Klub. If you want to get involved, feel free to reach out to them.

100th Anniversary Michigan State Police Special Event

Les, W8MSP, has spearheaded the amateur radio celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Police, and has secured the special event call sign W8P to be used by the Klub from April 15 to April 30, 2017. As Klub members, there are many ways you can participate. Check with Les or scope out the details at <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>. It is our intention to activate the EOC HF station during this event, for those without HF gear. If you are interested in operating, even for an hour or two, contact Les for details.

65th Annual Hamvention at a New Location

"Same Friends, New Home" is the theme for the 2017 Dayton Hamvention. The Hara Arena, that many of us knew as the home of what is arguably the largest amateur radio event on the planet, is no longer available to host the event; so the Dayton Amateur Radio Association needed to find a new home. This year's event will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center near Xenia, Ohio.

If you can only attend one amateur radio event, this should be on your list. This year will mark my 49th year of attendance, and there is something new to witness every year I've been there.

VE Testing – It's Still FREE!

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub is still the only group in the Southeast Michigan geography to offer FREE amateur radio exam testing. Tell everyone about this – this service is great for our Klub and the hobby!

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Jim's Jive (continued from page 2)

Klub Elections

During this year, we will elect members to hold the offices of President, Secretary, Program Officer, and At Large board member. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the Klub, and help bring your ideas forward. Please note that several of the officers holding those positions currently have already asked to NOT be nominated for another continuous term.

If you've always been in the background and thought things could be better or you have some new ideas, this is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate your skills.

We'll do nominations for the positions at the April 2017 meeting, and balloting will take place at the May meeting.

Electronics 101

There is a lot of buzz around our little introduction to electronics sessions that we are sponsoring. I've been personally aware of 3 commercial organizations who have adopted a similar model for getting folks more acquainted with technology at this level.

While sadly our budget does not support adding more free kits to supply, we do have parts lists and other hints available.

Additionally, from time to time we will be passing out more interesting components as we continue this journey, but be warned, if you are NOT in attendance at a meeting, there might not be one for you.

We will begin to explore other more interesting components during the next several months, ultimately using this knowledge to help construct some fun circuits.

If you are NOT taking advantage of this, you are missing a great opportunity to either learn, or become a mentor to others, who are learning,

Silent Key Estates

LARK is still the only Klub in Michigan that offers to assist families in liquidation of silent key equipment without charges or fees. We offer this on behalf of past or current Klub members.

Additionally, we will assist other families in equipment liquidation, for usually the cost of ham swap table space. Contact any board member for details.

Breakfast with LARK and Friends

Just about every Saturday, we gather for breakfast at Americus Grill in Brighton. Come join us, for a great way to start the day, and hear about everything going on. For the next several months, we will pick a random Saturday, and draw a breakfast winner. Not only will you be able to enjoy the group action, but you might just win a free breakfast!

See you at the meeting!

Cheers

Jim K8JK

April

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9	10	11 VE Testing @ Howell EOC 7 p.m. FREE!	12	13 LARK Meeting @ Howell EOC, 7:30 p.m.	14	15 LARK Breakfast @ Americus in Brighton 8 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20 LARK Board Meeting via teleconference, 7 p.m.	21	22 LARK Breakfast @ Americus in Brighton 8 a.m.
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Greetings LARK members! LARK is supporting the new Great Lakes HamCon event. Below is a letter from the organizers requesting volunteers. Les Butler W8MSP is our liaison to this event. Please see Les for more information.

Fellow hams,

The plans for the Great Lakes HamCon at Michigan International Speedway are moving forward. The event has recently been approved as the site of the 2017 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention. Volunteer help is needed, Event preparation has started and the pace will pick up as October grows closer.

Your skills and expertise are needed. Marketing and promotion is just one area. Do you have expertise in social media, website design, videography, graphic design or similar? We will have a presence at Dayton and will need volunteers to assist there as well as many other hamfests over the summer. A robust program of forums will be staged at the event. Help will be needed staging the venue as well as setup and event day activities. Do you have contacts or relationships in the commercial side of ham radio that can help ensure an exhibitor comes to the event?

The success of Great Lakes HamCon depends on the engagement of the area hams and their clubs. Let us know how you can help. Send an email to volunteer@GLHamCon.org. Include where your interests lay and the skills and experiences you bring with you. Don't hold back, include those ideas that will make the event unique and special. If you just want to help out in general, that's fine, we need you.

Please forward this email to other hams. Include this in your club newsletter. Spread the word.

Thanks in advance for your help.

73,

Glen Ohlemacher - K8GO

Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017, Minutes of LARK General Membership

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance President Jim Kvochick K8JK made introductions and called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes from the February meeting were published in the March LED.

Treasurer's Report: The February treasurer's report was published in the March LED.

Technical Report: 1) The Technical Director reported the special event honoring the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Police will take place from April 15 - 30th. We have 100- QSL cards ordered. Those wishing to participate should contact Les Butler W8MSP for more information. You will be able to use the HF radios at the EOC. 2) The Hillcrest DStar repeater upgraded and reset is not quite 100%. Further investigation is needed and will get to it as time allows.

CERT/RACES: 1) A three day CERT class (total of 20 hours) will be held March 17-19th at the 911 Center on Tooley Road. 2) Skywarn training will take place on March 22nd at the Hamburg Fire Station. 3) The annual ChemDot exercise will take place on April 24th. 4) The CERT recertification class will take place on April 29th.

VE Testing: Four individuals successfully completed their testing in the February session. The next VE testing session will take place on March 14th.

Old Business: Nominations for President, Program Director, Recording Secretary and Member at Large are needed for the 2017/ 2018 term.

New Business: None

Basic Electronics: Instructions were distributed for next month's assignment. The parts needed are in the kits. Please bring your kit the the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie McChristy KB8OVJ; seconded by Les Butler W8MSP. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Butler KB8AKC, Recording Secretary

Members and Guests Present:

Reece Albright KB0KSU
Tom Auth KT8Y

Mark Bennett KA8ACM
Darrell Black N8NQN
Karen Butler KB8AKC
Les Butler, W8MSP

Shelley Cornish KE8DCO
Keith Cox KC8WOO

Paul Eades KK6AAQ

Jon Harris. KC8VAB

Larry Kube KD8VKW
Todd Kube KD8WPX
Autumn Kube KD8FUI
Cherie Kube KD8YWA
Jim Kvochick K8JK

Charlie McChristy KB8OVJ
Ralph McChristy N8RBA
Isaac McChristy
Phil Mikula WU8P

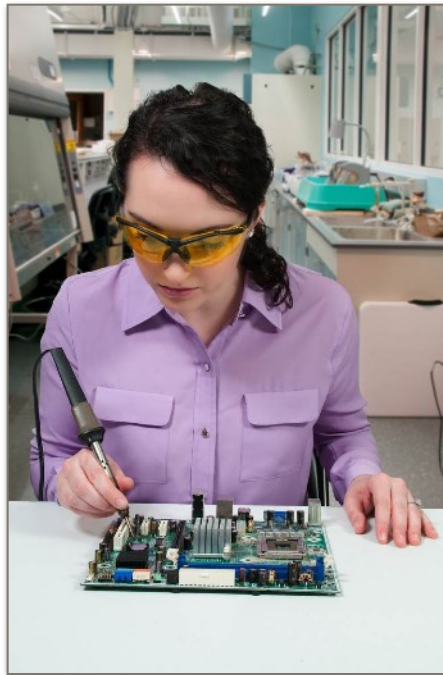
Bruce Pollock N8WWX

Spence Schubbe N8AP
Mark Sharef WQ8S

George Verucic W8CO

John Wilson K8TTI

What is wrong with this picture ?



Obviously, neither the young lady, the photographer, nor the editor knew anything about soldering.

How many things can you find in this photo that are wrong?

Bring your thoughts to the April LARK meeting!



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NEXT LARK MEETING:
April 13, 2017

www.W8LRK.org
Net 146.680, Sundays @ 9 p.m.
Club Call: W8LRK

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub maintains the 146.680 (negative offset, 1622 CTCSS) and Also the 444.525 (positive offset, 100.0 CTCSS) repeaters in Livingston County.

LARK Meetings:
Second Thursday of each month @
Livingston County Central Dispatch
300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI. 48844

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President: Jim K8JK
Vice President: Van N8GVD
Secretary: Karen KB8AKC
Treasurer: Patrick. W8LNO
Program Director: Bob K8VQC
Tech Director: Les. W8MSP
Member-at-Large: John KD8CCR

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