

# LARK NEWS January 2023



*Livermore Amateur Radio Klub LARK is an  
ARRL affiliated club dedicated to Public Service  
Volunteer Emergency Communications.*

*Meetings are once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9:30AM*

***NEW VENUE:*** City of Livermore Meeting Hall  
1016 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore CA 94550

*Available live via zoom by invitation only. Visitors Welcome*

Editor: Roberto Sadkowski K6KM



**Congratulations to  
VAR for being the new  
trustee of the venerable  
LARK BRICK.**

**May the clay be with  
you.**



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## President's Message

I want to take this time to thank Bernie NJ6W for making the coffee and picking up the refreshments for monthly meetings, it is appreciated by all who attend. The December meeting was full of fun with the gifts exchange.

At this meeting we recognized Ron Kane AD6KV for all of his years of dedication and service to LARK with an Honorary Life Membership, thank you Ron for all of your help and direction over the years and we are so glad that this will continue for many more years to come.

I wanted to let you know as the Events Chairperson that the following upcoming events are confirmed for 2023, and I have an update: the following events will be happening, the Livermore Race to the Flagpole will be on Saturday, January 28; Livermore's Half-Marathon will be on Sunday, March 5; and Cinderella will be on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to sign up on the LARK website for these events for which LARK supports. I wanted to thank Ron AD6KV and VE Team for continuing to provide a way for

hams to get their testing completed.

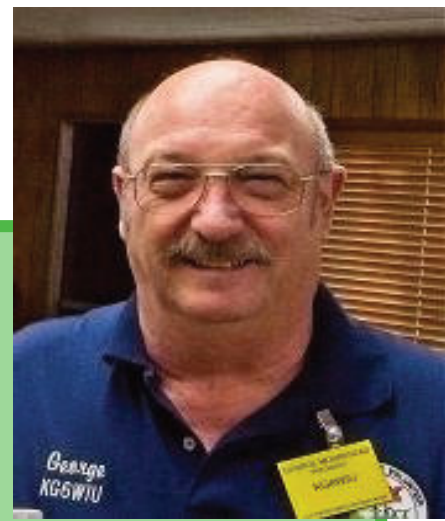
Ian W6TCP continues to work on

enhancing the repeaters for use by all of us so please report any issues to Ian by email.

I encourage you to check in with the LARK Monday, Wednesday (10.10 Windfarms Net), and Thursday night nets, held every week. There are other nets available, and they can be found on the LARK website It is good experience getting on the air. I want to thank Ed Diemer for coordinating the weekly nets. By participating in the nets, you'll hear what is going on in our Ham community We are meeting In-Person at the Livermore City Meeting Hall each month on third Saturday, and we are also offering the meeting on Zoom for those who prefer that way to attend. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season and please stay healthy.

George KG6GEM

(kg6wui1@comcast.net)



## Notes from the Editor

Another year has passed by. I can't believe it's been already 3 years of editing the LARK Newsletter. Thanks to all who contribute monthly to this communication tool for the Klub. Besides articles of Ham related content, there's the Net Schedules, posting on the Website, Director's notes, Meeting notes. As usual, yours truly is open to any suggestions to improve or correct our Newsletter.

Stay alert for the upcoming 3YOJ DXpedition to Bouvet Island. This is a one in 10 year opportunity. While at Hamvention, I had the fortune to meet some of the operators. They are going through rigorous training and planning. I checked a couple of weeks ago and the cargo was at the port of Montevideo in CX waiting to its final voyage to Port Stanley. The crew will fly on a British Royal Air Force plane from London to Port Stanley. Make sure your station is up to this challenge before the crazy pile-ups begin.

It's contest season and some of us who like to operate, (hint, hint) are busy making contacts



all over the world. That's what makes Ham Radio fun. That, and bragging about your logs.

Three community events coming up for those who love to be outdoors, operate in Emergency Communication mode and train for a real disaster situation. This is the longest list I have seen of events since the beginning of the pandemic. Enjoy!

Let's hope for a year full of DX, good propagation and overall good health.

See you on the bands.

**Roberto K6KM**

# LARK Life Membership



With great pleasure and honor to announce that the Board formalized the LARK Life Membership process. The Board will make the decision on approving a LARK Member to become Life Member. The Klub's laws and by-laws will be adhered to for this process.

The Klub has two ways by which a member would become or honored a Life Member status.

1. Anyone who had been a LARK Member for 10 or more years, will have to request the Membership Chairperson for an adjustment of membership status to Life Member, by paying 20 years of membership dues via PayPal or check [in other words: 20 years times current membership dues per year is \$20 which would be a total of \$400.]. Upon receipt of the request, the Membership Chair will submit a filled-in Life Membership Form for the Board to approve. Based on approval, the roster will reflect the status as appropriate, and no more dues will be collected thereon for that member.
2. A LARK Member whose service to the Klub had been exceptional value, the Board would award the Member an Honorary Life Member status. The by-law permits no more than two members to be converted to Life Member status within a calendar year. The adjustment of membership status could happen at any part of the year.

## Ron Kane: AD6KV LARK Life Member



**Ron Kane – AD6KV has been awarded Honorary LARK Life Member. Ron has been a Member of LARK for over 40 years and had been the backbone of the Klub. To mention just a few of his contributions, he dedicated his call sign to our local repeater and managed it for a long time. He had held vital leadership positions and continues to contribute from the sideline. A huge advocate on engaging youngsters and kids on various projects – like balloon launch with APRS trackers, as one example. His ability to educate and encourage others around in HAM radio shows in the strength of the Klub today. He also spearheaded Emergency Communications for LARK, ran innovations at Hubs, the Klub activities, HAM testing and many more.**

**During the Holiday Party Meeting Ron received the well-deserved recognition. Congratulations Ron!!!**

# LARK Board Meeting Notes



## LARK Board Meeting | December 15, 2022 | Minutes

**Attendees:** George, Chris, Ryan, Roger, Var, David, Nate

**Absent:** Ian, Bernie, Jerry

### Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by George at 7:02 PM.

### Treasure's Report - George

1. Club funds are good.
2. Membership dues are coming in.

### Events - George

1. Confirmed LARK supported event on January 28<sup>th</sup>: Race to the Flagpole.
2. Cinderella 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 which is the same day as the monthly club meeting and annual elections. We need to consider if we should cancel our regular meeting.
3. Propose a change to the By-Laws regarding holding the club elections within a three-month period. Changes will be presented in February.
4. Board to review changes to By-Laws in January.

### Membership - Var

1. Membership drive for 2023 is good.
2. 190 members, 90 members have paid for 2023 so far.
3. Phone calls and emails will be made in January for members who have not paid.

### December Meeting - George

1. Ron AD6KV has bought prizes and gifts to be given out from the club
2. White elephant and gift exchange during December Meeting
3. Jerry will send out a reminder that you need to be present to win and additional rules. Online Zoom will be for spectators only.
4. Food and drinks allowed in the meeting room as long as we keep it clean

### Life Membership Application Form - Var

1. Board made comments and edits to the application form
2. To apply as a Life Member, interested applicant shall contact the Membership Chair for the application form

### Life Member Certificate - Roger

1. Roger presented draft of the Life Member Certificate
2. The board has approved awarding the Honorary Life Membership to Ron Kane AD6KV at the Saturday meeting.

### Meeting Update - George

1. Condensed the December Monthly Meeting Agenda

### Adjournment

1. George adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

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Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM)- LARK Secretary

# LARK Meeting Notes



## LARK General Meeting | December 17, 2022 | Minutes

### Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by George KG6GEM at 9:36 AM.
2. George started introductions, first of In-Person attendees and then Zoom attendees.
3. In person: 30 / 6 on Zoom / 0 guests (36 total)

### Life Membership Presentation

1. Introduced Ron Kane AD6KV as a Honorary Life Membership
2. Ron has been a club member for more than 40 years
3. Ron has served as a President, Vice President, Secretary, ARES/RACES Coordinator, and VE Coordinator and other assorted responsibilities over the years.
4. He was presented with a new badge with Honorary Life Membership insignia and a certificate of recognition for his service to LARK.

### Events - George KG6GEM

1. January 28<sup>th</sup> Race to the Flagpole
2. March 5<sup>th</sup> Livermore Half Marathon
3. April 15<sup>th</sup> Cinderella Bike Ride
4. All signups are available on the LARK website

### Membership - Var KM6TAB

1. Renew memberships now for 2023 see Var KM6TAB
2. Reminders will be sent out soon
3. In January personal reminders will be issued for unpaid members
4. 190 members and have about 90 paid for 2023

### Old Business

1. Minutes from November meeting approved unanimously

### VE Sessions - Ron AD6KV

1. General test after the meeting today

### Klutz Award Nominations

1. Nate N8MOR nominated AJ6XX did not have his antenna grounded and was shocked on 20 meters
2. Nomination approved and will be presented at the January meeting

### Presentation

1. George introduced Santa Ron AD6KV for the gift exchange
2. Var KM6TAB received the Brick
3. Stan KD6SS got the obnoxious singing ornament

### Adjournment

1. George KG6GEM adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM
2. Have a great and safe Holiday!

Minutes submitted by:

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Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM)- LARK Secretary



# Community Events Supported by LARK

## Race to the Flagpole Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

This morning's event includes a 5K run/walk, a 10K run, and a 1-mile fun run. All events start and finish at Livermore's Independence Park. The 5K and 10K runs also use trails in Sycamore Grove Park. The two parks are linked by a bike path. This event is HT compatible, and only one or two mobile rigs or pole mounted antennas are needed. The Livermore-Granada Boosters Club sponsors this event to raise funds for scholarships for high school athletes in Livermore.



Hours: 7am to 1pm

Ham Radio Coordinator: John Street WB6ETY  
wb6ety@sbcglobal.net

### PLACE

Independence Park  
2798 Holmes Street  
Livermore, CA US 94550

Sign Up online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-race>

# Community Events Supported by LARK

## Livermore Half Marathon - Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

This 13.1 mile run goes from downtown Livermore to Sycamore Grove Park and back to downtown Livermore. Ham radio volunteers provide communications for needed supplies and emergencies as needed. The event should conclude around noon. The hours should be from 7am to about noon.

The event web page is:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Livermore/LivermoreValleyHalf>

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!



Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-livermore>

# Community Events Supported by LARK

**Cinderella Bicycle Classic      Saturday, April 15, 2023**

The Cinderella Classic, Challenge and Short rides are 65/100/35-mile recreational bicycle ride (not a race) for women & girls only. Males do not ride the Cinderella; they do the organization, support, rest stops and SAGs for the Cinderella's. This event provides the opportunity for all hams of any experience to provide support from different assignments. The assignments are Stationary, SAGs, and Shuttles. Most assignments can be done with a HT. We encourage you to volunteer for this very worthwhile public service event. LARK has supported this event for many years.



## Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club

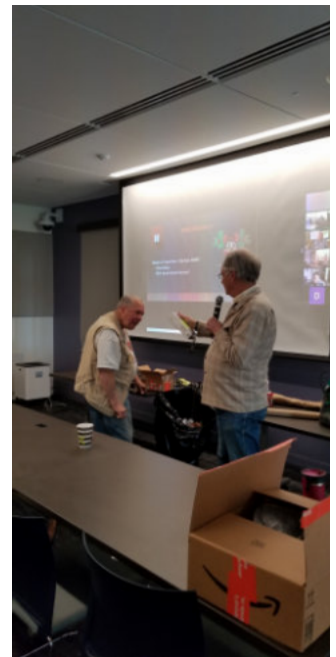
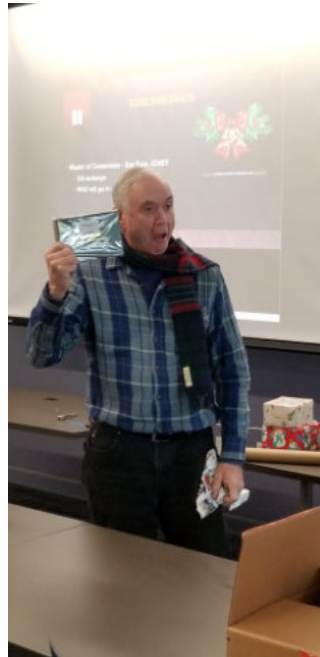
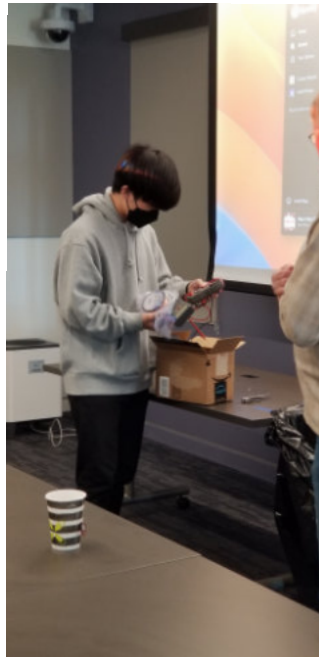
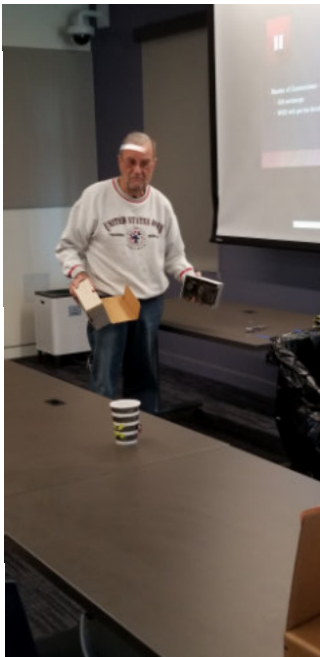
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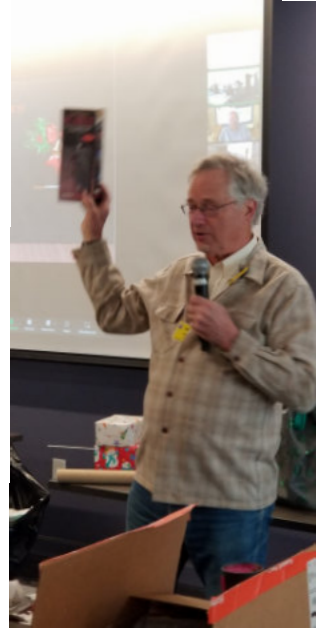
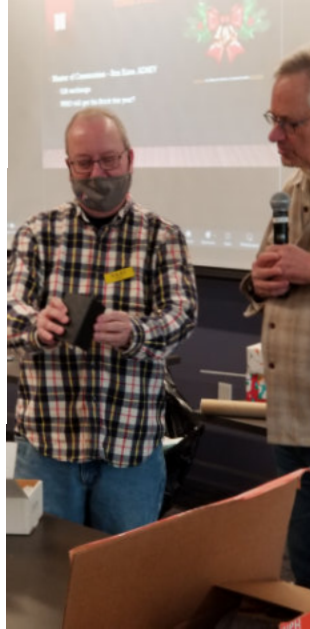
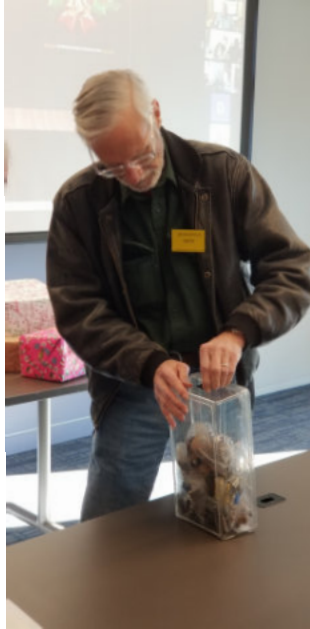
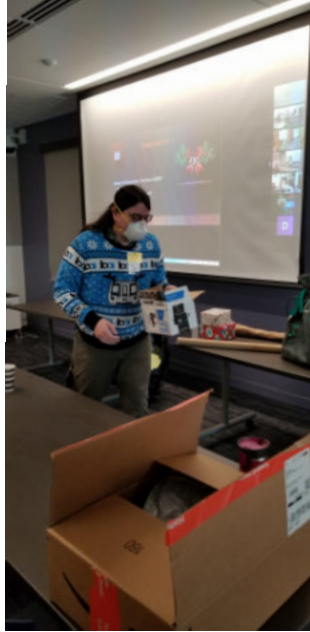
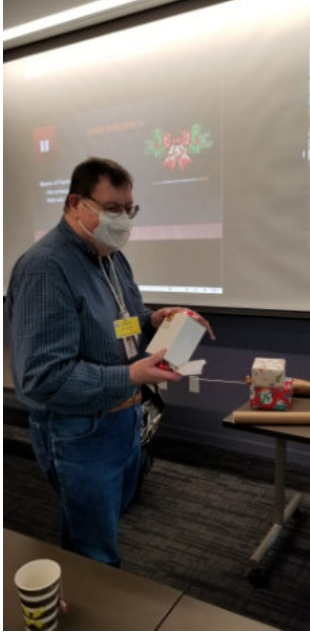
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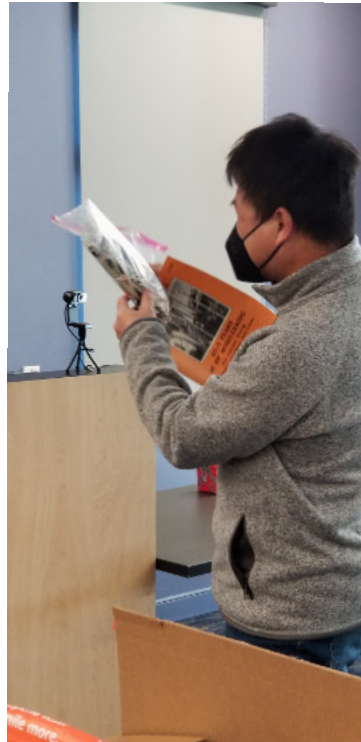
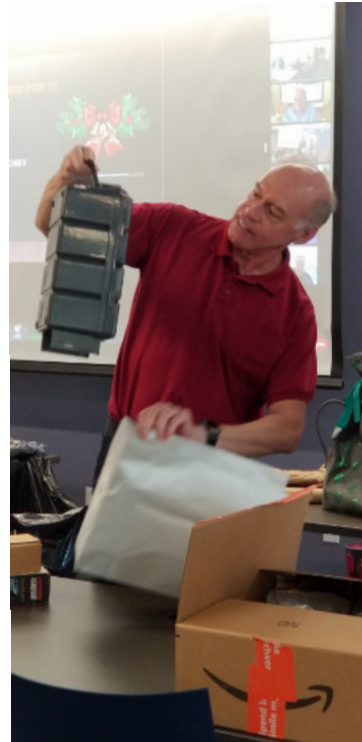
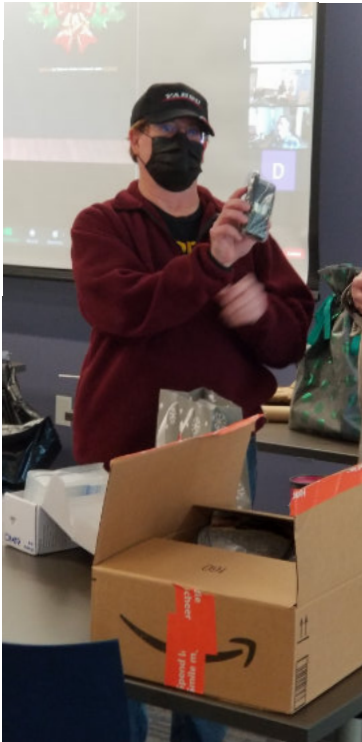
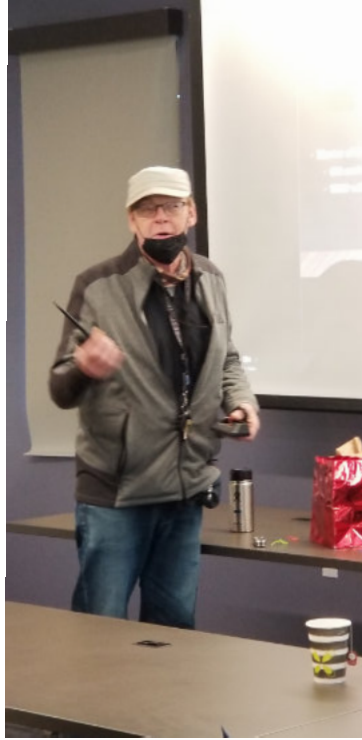
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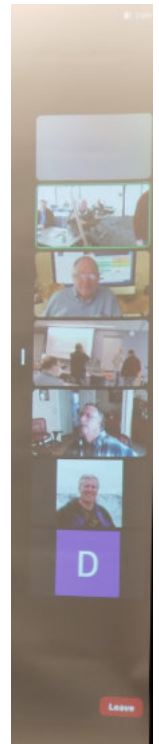
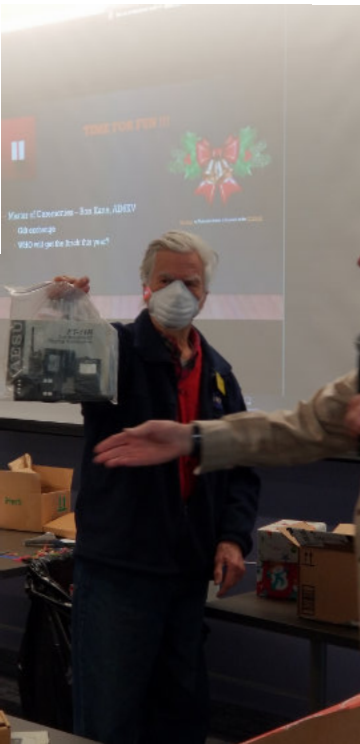
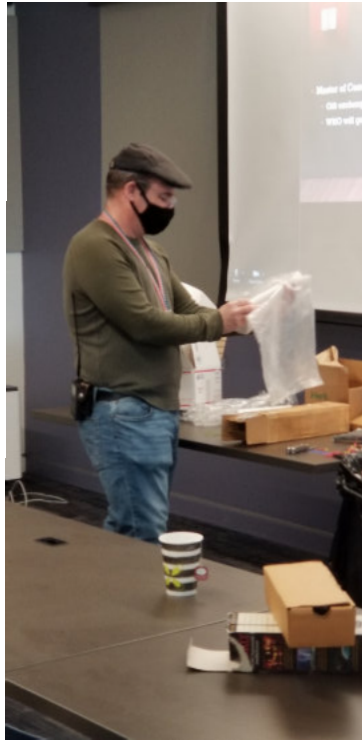
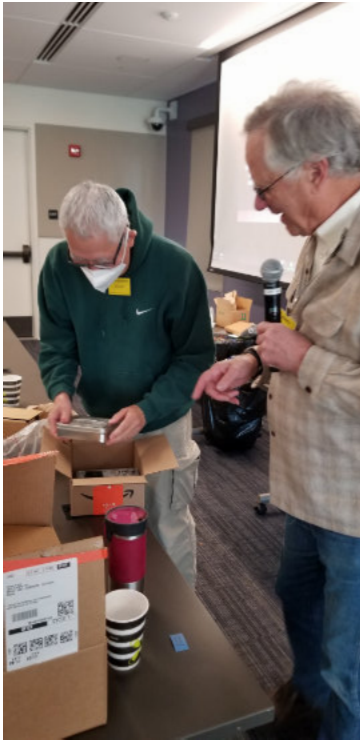
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# LARK Holiday (White Elephant) Party 2022









## **CQ World Wide CW - Roberto K6KM**

**Or: "How to make DXCC in less than 24hrs and with a good night sleep"**

Last year I participated in this contest from Gary's: NA6O and Ian's: W6TCP station: W6SRR. It was a lot of fun and I made DXCC on the weekend on 800 QSOs. Checkout my report in the January 2022 LARK Newsletter.

My progression of QSOs has been:

2020: 22

2021: 400

2022: 800

This time I raised the bar a bit and wanted to score 1000 QSOs.

Family was alerted and accepted the reality that this was going to happen. The whole 48 hours were blocked but I would operate mostly during daylight hours as the low bands are not great right now and station's forte is on the high bands. Also I could get a nice 8 hour night sleep (8 hourish).

The beginning of the Contest was as usual, a blast. Propagation was very decent, participation healthy. 40m behaved and I swept EU not without the normal East Coast wall hurdle. 80m poor but enough to score Madeira Island and Japan. 160m poor as expected but I managed to make contact with a station in Honduras that was calling CQ idle and spent the time to copy me.

Saturday was a morning blast with an epic opening to EU on 15m and 20m. 10m was not great to EU at all this time. The solar flux has been coming down from the 170's to 110s and that hurt 10m propagation. Good news is that the geomagnetic field was very quiet for most of the weekend.

After the noon lunch and some world cup soccer entertainment I returned for some JA and SA action. JA was everywhere and easy to work. That is our advantage on the West Coast. I still have to figure out why JA's send their call sign twice when calling CQ. Seems like a lot of time wasted. Late afternoon 40m was not as nice as the previous day but managed to keep the count. Sunday morning had a decent opening to EU but with obviously fewer stations. Afternoon the JA's were on their Monday morning, so many had gone to work.

Saturday afternoon I checked and I was DXCC=101, so DXCC in less than 24 hours with 8 hour sleep. Final DXCC count 113. Some other interesting statistics: 30% of QSOs from EU. 20% from JA.

This is one of my favorite contests as it's CW and DX.

Thanks to Ian and Gary for the use of their fine Remote Station.



Score - 1,355,193 Points

Contest: CQMMCW

Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty	Pt/Q
1.8	8	13	5	4	1.6
3.5	33	74	11	13	2.2
7	181	504	27	63	2.8
14	298	840	31	87	2.8
21	390	1113	31	96	2.9
28	195	543	23	48	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>3087</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2.8</b>

Score: 1,355,193  
1 Mult = 2.5 Q's

Rescore



# January 2023

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
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2	3	4	5	6	7 RTTY Roundup	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Ham Breakfast	19	20	21 LARK Meeting	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**LARK MON. NIGHT NET ON: 147.120 MHZ + offset,**  
**PL 100 AD6KV.**  
**Every Monday 7 PM local time.**  
**Visitors welcome to join in.**

# Net Control Operator Schedules

## Monday Night Net Control Operator Schedule

January

February

March

DAY	OP	NAME
02	AD6KV	Ron
09	EOC	
16	AE6D	Ed
23	WB6ETY	John
30	WB6AEA	Jon

DAY	OP	NAME
6	AD6KV	Ron
13	EOC	
20	AE6D	Ed
27	WB6ETY	John

DAY	OP	NAME
6	WB6AEA	Jon
13	EOC	
20	AD6KV	Ron
27	AE6D	Ed

EVERYONE is invited to check in to the net. Please contact AE6D [ae6d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ae6d@sbcglobal.net) if you need more information or would like to become a Net Control Operator. After the net please call Ed AE6D with the AC/DC statistics or send him the information by email.

## Thursday Night Net Control Operator Schedule

Date	Weekday	Primary Net Control	Backup Net Control	Topic
1/5/2023	Thursday	Nate/N8MOR	Bill/AJ6UU	New Comer, General Discussion:
1/12/2023	Thursday	Rich/KN6HSR	Nate/N8MOR	Easy Tech Discussion:
1/19/2023	Thursday	David/K6WOO	Rich/KN6HSR	General Discussion:
1/26/2023	Thursday	Bill/AJ6UU	David/K6WOO	Advanced Tech Discussion
2/2/2023	Thursday	Noah/AJ6XK	Bill/AJ6UU	New Comer, General Discussion:
2/9/2023	Thursday	Peter/AI6RG	Noah/AJ6XK	Easy Tech Discussion:
2/16/2023	Thursday	Brian/KA6ZED	Peter/AI6RG	General Discussion:
2/23/2023	Thursday	Nate/N8MOR	Brian/KA6ZED	Advanced Tech Discussion
3/2/2023	Thursday	Rich/KN6HSR	Nate/N8MOR	New Comer, General Discussion:
3/9/2023	Thursday	David/K6WOO	Rich/KN6HSR	Easy Tech Discussion:
3/16/2023	Thursday	Bill/AJ6UU	David/K6WOO	General Discussion:
3/23/2023	Thursday	Noah/AJ6XK	Bill/AJ6UU	Advanced Tech Discussion
3/30/2023	Thursday	Nate/N8MOR	Noah/AJ6XK	New Comer, General Discussion:

## Regularly Scheduled Nets

Net Name	Frequency	Time	Frequency
LARK/LIVERMORE NET	Every MON.	1900 local 147.120+	PL 100
RACES Net 7pm	Every MON.		
Windfarms 10-10 NET	Every WED.	1930 local 28.485	USB
LARK TECH NET	Every THURS.	1930 local 147.120+	PL 100
LLNL Retiree Net	Every FRI 8:30 am	0830 local	7.2630 LSB
SWOT	Every Sun. & Tues.	2000 LOCAL	144.250 USB
THE NOON TIME NET	EVERY DAY	1200-1400 LOCAL	7.2685 LSB & 3970 LSB
RV RADIO NET	MON-FRI	0800-0930 LOCAL	7.2685 LSB

# LARK CONTACTS 2023

**LARK—LIVERMORE AMATEUR RADIO KLUB P.O. BOX 3190,  
LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3190. Web: <http://www.livermoreARK.org>.  
E-mail list: [livermoreark@groups.io](mailto:livermoreark@groups.io)**

**GET YOUR HAM LICENSE OR UPGRADE.** LARK conducts all levels of license testing (upon request) at the Livermore City Council Chambers following club meetings (3rd Sat. each month). Contact Ron Kane, AD6KV (AD6KV at arrl.net) 2 weeks in advance.

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Swap n Shop	Richard Combs	KN6HSR	KN6HSR@arrl.net	



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Meetings 3rd Wednesdays. Remillard RM 3333 Busch Rd. Pleasanton.

# LARK Membership Form



**LARK LIVERMORE AMATEUR RADIO KLUB.**

**P.O. BOX 3190, LIVERMORE, CA 94551-3190**

**An ARRL Affiliated Club**

LARK MEMBERSHIP FORM - Print, fill out, mail in with check.	
Circle all that apply: New / Renewing / Family    Today's Date: _____	
NAME: _____	
CALL SIGN: _____	
ARRL MEMBER? Yes / No	
Address: _____	
PHONE: (     )     -	
UNLISTED? ___ YES ___ NO	
Enter your E-mail here and stay connected: _____ LARK NEWS featuring upcoming club events and articles is available monthly via email. <a href="http://www.livermoreark.org/">http://www.livermoreark.org/</a> Access the current and back issues on our website.	
ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (At the same mailing address, only \$2. membership per person)	
NAME	
PHONE	
EMAIL	
ARRL MEMBER	
ANNUAL DUES # _____ PRIMARY (\$20.00) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS # _____ (\$2.00 each)	
TOTAL: \$ _____ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LARK. Thank You.	
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