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Consider adding your name to the: <u>LARK Editors Hall of Fame</u> If nobody steps up to the task, next month will

be <u>the last LARK Newsletter</u>. It has happen before.

LARK NEWS December 2023



<u>Livermore Amateur Radio Klub LARK</u> is an ARRL affiliated club dedicated to Public Service Volunteer Emergency Communications. **Meetings are once a month on the 3rd Saturday 9:30AM**

<u>NEW VENUE</u>: 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

Pacificon Frenzy at 6AM Swap Meet



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Presidential Message

We are into the fall season and Thanksgiving. We are thankful for the efforts of the dedicated members who volunteer in so many ways to serve the community and support the hobby.

We recently saw a great turnout for the Pacificon event and Habitat For Humanity where over \$600,000 was raised. These events could not take place without the support of you the radio volunteers.

Other volunteers keep our club station repeaters operating for long range communications capabilities. Volunteers pour their hours, technical knowledge and experience into maintaining and constantly improving the existing systems that are in daily use.

The range of club activities is wide, and we can always use a helping hand along the way. We urge members to seek out what interests them and pitch in for the benefit of fellow members and the community. If you have radio related projects that you would like help with know that the members are available.

Remember to not only turn on that radio but push the PTT and communicate with others.

We live in a great area and we have much more in common than some politicians and social media groups would like us to believe. They thrive on division and crises which are less important to our overall success and satisfaction than they think.

Hope to see you at the December gift exchange meeting, feel free to invite friend's to the event.

So keep on communicating and participating! Silence is not golden. Light up those silent frequencies!

Notes from the Editor

Just read page 1.

Roberto

K6KM



Board Meeting Minutes



LARK Board Meeting | August 14, 2023 | Minutes

Attendees: Chris, Ryan, Jerry, Bernie, Nate, Roger Absent: David, George

Call to Order

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chris at 7:34 PM.
- Treasure's Report Bernie
 - 1. The club's finances are solid.
 - 2. Ian placed another order of ham shack hotlines.

Repeaters - Nate

- 1. WA60DP: Assume batteries are out of service until a site visit can be made.
- 2. AD6KV: Ian will work on all-star link between AD6KV and W6SRR.

Activities - Jerry

- 1. Presentations through the February 2024 monthly meeting are covered.
- 2. Is there interest in a field trip to the Pt. Reyes radio station?
- Chris: How analog radio can participate in Allstar, PG&E Presentation, New SRV Fire CS131 equipment. Nate: Foxhunt and DIY Directional Antennas

Events - Chris

- Race to the Flagpole 1/27, Livermore Half Marathon 3/3, Cinderella Bicycle Classic 4/13
- 2. Nate holding a get on the air event on Tuesday 11/14.

Newsletter – Nate

- 1. Take a poll and see if membership is interested
- 2. Mailchimp is an option

Christmas - Nate

1. No club member or any other person will ask for gift cards over email or phone.

2. Roger motioned and Jerry seconded to allocate \$600 for Holiday Party Gift Exchange

Patches – Roger

- Patches will require some more research need to find cost effective fully embroidered options
- 2. Roger has the artwork for the patches

General - Roger

- Nate asked for a template for business cards. Roger said Ron Kane was last the one to have printed.
- 2. Roger has the artwork for the patches

Adjournment

1. Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM) - LARK Secretary

Monthly Meeting Minutes



LARK General Meeting | November 18, 2023 | Minutes

Call to Order

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chris W6CJQ at 9:30am.
- Chris started introductions, first of In-Person attendees and then Zoom attendees and welcomed the many guests in the audience from Livermore Pleasanton CERT
- 3. 33 Members / 6. Zoom / 9 Guests = 48 Total attending the meeting.

Presentation

 Chris introduced Geoffrey Abreu K6ERA for his presentation: Demo of new Alinco Products

Treasure's Report - Bernie NJ6W

- 1. The club financials are in good order.
- 2. Start submitting your dues for 2024.
- 3. Ian W6TCP has brought in additional Ham Shack Hotline Phones for \$26
- 4. Badges will be available for pickup.

Activities - Jerry N5KA

- 1. December: Holiday White Elephant Gift exchange
- 2. Less than 10 people have taken the PG&E course so Jerry will try to schedule.
- 3. Looking for speakers for 2024, any ideas please contact Jerry.
- 4. February: Talk on Marconi Experiments

Events – David KG6WIR

- ARRL Class 329 Tools to leverage communications presented by Hawaii Instructors at OES in Dublin, no cost to attendees and materials will be provided. Class is now full.
- 2. January 24th Large Scale Power Outage 9am-12pm zoom class
- 3. February 22nd Flash Flood 9am-12pm zoom class

Newsletter – Roberto K6KM

 Looking for a Newsletter editor, comes with software and free training starting. Ianuary.

Repeaters - Nate N8MOR

1. WA60DP batteries are not in great shape and will be worked on.

Old Business

- 1. Minutes from the September meeting approved unanimously.
- VE Testing Ron A6KV
 - 1. Testing will begin again in January

Pacificon Update – Roger KK6RD

- 1. Thank you to those who staffed the LARK table and SWAP meet
- 2. Thank you to Rich KN6HSR for selling equipment for the club \$840



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- 1. Roberto K6KM says there are three dexpedition currently going on
- 2. Roger went up to Mt. Diablo and did a POTA activation (Parks on the Air).
- 3. Nate N8MOR hosted a get on the air event for a local Cub Scout Pack
- 10 15 20meter beam antenna for \$25 on a 10 foot mast<u>available</u>, contact Clancy N6FQQ

Ask an Elmer - Lee KI6OY

Working on a project and have a question? We can find people that have a question. Please contact Lee by email or phone.

 Lee brought up requirements for FCC Station Identification at the end of a conversation or every 10 minutes.

Adjournment

1. Chris W6CJQ adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM

Minutes submitted by:

Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM) - LARK Secretary

LARK Monthly Meeting

Geoff Abreu K6ERA, Alinco Representative, talking about the Alinco amateur radio products.



LARK Community Activities



RACE TO THE FLAGPOLE - Saturday, January 27, 2024

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-race#/



Livermore ¹/₂ Marathon - Sunday, March 3, 2024

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



Cinderella Bike Ride - Saturday, April 13 2024

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-cinderella1#/

The Cinderella Classic, Challenge and Short rides are 65/100/35-mile recreational bicycle ride (not a race) for women & girls only. More details in January.

LARK Brings Ham Radio to the Next Generation

Cub Scout Pack 948 On The Air Event Nate: N8MOR



Pack 948 reached out to LARK to learn more about radio as well as getting the cubs on the air.

We provided several key areas of teaching with the kids covering CW/Morse code, complete with a station that they could hear CW on

Basic introduction to ham radio as well as an overview of the phonetic \square alphabet and why we use it

Multiple get-on-the-air stations Π

Dual fox hunts



Without you all, this would not have been possible. You all were amazing. Thank you.



Shakeout - Rich KN6HSR

THIS IS A DRILL... Drop! Cover! Hold On! This was the mantra for the Great Shakeout Exercise on 10/19, at 10:19 AM. This is an annual international event to promote awareness of how to prepare for and react to an earthquake. For the past two years TCARES, Tuolumne County Amateur



Radio and Electronics Society, has used this event as an opportunity to test our ability to provide backup communication for the county public safety agencies. Considering that over the past year there have been two instances where primarv communication systems have been brought down, one due to a fire, and the other due to a damaged T1 fiber optic cable, this was a very timely opportunity. It is a great chance to partner with the first responder agencies, build trust, and develop awareness of mutual capabilities and needs.

With an amateur radio operator stationed at the Tuolumne County

Emergency **Operations** Center. operated by the Office of Emergency Services. after а preparatory simulated 5.0 San **Francisco** earthquake preamble at 10:19 AM, Ned Sudduth, K6NED began taking check-ins from amateurs throughout the county with his wife Toni K6TNI logging the reports. County GIS **Geographic Information System staff** have loaded local Ham Call signs with locations and have the ability to show the locations on a map, on a wall TV in **Tuolumne County** real time. is fortunate to have a backbone of four. linked, 2 meter repeaters, which cover almost the entire county. There were 38 amateur radio check-ins providing reports on conditions throughout the county. In addition we have four Neighborhood Radio Watch communities, using FRS/GMRS radios, and a few GMRS repeaters, which added an additional 28 reports. Each NRW community has an embedded HAM, who monitors the NRW traffic, and then provides a summary to the IC during their check-in.

Considering it was a Thursday morning, we feel this was a great response, with an increase from last year's check-ins. Although Tuolumne is a large county by area, it has a population of just over 55,000, and is primarily rural and mountainous in character. Nonetheless the combination of Neighborhood Radio Watch communities, with embedded HAM radio operators, and a robust repeater system has shown that even when the power and internet are down, first responder operations can continue to operate, and communities can immediately communicate and mobilize to help themselves when 911 and cell phones cease to operate.

During the Net, Net Control started by asking for regional check-ins based on repeater location, starting with the most remote corners of the county. Roll Call from a list was not conducted, but check-ins in small

batches of 3 or 4 allowed for concise reporting with YES or comments NO on availability Grid of **Power and Telephone** services. Most stations checking in had clear audio and professional delivery of their local status. Some stations learned they needed make to improvements.

Stations at 'sites of interest' like schools government or buildings were asked to state their affiliation with organizations like CERT, SAR, CSU, etc. Mobile units also checked and made Nearby reports. counties also checked

in and reported local situation reports.

Planning for next year is already underway with plans to assign operators to specific locations like the fairgrounds, the hospital, the Red Cross, fire stations, etc. APRS can also provide value next year, with a real time location and status updates from mobile operators. Thanks to TCARES, Tuolumne County Sheriff, OES and GIS staff, and the radio operators that have made this an outstanding exercise the last two years.



An Excellent Soldering Iron for the Field - Gary NA60

Someone asked recently on TowerTalk for suggestions regarding a cordless soldering iron that was adequate for heavy wires, such as #10 AWG. I have such an iron: The Weller WLBU75, a compact butane-powered pencil-style iron. They rate it at "75 Watts" but in my experience it's more powerful than that.

There is much to like about this tool. It's solidly built, compact, and fits nicely in your hand as well as your tool bag. It lights with a flick of a switch and heats to soldering temperature in less than 15 seconds. There's a tiny hole you can look into and see the orange glow of the flame Wind will not blow it out, ever. It has a temperature adjustment valve but I've always left mine wide open for single, quick jobs. After turning it off, carefully slip the ventilated protective cover back on and you can safely place it back in your tool bag. There's a window where you can inspect the butane level and it refills just like an ordinary lighter. I don't know how long it will run on a full tank but it has to be an hour or more. Also I think the tip will last a very long time (they charge way too much for replacements).

After a demo for W6SX at the NCCC picnic soldering a pair of #10 wires twisted together, he purchased one as did W6TCP. Weller used to sell the iron alone but now it seems only to come in a kit which costs more. The kit is part number WLBUK75 and at the moment costs about \$76 at various online stores including Amazon and Zoro. The kit also contains open-ended tips so it works like a mini-torch.



Training Opportunity

The Alameda Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department are sponsoring the following two FEMA Zoom tabletop exercise courses:

January 24: Large-Scale Power Outage

February 22: Flash Flooding

The courses will be held from 9-1pm EST on Zoom. If you wish to register, please contact Judi Clark at: <u>kk6zcu@gmail.com</u>

Here's the flyer on FEMA's tabletop exercises:

https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2023/1817-training%20opportunityvirtual%20tabletop%20exercise%20program%20fiscal%20year%202024.pdf

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AU2JCB Special Event Call-Sign



AU2JCB is a special event call-sign to commemorate the birth date (30 NOV) & to pay homage & to tell about the great INDIAN scientist Acharya JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE who is recognized as the "Father of Wireless Communication" by the scientific community of our world &IEEE.

I have been operating with this call sign for the last 18 years since 2005.

VU2DSI- Datta Deogaonkar will operate with this AU2JCB special event call sign.

I will operate with AU2JCB call sin from 23 Nov 2023 to 11 Dec 2023.

The Details of operation ----

Period----23 NOV 2023 to 11DEC 2023

Frequencies------

10 M-- 28545, 28510, 28490 18400 kHz. 21 M-21235, 21310, 21350 21360 kHz.

20M—14210, 14250, 14310. 40 M---7040, 7150. 80 M --- 3710.

IN FM MODE----- 6M -50800, 51500. 10 M---29700.

Preferably the operation will be on higher bands according to propagation conditions.

QSL--- Direct to VU2DSI, "SURABHI" MEHERABAD. AHMEDNAGAR.414006. INDIA.

This year in 2023--

VU2EVU & VU2XPN will operate with AU3JCB & AU5JCB call-signs respectively.

FOR DX STATIONS PLEASE SEND 2IRC's-----IF POSSIBLE--- as many many DX stations are requesting QSL's.

I will appreciate the GOOD number of used postal stamps instead of IRC as I love collecting stamps.

Aacharya J.C.BOSE:

Aacharya J.C.Bose is well known as the "Father of Wireless Communication".

Acharya Bose's demonstration in 1895 & 1897 predates all.

Bose transmitted wireless signals to a distance of a mile. Popova in Russia was still trying remote signaling at this time & the first wireless experiment by Marconi was not successful until May 1897.

Bose is a pioneer in microwave optics technology.

Bose's invention of 1-centimeter to 5 millimeter radio waves is being used in radars, satellite communication& remote sensing.

Bose's concepts from his original 1897 papers are now incorporated into a new 1.3 mm multi-beam receiver on the NRAO (National Radio Observatory) 12 Meter Telescope.

Bose anticipated the use of P-type& N-type semiconductors & hence 60 years ahead of his time. Bose developed the use of GALENA crystals for making receivers.

In Bose's presentation to the Royal Institution in London in January 1897, he speculated on the existence of electromagnetic radiation from the sun. This radiation from the sun was not detected until 1942.

Contact for more info VU2DSI at vu2dsi@gmail.com

December 2023

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
				1	2	3
4	5		7	8	9	10
11					<u>LARK</u> <u>Meeting</u>	17
18		Ham Breakfast			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

October

November

December

DAY	OP	NAME
2	AE6D	Ed
9	EOC	
16	WB6ETY	John
23	WB6AEA	Jon
30	N6FQQ	Clancy

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

DAY	OP	NAME
4	WB6AEA	Jon
11	EOC	
18	AD6KV	Ron
25	AE6D	Ed

EVERYONE is invited to check in to the net. Please contact AE6D 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	Bac	kup Net Control	Торіс		
10/5/2023	Thursday	Noah/N6TW	Bill/	AJ6UU	Easy Teo	h Discussion:	
10/12/2023	Thursday		Noa	h/N6TW	General Discussion:		
10/19/2023	Thursday	Brian/KA6ZED	Pete	er/AI6RG	Advance	d Tech Discussion	
10/26/2023	Thursday	Nate/N8MOR	Bria	n/KA6ZED	New Con	New Comer, General Discussion:	
11/2/2023	Thursday	Rich/KN6HSR	Nate	e/N8MOR	Study Nig	ght: General Exam	
11/9/2023	Thursday	David/K6WOO	Ricl	h/KN6HSR	Easy Teo	h Discussion:	
11/16/2023	Thursday	Bill/AJ6UU	Dav	id/K6WOO	General	Discussion:	
11/23/2023	Thursday	CANCEL	CAN	NCEL	THANKS	GIVING: CANCEL	
11/30/2023	Thursday		Noa	h/N6TW	New Con	ner, General Discussion:	
12/7/2023	Thursday	Brian/KA6ZED	Peter/AI6RG		Study Nig	tudy Night: General Exam	
12/14/2023	Thursday	Nate/N8MOR	Brian/KA6ZED		Easy Teo	Easy Tech Discussion:	
12/21/2023	Thursday	Rich/KN6HSR	Nate/N8MOR		General	Discussion:	
12/28/2023	Thursday	David/K6WOO	Rich/KN6HSR		Advance	d Tech Discussion	
		Regularly	Sc	heduled Net	ts		
LARK/LIVE	RMORE NET	Every MON.	1900 local 147.120+ PL 100		PL 100		
RACES	Net 7pm	Every MON.					
Windfarms	5 10-10 NET	Every WED.	1930 local 28.48		.485	USB	
LARK TE	ECH NET	Every THURS.	1930 local 147.		.120+	PL 100	
	etiree Net	Every FRI 8:30 am	0830 local		-	7.2630 LSB	
	/OT	Every Sun. & Tues.	es. 2000 LOCAL 144.250		144.250 USB		
	I TIME NET	EVERY DAY	Y 1200-1400 LOCAL 7.2685 LSB & 39		7.2685 LSB & 3970 LSB		
RV RAD	DIO NET	MON-FRI		0800-0930 LO	CAL	7.2685 LSB	

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<u>GET YOUR HAM LICENSE OR UPGRADE</u>. 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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LARK Membership Form



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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. http://www.livermoreark.org/ 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. Membership is \$20.00. per calendar year starting on Jan 1 through Dec. 31. To complete membership by mail: print and fill out this form, include a check payable to LARK, and mail to: LARK Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 3190, Livermore, CA, 94551-3190. Please be sure your complete mailing address, e-mail, and call sign are on your check. Questions? Contact the Membership Team via email: membership@livermoreark.org You may also complete membership application and payment by: Bringing this form filled out and pay by cash or check to either the Membership Chairman or Treasurer at any general meeting. Or:

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Thank you and welcome aboard from LARK and the Membership Team.