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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

INSIDE THIS ISSUE		<p>I hope you enjoy this latest issue of The Repeater. I'm truly honored to have been asked to be a part of this important facet of the club.</p> <p>All things considered this is your newsletter... this is our newsletter. Take a look around and tell me what works for you. What information do you find helpful? What would you like to see more of?</p> <p>Since this is our newsletter, I want to extend an invitation to everyone to feel free to submit a news story that they would want to share.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How about a new operating mode that you recently tried that you really like. • How about an accomplishment like your WAS award or your new membership #399 & 400 in some HF net that has the largest land dwelling weasel for a mascot! • How about a picture of your station and some details of what makes it uniquely yours. <p>Since it's our club, I think news about us gives the new guys a chance to meet the veterans and just maybe give one of the old timers a new perspective on something us wet behind the ears ham tyoes are doing.</p> <p>Send your musings to kd8pki@arrl.net</p> <p>73 Doug KD8PKI</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES		<p><u>Mark Your Calenders!</u></p> <p>This months meeting is a very important meeting.</p> <p>We are going to be discussing and coordinating the LARC's biggest public outreach to the ham community and consequently an important fundraiser for the club.</p> <p>Everyone's help is going to be needed to make this event a success not only for the club but for all those folks who make it a point to come to our swap.</p> <p>This is a great avenue for attracting new membership, making new friends and catching up with friends we haven't seen for a while.</p> <p>If everyone does a little bit, no one person needs to do a lot!</p>
7:30 PM Monday, Feb 19, 2012 LARC Swap		
Taking Club Hat Orders! At January Meeting		
Saturday Club Breakfast 8 am at Senate Coney Island 39430 Dun Rovin Drive West side of Haggerty between 5 and 6 Mile roads		
NEXT MEETING		
7:30 PM Monday, Jan 23, 2012 Livonia Civic Center Library Topic: LARC Swap		

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LARC 2 METER NET EVERY THURSDAY 8:00PM LOCAL TIME

2011 Sees Tremendous Increase in DXCC Applications

The ARRL Web Site 01/04/2012

With the coming of more sunspots, comes more DX. And when more amateurs are working DX, that means the ARRL's Membership and Volunteer Programs Department -- especially the DXCC Desk and the ARRL Incoming and Outgoing QSL Bureaus -- goes into high gear.

"In 2011, we saw an increase in the number of cards we received from ARRL members that were sent to foreign QSL bureaus, as well as the number of cards we sent out to the bureaus," said DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L. "In addition, the number of DXCC applications -- including those for initial awards and endorsements -- also increased."

"Through December 31, 2011, the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau received 802,500 cards destined for foreign QSL bureaus from ARRL members in the US," said MVP Administrative Manager Sharon Taratula. "This represents an increase of 4 percent over the 2010 number of about 771,900 cards. In 2011, the ARRL shipped 799,675 cards -- or close to 5400 pounds of cards -- to foreign bureaus."

As the number of QSL cards has increased, so have the number of DXCC applications. In 2010, the DXCC Desk processed 7134 applications for initial awards and endorsements; these 2010 applications included 853,462 QSOs. In 2011, the DXCC Desk processed 11,175 applications, containing 1,250,864 QSOs. "Comparing 2010 to 2011, this represents a 47 percent increase in the number of QSOs and a 57 percent increase in the number of applications," Taratula explained. "With all of the year's applications not yet fully processed, we've seen a substantial increase in the number of QSOs over 2010."

How the Bureaus Work

Each day, QSL cards are delivered to the Outgoing QSL Bureau where they are placed in dated bins. They are then sorted by country prefix in according to the date they were received in the Bureau. Every other month, volunteers and ARRL staff assist Outgoing QSL Bureau Associate Rose-Anne Lawrence, KB1DMW, pack up the cards for the most active bureaus and prepare them for shipment. The Outgoing QSL Bureau uses two sizes of cartons for sending QSL cards, depending on the size of the shipment -- either 4 or 20 pound cartons. These

cartons are sent to the bureaus via private shipper. Cards going to less active entities are forwarded every 90 days via USPS First Class International Mail, either in smaller boxes or in a padded envelope.

Within the US, the ARRL Incoming QSL Service is made up of numerous call area bureaus, with one bureau serving each call area. These call area bureaus act as central clearing houses for QSL cards arriving from foreign countries. ARRL volunteers sort all incoming cards according to the number in a call sign, 0-9. Then all the cards are sent to the appropriate call area bureau. Volunteers within each bureau then sort the cards according to the first letter in a call sign's suffix. The cards are then sent to those in the call area who participate in the Incoming QSL Service. While amateurs must be an ARRL member to take advantage of the Outgoing QSL Bureau, membership is not required to receive cards from the Incoming QSL Service.

"There is a definite cycle here in the Bureau," Lawrence said. "We keep really busy all year long, but it really gears up in the fall right around Thanksgiving weekend. It tapers off a little in the spring after contest season when a lot of hams enjoying activities in the nice weather. Hams really do love their QSL cards, and we get to see so many beautiful ones pass through the Bureau."

Lawrence receives help from volunteers in the Bureau: Lisa Zeug, K1UQT, and Michael Zeug, W1YM, are Area 1 letter sorters from Massachusetts who also help out ARRL HQ in the QSL Bureau. Richard Lawrence, KB1DMX, and David Kaplan, WA1OUI, both help with all parts of the Bureau operation at HQ. John Meyer, K9QVB, -- the Area 9 Incoming Manager -- comes to Newington all the way from Illinois to spend a week in May every year, slotting cards all day.

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.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Opportunities

Kevin KD8GVM has opportunities for hams to volunteer their time to help the community by providing emergency communications support for local running events. Please contact Kevin if you are interested in participating at KGilday1285@WowWay.com or 810-499-2415

- Feb 4 Muskrat Run Monroe
- Feb 12 Riverview Winterfest in Riverview
- Feb 29 Leap Year 4 Miler (Night time run) at Willow Metro Park
- Mar 18 Corktown 8 K in Detroit Corktown
- March 25 Rock CF Half Marathon on Grosse Ile
- May 20 Back to the Beach Trail Half Marathon at Stoney Creek Metro Park

These are great opportunities to give back to the community and keep your event participation skills in practice. Your time and participation is always valued by the event coordinators. Stop by the after event celebrations to meet some nice folks – of the ham and non ham variety.

Local Skywarn Training Dates for Spring 2012

This year there will be four sessions available for Skywarn training.

Thursday March 1 at 7 PM to 9:30 PM
Garden City High School
O'Leary Auditorium
6500 Middlebelt Road
Garden City, MI

Friday March 2 at 7 PM to 9:30 PM
Faith United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
2530 Charlton Road
Trenton, MI

Monday March 26 at 7 PM to 9:30 PM
Huron High School
Huron Civic Auditorium
21077 Huron River Drive
Huron Township, MI

Tuesday April 10 7 PM to 9 PM
Livonia Public Library
Main Auditorium
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI



CERT Training Opportunities

Classes are held Monday and Thursday and will start February 13 and will end March 15. The sessions will run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm and ages 16 and up are welcome. Dress for the weather. Some portions of class are held outside, bring a pencil and a smile!

Classes are held at:
Kryzke Senior Center
28255 Mineral Springs
New Boston, MI 48164

For more info contact:
Kristy Novicki Huron Township CERT Coordinator
pknovicki@hotmail.com 734-775-5622

The GCARC: Class for the Extra License.

When: From 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Thursday evenings for 14 weeks, beginning February 16th and ending May 17th
Where: The Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt Road, just south of Ford Road.
All instructional material will be handed out in class at a cost of \$10.00
There will be a \$15.00 exam fee payable on exam night.

Instructors: Mat Breton, AB8JV; and Fred Comps, K8KUZ
Reserve your space by contacting Fred at 734-261-6441 or by emailing k8kuz@aol.com

Hamfests and Conventions

Livonia ARC's 41st Annual Swap & Shop
02/19/2012
Location: Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center
15218 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>
Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100) or 146.52 Simplex

Crossroads Hamfest 2012
03/17/2012
Location: Marshall Activity Center
15325 West Michigan Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html>
Talk-In: 146.660 (PL 94.8)

TMRA Hamfest/Computer Fair
03/18/2012
Location: Owens Community College
30335 Oregon Road
Perrysburg, OH 43551
Website: <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>
Talk-In: 147.27+ (PL 103)

Cork Board

*Editors Note:
I'm passing along this request for equipment
from a fellow ham who provides
communications support for the races
mentioned on Pg 3 Volunteer Opportunities.*

We are in need of a good/
inexpensive dual band mobile to
install in the Radio Trailer. If you
have one let me know, it would
really help if it works.

Stay safe
73
Kevin J Gilday EMT-P (Ret)
KD8GVM

Livonia Amateur Radio Club - 2011

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<u>DX News</u>		<u>Contests</u>
<p>TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. Vlad, UA4WHX is QRV as 4W0VB. Activity has been on 20, 17, 15 and 12 meters using CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Gavin, GM0LVI is QRV as VP2V/GM0LVI from Cooper Island, IOTA NA-023, until January 21. Activity is on 20 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 4 to 2400Z, Feb 5, 2012 CW, Phone, Digital 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, VHF/UHF</p>
<p>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Don, N1DG is QRV as A61AD until January 16. Activity is on the HF bands in his spare time. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>INDIA, VU. Members of the Indian Institute of Hams of Bangalore and the Mangalore Amateur Radio Club are QRV as special event station VU17NYF until January 6 during the 17th National Youth Festival. Activity is on the HF and VHF bands. QSL via bureau.</p>	<p>Black Sea Cup International 1200Z, Feb 4 to 1159Z, Feb 5, 2012 CW, SSB 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m</p>
<p>IRELAND, EI. In celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society, special event station EI80IRTS is QRV during all of 2012, including the upcoming CQ IR contest in March. QSL via EI4GXB.</p>	<p>BURKINA FASO, XT. John, K3QF is QRV as XT2RJA from Ouagadougou until January 18. Activity is on the HF bands and he has been active using CW on 20 meters. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>Classic Exchange, Phone 1400Z, Feb 12 to 0800Z, Feb 13, 2012 AM, SSB, FM 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2m</p>
<p>NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Ante, 9A4DU is QRV as FK/9A4DU from the FK8KA club station. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>LAOS, XW. Larry, XW0ZJZ has been QRV on 20 and 40 meter CW around 1600 and 1700z, respectively. QSL via E21EIC.</p>	<p>North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 12, 2012 SSB 80, 40, 20m</p>
<p>ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB80PW is QRV one day each month in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the magazine Practical Wireless. Activity is on 40 meters using SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to G3XFD.</p>	<p>EL SALVADOR, YS. Luca, IW2CXJ is QRV as YS3/IW2CXJ until January 24. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using all modes. QSL to home call.</p>	<p>ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 13 to 2400Z, Feb 17, 2012 CW/RTTY/Digital, Phone All, except 30, 17, 12m</p>
<p>MALPELO ISLAND, HK0. A group of operators are already QRV as HK0NA in their spare time as they prepare for the team of operators to arrive on the island. So far they have been active on 160, 80, 40, 17 and 12 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via N2OO.</p>	<p>CAYMAN ISLAND, ZF. Operators Newt, N4EWT and Jim, N4BFR are QRV as ZF2KO and ZF2JS, respectively, until January 16. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home calls.</p>	<p>Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2200Z, Feb 18, 2012 Feld Hell 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m</p>
<p>SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Tom, HZ1FI has been QRV on 160 meters around 1800 to 2200z. QSL via DL2RMC.</p>	<p>Jan 12-May 9, 2012 DXCC: DR Congo Callsign: 9Q QSL: UV5EVJ Source: VA3RJ (Jan 5, 2012) Info: By UV5EVJ fm Katanga Province as TBA; 80-10m; CW SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct</p>	<p>Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 20, 2012 CW 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m</p>
<p>BONAIRE, PJ4. A large group of operators are QRV as PJ4C until January 23. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via F9IE.</p>	<p>Jan 17-Jun 13, 2012 DXCC: Afghanistan Callsign: T6JM QSL: CT1FKN Source: CT1FKN (Jan 17, 2012) Info: By CT1FKN; mainly 20m; SSB + digital; QSL OK via Buro or direct</p>	<p>UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 25 to 1300Z, Feb 26, 2012 CW 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m</p>
<p>SUDAN, ST. Robert, ST2AR is usually QRV on 80 and then 40 meters using CW around 0400z. QSL via S53R.</p>	<p>Feb 4-18, 2012 DXCC: Guantanamo Callsign: KG4KL QSL: KG4KL Source: DXW.Net (Jan 3, 2012) Info: By KG4KL; SSTV RTTY SSB</p>	
<p>EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Look for a group of operators to be QRV as T32AU, T32CO, T32LJ, T32TR, T32TX, T32WW and T32XX from Kiritimati Island, IOTA OC-024, from January 17 to February 2. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. They will be QRV as T32XX as a Multi Op entry in the upcoming CQ WW 160 Meter CW contest. QSL via operators' instructions.</p>		

Special Event Stations

01/28/2012 | 164th Anniversary of the Discovery of Gold in California :

Jan 28-Jan 29, 1600Z-2300Z, AG6AU, Coloma, CA. El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club. 21.348 14.248 7.248 AG6AU repeater. QSL. EDCARC, PO Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667. From the Marshall Gold Discovery Site in Coloma, CA. www.edcarc.net

02/03/2012 | 53rd Anniversary of the Death of Buddy Holly :

Feb 3-Feb 5, 1500Z-0400Z, W5B, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. QSL W5B, 109 N Pontiac Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416. www.amrcr.com/w5b

02/04/2012 | Commemorating Groundhog Day at Punxsutawney Airport :

Feb 4, 1400Z-2100Z, K3HWJ, Punxsutawney, PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club. 14.330 7.183 3.845 147.390 PL 173.8. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. sites.google.com/site/punxyhamclub

02/04/2012 | IEARC Radio Day :

Feb 4-Feb 5, 1600Z-0059Z, W6IER, Ontario, CA. Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club. 28.400 14.070. QSL. Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1433, Ontario, CA 91762. Questions/comments, Don at president@w6ier.org. Talk-in frequency will be our 2 meeter repeater, at 145.460 (-) PL=77.0Hz. www.w6ier.org

02/04/2012 | Santa Fe Trail Stagecoach Stop :

Feb 4, 1600Z-2100Z, KS0KS, Olathe, KS. Sante Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. SSB/CW/Digital 10 15 17 20 40 m 28.320 21.320 14.250 7.250. QSL. Dell Sawyer, 1259 E Frontier Ln, Olathe, KS 66062. Operating two stations. sftarc.org

02/04/2012 | Shuttle Columbia Commemorative Special Event Station :

Feb 4, 1500Z-2200Z, W5NAC, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club. 28.540 21.340 14.240 7.240. QSL. NARC, 167 CR 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. w5nac.com

02/08/2012 | 2002 Winter Olympics 10 Year Anniversary :

Feb 8-Feb 28, 2300Z-2300Z, WA7ITZ/W19OG, Salt Lake City, UT. Utah Radio Amateurs. 28.425 21.300 14.250 7.250. QSL. Ray Friess, 1801 Jennifer Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. Send \$1 to cover mailing (postage and envelope).

02/11/2012 | Thomas Edison Birthday Memorial :

Feb 11-Feb 12, 1500Z-2200Z, NI8G, Milan, OH. Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club. 28.385 21.385 14.285 7.285. QSL. Jack Hubbard, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. Times are daily. NI8N1@yahoo.com

02/18/2012 | 67th Anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima and the Flag Raisings :

Feb 18-Feb 19, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. 5 Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. W0FSB ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. send #10 SASE for QSL; \$1, no envelope for certificate.

02/18/2012 | 8th Annual 'Freeze Your Keys' Winter Operating Event :

Feb 18, 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

02/18/2012 | Freeze Your Acorns Off :

Feb 18, 1500Z-2100Z, K8BF, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service. 21.315 14.315 7.215 3.815. Certificate. Al Atkins, KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202. 7th Annual FYAO QRP operating event. www.portcars.org

02/18/2012 | Harry S. Truman :

Feb 18, 1500Z-0000Z, N0HV, Belton, MO. South Side Amateur Radio Club. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Robert Beard, PO Box 1514, Belton, MO 64012. Look for us on CW digital modes. www.southsidearc.net

02/20/2012 | Antarctic Activity Week - 9th Edition :

Feb 20-Feb 26, 0000Z-2359Z, WAP, Worldwide, OT. Worldwide Antarctic Program. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.150. Certificate & QSL. WAP Reference Numbers Worked, Various addresses, Worldwide, OT. This is an all bands, all modes worldwide event celebrating the international scientific work in Antarctica. Certificates may be obtained from the WAP, and QSLs from the WAP-Reference Numbered stations worked. See WAP website for details, or in US you may e-mail questions to kb0mzf@arrl.net. waponline.it

02/22/2012 | Celebrating George Washington's Birthday :

Feb 22, 0001Z-2359Z, WS7G, George, WA. Columbia Basin DX Club. 28.450 28.040 18.135 14.250 14.042 3.880. QSL. Brian J. Nielson, 11650 Road 1 SE., Moses Lake, WA 98837. cbn.homestead.com/WS7G.html

02/26/2012 | Johnny Cash 80th Birthday Celebration :

Feb 26-Feb 27, 1800Z-0200Z, K5NEA, Jonesboro, AR. Northeast Arkansas Radio Club. 28.330 14.260 7.260 3.795. Certificate. Timothy S. Goodrich, N5ASH, 4501 Aggie Rd, Jonesboro, AR 72401. We will be operating at least one station in Johnny Cash's boyhood home of Dyess Colony (Mississippi County), Arkansas. Stations contacting the Dyess Colony station will get a special designation on their certificate. nea-rc.org

From the ARRL Newsletters

Operators to Demo EmComms in Michigan

Muskegon, Michigan - Hundreds of Amateur Radio operators across the country will be displaying their emergency communication capabilities on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The public is invited to step out and view what Amateur Radio communications can do in times of emergencies. The Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR) established a Winter Field Day event in 2007 and invited Amateur Radio operators to participate. Using emergency power, operators will construct, and operate portable emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools, and backyards across the country. Operators will demonstrate long and short range voice, data, and Morse code communications.

In the Muskegon area the Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. (MCECS) and the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council (MAARC) will be demonstrating their communication skills at the Muskegon Conservation Club, North Muskegon, on that Saturday from noon until 7:00 PM. Other groups from around the country are encouraged to join in. -- James Duram, K8COP, Emergency Coordinator, Muskegon County, Michigan

Michigan EmComm Group Selects One of its Own for Award

The Muskegon County (Michigan) Emergency Communication Services, Inc. a local non-profit amateur radio group involved in emergency communications, has awarded Barbara Grob, K9BLG, the Al Ronning Outstanding Service Award. The award is given each December to a member of the group that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to this organization. This recognition is given in memory of Al Ronning, K8AER, who was an inspiration to other members of the group in his tireless effort in public service. Ronning was a member of the group who died in an automobile crash in December, 2006. James Duram, K8COP, Emergency Coordinator, Muskegon County, awarded the plaque to Grob at their December meeting.

Editors note: Kudo's to Muskegon County for an active volunteer organization!

Army MARS and Winlink Update

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According to Pudge Forrester, AAA9GL, government liaison for Army MARS, Lieutenant General Susan Lawrence has reversed the decision to phase out the use of the WinLink 2000 global radio e-mail system by Army MARS members.

Ms Lawrence stated that the Army, after reviewing its capabilities, had decided that the continued use of WinLink 2000 was a valuable asset to Army MARS members and agencies that were using the service. She issued a statement to that effect on December 21, 2011. On January 5, 2012, the Chief of Army MARS officially notified his membership that the phase out notice had been rescinded.

Army MARS members and agencies who had been using the service hailed the decision by Ms Lawrence and resumed use of WinLink 2000.

On the Air: ARRL Requests Feedback for 60 Meter Band Plan

In November 2011, the FCC released a Report & Order detailing new rules for the 5 MHz (60 meters) Amateur Radio band. As of January 12, these rules have not yet been published in the Federal Register. In order to be official, the rules must be published in the Federal Register and will take effect 30 days after the publication date. The R&O brings with it a number of changes for 60 meter operators. Considering the expected increase in 60 meter activity when the R&O finally takes effect, the ARRL is asking for feedback to assist in crafting a proposed band plan. Read more here.