

LARK NEWS March 2024



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

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

Available live via zoom by invitation only. Visitors Welcome

Editor: Gregory Kiyoi KN6RUQ



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Presidents Message

I want to thank **Bernie NJ6W** and **David KG6WIR** for making the coffee and picking up the refreshments for monthly meetings and would like to have someone help them if possible.

This effort is appreciated by all who attend.

I wanted to let you know that the Events Chairperson (me) is following the upcoming events for 2024, and I have an update:

The following events will be happening: **Livermore ½ Marathon on Sunday, March 3rd**; **Cinderella Bike Ride on Saturday, April 13th**; **Devil Mountain Run on Sunday, May 19th**

We are in need of volunteer radio support for all events and any level of experience is welcome.

There is one more event that LARK does not sponsor but we do help with support and that is the **Berkeley Hills Road Race on Saturday, April 27th**, contact **Mark Walsh** directly to volunteer.

As more events become confirmed you will be kept advised. 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.

The yearly LARK elections will be at the April LARK meeting so if interested in serving as an officer or board member please let me know asap.

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 AE6D** 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 stay healthy and stay safe.

George KG6GEM (kg6wiu1@comcast.net)

Notes from the Editor

Big thanks from LARK and its members to **Roberto Sadkowski**. His tireless efforts as the editor of the LARK newsletter for the past 4 years.

Over his tenure he helped to keep LARK members connected during the “virtual” period as well as in person.

He cultivated rich content and released the newsletter like clockwork.

His creative “editor efforts” will be missed. This will allow him to use this time to help the club members with morse code! He always will be a great source of help and guidance.

-- ... -- Thank you Roberto!



I would like to introduce myself, my name is Gregory Kiyoi. I was licensed in November 2021. I joined LARK shortly after.

I enjoyed building circuits as a kid and Ham radio provides an endless opportunity to continue to tinker and learn.

I live in Pleasanton with my wife Jen and our two kids - Kalia (16) and Kole (13). Last November, Kole was licensed (KO6CES) and enjoying learning the hobby.

I work at a software company based in Texas, from our Santa Clara location.

I have Roberto’s large shoes to fill and appreciate all your support.

Please send any ideas and content to me so we can continue to have an awesome newsletter.

[Gregory KN6RUQ](#)



Monthly Meeting Minutes



LARK General Meeting | February 17, 2024 | Minutes

Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Chris W6CJQ at 9:30am.
2. Chris started introductions, first of In-Person attendees and then Zoom attendees.
3. 31 Members / 7 Zoom / 2 Guests = 40 Total attending the meeting.

Presentation

1. Chris introduced Richard Dillman W6AWO for his presentation "Early Marconi Experiments on the West Coast"

Morerino Purchase – Chris W6CJQ

1. Motion to purchase 26 Morerino devices for an estimated unit price of \$100. The treasurer will reimburse Noah N6TW for the purchase. The people that committed to buy a device would then pay the club through the treasurer. Motion passed.

Newsletter – Chris W6CJQ

1. Roberto introduced Greg KN6RUQ who will be taking over as the Newsletter editor!

Operating

1. Chris W6CJQ has been working well on 75 meters
2. Roberto K6KM: AARL Dx contest is going on, peak propagation happening 50 Dx contacts in 3 hours.
3. Lots of activity on 10 meter FM and CW

Election

1. If interested in running as a club officer contact George KG6GEM

Adjournment

1. Chris W6CJQ adjourned the meeting

Minutes submitted by:

Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM) – LARK Secretary



LARK General Meeting | January 20, 2024 | Minutes

Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Chris W6CJQ at 9:31am.
2. Chris started introductions, first of In-Person attendees and then Zoom attendees.
3. 38 Members / 11 Zoom / 4 Guests = 55 Total attending the meeting.

Presentation

1. Chris introduced Jim Aspinwell N01PC for his presentation "So You Want to Work on Repeaters?".

Treasure's Report – Bernie NJ6W

1. Dues are due for 2023/2024
2. Looking for a new Membership Chairperson.

Newsletter – Chris

1. Looking for a Newsletter editor!
2. Training and tools are provided

Repeaters – Nate N8MOR

1. Working on additional

Old Business

1. Minutes from the December meeting approved unanimously.

Operating

1. Dave K3GX: has been using a 5W portable Elecraft and has been activating summits and parks.
2. Roberto K6KM: TX5X has been up since yesterday off the coast of Mexico on 17 Meters. FT8 should be a piece of cake and CW.

Adjournment

1. Chris W6CJQ adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM

Minutes submitted by:

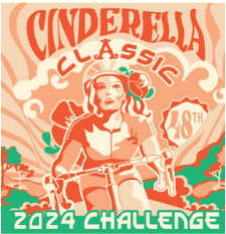
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LARK Community Activities



Livermore ½ Marathon - Sunday, March 3, 2024

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



48th 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.

Berkeley Hills Road Race - Saturday, April 27, 2024



This is not a LARK sponsored event; however, we do provide support if you want to participate. This event provides you with good experience in radio operations.

Event Ham Radio Coordinator is Mark Walsh - mark@km6xu.com

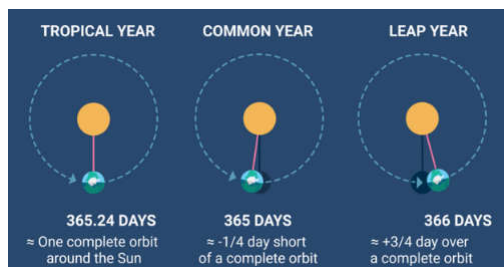


Devil Mountain Run Sunday, May 19, 2024

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-devil1#/>

This event takes place in downtown Danville and is a foot race - 5K, 10K, and One Mile fun run.

Maritime Historical Radio Society / Leap Day Net



At the February club meeting the Maritime Historical Radio Society (MHRS) was the guest speaker. **Richard Dillman W6AWO** from MHRS presented a history of KPH. It is still [broadcasting \(click for details\)](#) every Saturday.

LARK members were invited to visit MHRS. There was discussion of an organized visit. Details will be in a future newsletter.



On January 20th, KPH had a crypto event. They broadcasted morse code 5 digit numbers sets. These had to be decoded into a message. There were 161 entries with 156 successful decodes. Special certificates were awarded to those that were able to decode. [For more Information.](#)

[Maritime Historical Radio Society Website](#)

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club is hosting a "Leap Day" net on February 29, 2024. Leap day on a Thursday only occurs every 24 years.

This is a fun net open to all. For those that participate there will be a special certificate that will be issued.

[MDARC Leap Day Net Details](#)

Training

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC) is offering a General License Course followed by a Get On The Air (GOTA). [Click for further details.](#)

General License Course

- Meets Each Tuesday, March 26 - May 21, 2024 (9 sessions), 7:00-9:00pm. The sessions are In-Person and Zoom.

General Class Get On The Air (GOTA HF)

- In Person only June 4, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm. No charge and open to all, whether registered for the class or not.

LARK Swap n' Shop Cave

This month's specials from the LARK Swap 'N Shop Cave.

- MFJ-880 SWR Meter, 1.6 - 60 MHz
- DAIWA CN 460M SWR Meter 140 - 45- MHz
- ATS - 20 All Band Radio Receiver USB 2.0 cable req'd, BNC antenna req'd
- 250 W Dummy Load



Contact Rich at kn6hsr@arri.net for further details.

March 2024

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
				1	2	3 Livermore Half Marathon
4 Net	5	6 10-10 Net	7 Tech Net	8	9	10
11 Net	12	13 10-10 Net	14 Tech Net	15	16 <u>LARK Meeting</u>	17
18 Net	19	20 10-10 Net	21 Tech Net	22	23	24
25 Net	26	27 10-10 Net	28 Tech Net	29	30	31

LARK MONDAY NIGHT NET
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

Date	Net Control
1/1/2024	John / WB6ETY
1/8/2024	EOC
1/15/2024	Jon / WB6AEA
1/22/2024	Ron / AD6KV
1/29/2024	Ed / AE6D

February

Date	Net Control
2/5/2024	John / WB6ETY
2/12/2024	EOC
2/19/2024	Jon / WB6AEA
2/26/2024	Ron / AD6KV

March

Date	Net Control
3/4/2024	Ed / AE6D
3/11/2024	EOC
3/18/2024	John / WB6ETY
3/25/2024	Jon / WB6AEA

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	Primary Net Control	Backup Net Control
2/29/2024	Rich / KN6HSR	Nate / N8MOR
3/7/2024	David / K6WOO	Rich / KN6HSR
3/14/2024	Bill / AJ6UU	David / K6WOO
3/21/2024	Noah / N6TW	Bill / AJ6UU
3/28/2024	Nate / N8MOR	Noah / N6TW
4/4/2024	Brian / KA6ZED	Peter / AI6RG
4/11/2024	TBD	Brian / KA6ZED
4/18/2024	Rich / KN6HSR	Nate / N8MOR
4/25/2024	Nate / N8MOR	Rich / KN6HSR
5/2/2024	Bill / AJ6UU	Nate / N8MOR
5/9/2024	David / K6WOO	Bill / AJ6UU
5/16/2024	Nate / N8MOR	Noah / N6TW
5/23/2024	Brian / KA6ZED	Peter / AI6RG

Regularly Scheduled Nets

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
HamShack Hotline Net	Every WED.	1900 Bridge 363	PIN 0331
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 2024

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E-mail list: 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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Special interests: View: AREDN Mesh <http://www.aredn.org>.

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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. 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.	
<p>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: pay with a credit card or PayPal account on the Club's membership page: http://livermoreark.org/membership/membership.html.</p> <p>Thank you and welcome aboard from LARK and the Membership Team.</p>	