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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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President's Corner 1	Thanks to all who attended the LARC Christmas Party. And a special thank you to John and Judy, who were our hosts for the second year in a row. It was great seeing the club members and of course, the food was excellent.
Hamfests & Swaps 2 Elmer Hotline Miscellaneous Notes	Even though the new year has just begun, the LARC swap committee has already been hard at work sending our vendor letters, announcements to clubs and organizations, and ironing out the details with the City of Livonia. This year, the swap will be in the same place - Livonia Civic Park Senior Center - on February 20th. Applications for tables are already showing up at the P.O. Box. We will need volunteers for setup on Saturday night and teardown on Sunday afternoon, as well as help throughout the swap. This is our club's major fundraiser and we need your help. If you can take the time to help us for a few hours on either Saturday night (setup) or Sunday morning (during the actual swap), please let me or another board member know. If you have any suggestions for vendors or places to advertise our swap, please let us know ASAP.
Special Events 3	Elections will be held at the February meeting. If you would like to run for any of the offices, or have someone who you think should be nominated, please bring it up to any of the board members. All elected positions are fair game and your club officers could use a break, so don't be shy about running for an office or making a nomination.
DX News 4	Just a reminder, that dues for 2011 are due at the January meeting. You can pay Doris at the meeting, at a breakfast or send in your check to the P.O. Box. Just remember, you cannot vote or run for office if your 2011 dues are not paid.
	Sometimes I hear someone say that they'd like to learn more about a certain topic or that the club should be taking part in an activity that we normally don't do. At any time during the year, if you have any suggestions for future presentations or activities, or have any comments about the club, please let us know. If you don't have our specific e-mail addresses, send suggestions to the club's e-mail address: k8uns@arrl.net.
<p>IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p>Meeting Jan. 24 Memberships expire Dec. 31 LARC SWAP Feb. 20 Dayton May 20</p>	We need Net Controls for the LARC 2-Meter Net. Contact Dave, KC8YWT, our Net Control Coordinator and let him know that you want to be a net control. It's a fun, educational and rewarding venture, and Dave will set you up with all the scripts, net log, etc.
<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>7:30 pm Monday January 24th 2011 Livonia Civic Center Library East Wing Meeting Room</p>	One of the things that makes our club great is the diversity and breadth of knowledge of our club members. It's also great to see and hear of our club members sharing this vast knowledge with other members. All of this being coordinated without a formal mentoring program in place. The information we pass along is invaluable to newer and not so new hams in our community. Do you know of someone who has just gotten their license or could use mentoring in a particular subject? Invite them to one of our meetings or breakfast gatherings and show them how we can help answer their questions to make the hobby more beneficial to them. Our club has a lot to offer. Why not share this expertise with hams who might need it. 73, Mike, N8MR

**LIVONIA REPEATER ▪ 145.35 PL 100HZ ▪ ECHOLINK W8WQU-R
 LARC 2-METER NET EVERY THURSDAY 8:00PM LOCAL TIME**

Hamfests and Conventions

02/12/2011 | [Cherryland ARC Swap-n-Shop](#)

Location: Traverse City, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://cherrylandarc.com>

02/20/2011 | [Livonia ARC Swap-N-Shop](#)

Location: Livonia, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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

03/19/2011 | [Crossroads Hamfest](#)

Location: Marshall, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html>

04/02/2011 | [ARGYL Hamfest](#)

Location: Lowell, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (

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

04/16/2011 | [Milford Swap and Shop](#)

Location: Highland, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk>

05/07/2011 | [Cadillac Hamfest](#)

Location: Cadillac, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Wexauke ARC

Website: <http://www.wexaukearc.org/index.html>

06/19/2011 | [Monroe Hamfest](#)

Location: Monroe, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association

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

08/06/2011 | [UP Hamfest 2011](#)

Location: Escanaba, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.dcars.org/Learn More>

Elmer Hotline!

Starting out on a particular mode or stumped by technical problems with your equipment? Are you hesitant to bring up their problems at meetings or breakfasts? Bring your questions regarding a piece of equipment or a new mode to the Elmer Hotline: (President@livoniaarc.com). We will get you connected to someone who has the expertise you need.

During the open discussion period of our 2-Meter Net on Thursdays is also a great time to contact someone that could help answer a question or give you a hand with a problem you might be having with your equipment.

Miscellaneous Notes

Our Thursday night net has added an open discussion period and all members are encouraged to stay on frequency after they have checked in and join the discussion period. Ours is an informal net with the intent to provide an opportunity for amateur operators to share topics of interest so stick around, if you can, and share your current radio projects, equipment changes or issues, or any thing else you would like to share with your LARC friends. Please also remember that Net Control Operators are always needed. Contact Dave KC8YWT to get your name on the list. It's fun and you will be helping to maintain our 2-meter net.

Time To Plan Ahead

Now is the time to start planning for three big events that are coming this first part of 2011:

1. LARC Swap meet, February 20th.
2. The Hamvention in Dayton, May 20th to 22nd.
3. ARRL Field Day, June 25th to 27th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

02/05/2010 | Commemorating Groundhog Day

Feb 5, 1400Z-2100Z, K3HWJ, Punxsutawney, PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.245 147.390 146.715. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd, Reynoldsville, PA 15851.

01/28/2011 | Cromer Life Boat -- Sea Over Sand and SOS Radio Week

Jan 28-Jan 30, 0000Z-2359Z, GB4CLB, Cromer, Norfolk, GREAT BRITAIN. Norfolk County RAYNET. 80 m SSB CW RTTY . QSL. via bureau , or direct to Terry Owen, G4PSH, Touchwood, The Street, Sutton, Norwich Norfolk NR12 9RF, GREAT BRITAIN.
www.norfolkcraynet.org.uk/page92.html

01/29/2011 | Palm Springs Hamfest 2011

Jan 29, 0100Z-0800Z, WD6RAT, Palm Springs, CA. Desert RATS Club of Palm Springs. 14.251 7.240 3.672. QSL. Desert RATS Club, 11445 Western Ave, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. Held in conjunction with our ARRL Sponsored Hamfest desertrats.am

01/29/2011 | Kansas 150th Birthday

Jan 29, 1600Z-2100Z, KS0KS, Olathe, KS. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.250 10.120. QSL. Dan Reed, 29545 west 152nd TER, Gardner, KS 66030.

01/29/2011 | 52nd anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly

Jan 29-Feb 6, 1500Z-0400Z, W5B, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. W5B, 109 N. Pontiac Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416. www.amcrc.com/w5b

02/03/2011 | Washington County Sportsmen Show

Feb 3-Feb 6, 1200Z-1800Z, W3C, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications Inc. 14.250 7.225. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, 60 Carl Ave B2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. Help us show to the general public at this local shopping mall that Amateur Radio is fun. This is our 11 th year at this special event. www.wacomarc.org

02/05/2011 | Columbia Special Event Station

Feb 5, 1500Z-2100Z, W5NAC, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club. 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, 167 County Rd 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. www.w5nac.com

02/06/2011 | Thomas Edison Birthday

Feb 5-Feb 6, 1500Z-2100Z, NI8G, Milan, OH. Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club. 28.370 21.270 14.270 7.270. QSL. Jack Hubbard, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. ni8n1@yahoo.com

02/12/2011 | Women Marines Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday and Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910

Feb 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Radio Operations Room. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK31 14.070 D-STAR 012C and 2 m/70 cm SOCAL rpters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. kk6fz@arrl.net

02/19/2011 | 7th Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event

Feb 19, 1400Z-2200Z, W0EBB, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club. 14.285 14.060 7.285 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. w0ebb@juno.com

02/19/2011 | Commemoration of the 66th anniversary of the Battle for IWO JIMA and the Flag Raisings. Feb 19-Feb 20, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. #10 SASE for card; \$1 no envelope for certificate.

02/23/2011 | Leo Meyerson (W0GFQ) special event station

Feb 23-Feb 24, 1800Z-2359Z, W0G, Palm Springs, CA. QCWA, Leo Meyerson, Chapter 154, Greater Palm Springs Area. 14.265. Certificate. QSL to operator , contacted, Various . Honoring Mr. Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, who celebrating his 100th birthday. Leo is founder/owner of W.R.L (World Radio Laboratories) of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is famous for the GLOBE line of amateur radio equipment. Times are daily. popeye67@msn.com

DX NEWS

PERU, OA. Martijn, PA3GFE will be QRV as OA4/homecall beginning December 28 for one month. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 15 meters, and possibly 80 meters, using mainly CW and digital modes. QSL to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Jack, NP2OR is QRV as 5X7JD from Masaka until May 25. He is active on 40 and 20 meters using SSB every day from 0500 to 1550z. QSL to home call.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Special event station A60ISG is QRV until February 13 to commemorate the 4th International Scouting Gathering in Sharjah. QSL via IZ8CLM.

NAURU, C2. Dieter, DJ2EH and Anneli, DL8NBH are QRV as C21DL and C21YL, respectively, until February 14. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. They will also operate using RTTY with callsign C21YL. QSL to home calls.

BAHAMAS, C6. Randy, W6SJ is QRV as C6AWS from Grand Bahama Island until February 10. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW. QSL to home call.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. Siegfried, DK9FN, Hans, DG1FK and Bernhard, DL2GAC will be QRV as H40FN, H40FK and H40MS, respectively, from Ngarando Reef, Swallow Island, IOTA OC-065, from February 6 to 19. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, digital modes and SSB, respectively. QSL H40MS and H40FK to home calls and H40FN via HA8FW.

ECUADOR, HC. Rick, NE8Z will be QRV as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Pichincha Province, HC1MD/HC1 from Mt. Pichincha and HC1MD/HC4 from Punta Blanca, Manabi Province from February 8 to 24. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via K8LJG.

OGASAWARA ISLAND, JD1. Operators JM1YGG/JD1, JA2ZL/JD1, JD1BMV and JD1BNB will be QRV as Chichijima Island, IOTA AS-031, from February 6 to 14. Activity will be on 80 to 12 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL M1YGG/JD1 and JA2ZL/JD1 to home calls, JD1BMV via JK1EBA and JD1BNB via JA3MCA.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Goose, W8AV will be QRV as PJ2/home call from Curacao, IOTA SA-006, from February 9 to 22. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and RTTY. This includes a possible entry in the upcoming CQ WPX RTTY contest. QSL via operator's instructions.

PALAU, T8. Mike, JA6EGL and Hiro, JA6KYU will be QRV as T88SM and T88HS, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, from February 10 to 16. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls.

BRUNEI, V8. Kanzi, JA4ENL is QRV as V85NL until February 8. Activity is on several HF bands, including 160 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

CAMBODIA, XU. John, 9M6XRO is QRV as XU7XRO from Sihanoukville until February 9. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0URX.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Mirek, VK6DXI is QRV as Z21DXI from Bulawayo until February 13. Activity is in his spare time. QSL via SP5UAF.

SRI LANKA, 4S. Mats, SM6LRR will be QRV as 4S7LRG from January 22 to February 4. Activity will be mainly on 160, 80 and 40 meters. This includes a possible entry in the upcoming CQ WW 160-Meter DX contest. QSL to home call.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been active on 40 and 17 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

MALTA, 9H. John, G8HWI is QRV as 9H3JS until January 30. Activity is mainly on 20 meters using PSK31 with low power. QSL to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Nigel, G4KIU is QRV as E51SC from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, on a permanent basis. He is active on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via E51SC.

SWITZERLAND, HB. Special event call HB60LU is QRV during 2011 to commemorate 60 years of the USKA-Section Luzern. QSL via HB9DWL.

CURACAO, PJ2. Jeff, K8ND and Jim, W8WTS are QRV as PJ2/home calls from Signal Point Contest Station until February 3. They will be active as PJ2T in the upcoming CQ WW 160-Meter DX contest. QSL contest call via N9AG and others to home calls.

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS. Members of the Microlight Penguins will be QRV as VP8ORK from January 27 to February 8. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with seven stations active simultaneously. QSL via operators' instructions.

BRAZIL, PY. Special event station PR150PLM is QRV until January 31 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Brazilian scientist, inventor and radio pioneer Priest Landell de Moura. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via PR7AYE.

PALAU, T8. Tack, JE1RXJ is QRV as T88RX from Koror, IOTA OC-009, until January 26. Activity is holiday style on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB with a focus on low band CW. QSL to home call.