

LARK NEWS April 2026



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

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Livermore Half Marathon, Photo by Jerry N5KA



LFPD Vehicles at Marathon, Photo by John WB6ETY



Livermore Half Marathon Start Photo by Mark KK6UKU



Rich KK6RIC on Watch, Photo by Rich KK6RIC

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Presidents Message

I want to thank **Brian KA6ZED** for making the coffee and picking up the refreshments for monthly meetings. *I would like to have someone help him if possible, please let me know.* This effort is appreciated by all who attend the meeting.

I wanted to let you know that the Events Chairperson (me) is following the upcoming events for 2026, and I have an update. The following events will be happening

- **Cinderella Bike Ride - April 11th**
- **Devil Mountain Double Century - April 25th**
- **Devil Mountain Run - May 3rd**

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

As more events are confirmed you will be kept advised. Make sure to sign up on the LARK website for these events for which LARK supports.

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.

I wanted to thank **Ron AD6KV** and **VE Team** for continuing to provide a way for hams to get their testing completed.

I want to thank **Greg KN6RUQ** who continues to put out a fantastic Newsletter.

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 (kg6wui1 at comcast dot net)



Notes from the Editor

Thank you to **Roberto, K6KM** for his presentation on “The 1001 Variables of a Solo IOTA Expedition”.

Los Dedos, Punta de Este, Uruguay



Thank you for all that have sent articles, pictures, and feedback. The newsletter is a collaborative process, please keep sending me your articles and ideas.

Gregory KN6RUQ *editor at livermoreark dot org*



Monthly Meeting Minutes



LARK General Meeting | March 21, 2026 | Minutes

Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by George KG6GEM at 9:31am.
2. George started introductions, first in-person attendees and then Zoom attendees.
3. 44 In Person / 4 Online / 3 Guest = 51 Total attending the meeting.

Presentation

1. Roberto K6KM presented "1001 Variables of a Solo Radio-Expedition".

Activities

1. April presentation will feature Josh KK6JDC and Lucas KO6LBA on Meshtastic.
2. June presentation will talk about a Fire Department mesh network.
3. If you have any suggestions for presentations for May, July, and August, contact Steve K8YIP or Jerry N5KA.

Events

1. All signups are on the website.
2. Cinderella Bike Ride is on Saturday, April 11th.
3. Devil Mountain Double is on Saturday April 25th.
4. Devil Mountain Run is on Sunday, May 3rd.

Newsletter

1. Keep the articles and pictures coming, deadline is Monday. Please submit to Greg.

Membership

1. Currently about 75 members have paid their 2026 dues only about 50% of the 2025 membership total.

Previous Minutes

1. Motion by Nate N8MOR and seconded by Roger KK6RD to approve previous minutes as written.
2. Passed unanimously

Repeaters

1. Everything doing well

VE Testing/Technical Interest Group/ARES - Ron AD6KV

1. VE testing: Three or four test sessions today after the meeting.
2. TIG Robot Garden nothing specifically being worked on. If you want to do a club project, contact Ron AD6KV.
3. The BEACON exercise runs out of Humboldt County will be at the end of April.
4. See Ron AD6KV or Rich KK6RIC for ARES information.

Annual Election

1. Current nominations were presented for the April meeting election.



Operating

1. Ron AD6KV visited Ushuaia, Argentina when on his Antarctic cruise and the LU8XW club station building is the southernmost ham club in the world.
2. Rich KK6RIC sent in highlights of the QRZ edition including a 2M antenna out of key rings built by John W6NBC.

Ask the Elmer

1. Lee received his DXCC CW award for 15 meters. ARRL now issues worked all states this year award for the 250th.
2. DMR question on having issues once switched over to T-Mobile home internet.
3. SWR reading high on a rig expert with a counterpoise.

Adjournment

1. George adjourned the meeting at 11:26 AM.

Minutes submitted by:

Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM) – LARK Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes



LARK Board Meeting | March 16, 2026 | Minutes

Attendees: George KG6GEM, Chris W6CJQ, Ryan W6RAM, Peter AI6RG, David KG6WIR, Roger KK6RD, Nate N8MOR, Bernie NJ6W

Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by George at 7:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Peter

1. Nothing unexpected to report

Repeaters – Nate

1. Need to install cooling fans and eventually remote power management.

Activities – George

1. March: Roberto will be the presenter this month.
2. Steve is working on additional presentations.

Events – George

1. Cinderella Bike Ride - April 11th
2. Devil Mountain Double - April 25th
3. Devil Mountain Run – May 3rd

Membership – Bernie

1. Only about half of the members from last year have renewed for 2026

LARK Elections – George

1. Bob KA6IRT is nominated for Treasurer.
2. Seeking any additional nominations.

Adjournment

1. George adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Ryan Mahoney (W6RAM)– LARK Secretary

Community Activities

**We NEED You!
Sign Up NOW**



50th Cinderella Bike Ride - Saturday April 11, 2026

Signup <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.



Devil Mountain Double Century - Saturday, April 25, 2026

Signup <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-2022>

The event is 200 mile, one day, bike ride for about 50 riders. LARK's help is requested for the Mines Road segment (where cell phones don't work) starting South of Livermore to the summit of Mt Hamilton.



Devil Mountain Run - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Signup <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.

Livermore Half Marathon and 5K

George Moorehead KG6GEM

This event was held on Sunday, March 1st, 2026, in Livermore. Net Control was located on South J Street between 1st & 2nd Streets in Comm Support 131. The Start/Finish line was not too far away.



Water Station, photo by Jerry N5KA

The Half Marathon was a race that went from downtown Livermore to Sycamore Park to Holdner Park and back down Concannon Blvd. to Arroyo Rd to L Street to return to downtown Livermore. Volunteer radio operators provided communications (emergency and regular) for the event needs. LARK provided a Bike Sweep Mark KK6UKU and Jerry N5KA as a Rover for Sycamore Grove Park trail for the event.

There were approximately 2,130 runners for the Half Marathon and 1,170 runners for the 5K, and 130 runners for the Kids Run with a total of 2,130 runners finished.



Runners, photo by Jerry N5KA



EMTs assisting, Photo by John WB6ETY

There were five requests for medical assist with two being transported to Valley Care/Stanford Hospital in Pleasanton. The weather was cool in the morning

and warmed up slightly during the event, no rain this year.



Runners, photo by Rich KK6RIC



Runners, photo by John WB6ETY

I want to thank the following radio volunteers for giving up their Sunday morning for this event:

Jerry N5KA, Larry KI6LNB, Steve K8YIP, Alan KM6BRQ, Ryan W6RAM, David K6WOO, Bill AJ6UU, Brian KF6ONF, Rich KK6RIC, Mark KK6UKU, David KG6WIR, Keith KC6JHF, Chris W6CJQ, John WB6ETY, Rand W6TRM, Allen AK6FB, Brian KM6EMU, William K7WDS, Mike KO6HUE, John WX6G, Garrett W6ILO, Richard KN6CCK, Lucas KO6LBA, Allen AK6FB, Saurabh N6RUN, Kabir KO6CRD, and Donna Van Sant (CERT).

Thanks to all the volunteers for putting up with changes that occurred for this event.



LPFD Engine, photo by John WB6ETY

LARK License Testing

Starting in January LARK has transitioned from paper to electronic testing. Big thank you to **Ron AD6KV**, **Jim N6BHX** and **Jean N6LGE** Brunk for training the club VEs.

Jim and Jean continue to drive down from Martinez to help with the live testing.

Since converting to online testing we have seen an increase in test registration.

January	2
February	4
March	5

This has yielded 6 new licenses and 2 upgrades.

Crossword Puzzle

by Chris Codella, W2PA

1/20/2010

Prizes

Across

1. A6 dignitary
5. A ham does it every 10 years
11. CW approx.
14. Twenty one hundred time
15. Made up (for)
16. Icom xcvr name part
17. Five score since '45
18. VO1 ATC locale
19. Term. label
20. Experiment place
22. Some retirement sums
24. Upgraded 67-across
28. Small, medium or large
29. Director Howard
30. Next Elecraft rig?
31. Worked All follower

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
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17					18							19		
		20		21			22				23			
24	25				26	27					28			
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46						47				48		49		
50					51						52			
53				54						55				
56				57				58	59		60		61	62
63				64							65			
66				67							68			

32. Creative spark
34. Apr. addressee
35. Speaks or moves with lightness
36. With 38-across, a more difficult 17- or 67-across
38. See 36-across
39. Ease
41. W9 area net
42. Bid place
46. Molecule parts
47. Kind of cycle
49. W6 to VO1 dir
50. Alka-Seltzer sound
51. Worked All follower
53. Window, so to speak
55. Overload ctrl. ckt.
56. 17-across unit (abbr.)
57. Excite

60. Portal site
63. Downed
64. Parallel partner
65. Give up
66. Young OM
67. Worked All follower
68. Angular subj.

Down

1. Dipole current node location
2. Early polar-exploring ham Don
3. Slope
4. A radio restoration process, among others
5. Part of RCC
6. Flight board abbr.
7. Perplex
8. Make beloved

9. Pipsqueak
10. Newfangled rcvrs
11. Designate, as an ORS or OBS, say
12. Coats in metal
13. Coin flips
21. Zero on a res.
23. Wagnerian heroine
24. Prefix with -band
25. Grounder
26. Cook Islands prefix
27. Minute opening
31. Inp. imp.
33. Spkr. drivers
35. KH6 island
37. "___ alive!"
38. W3 metro. area
39. W4 metropolitan area

40. Amplified
41. Feedline pipe
43. Paddle peddler
44. Sig. catcher
45. C on A1
46. Attraction
47. XE state bordering W7
48. Genetic inits.
51. Shift 6
52. Bumper sticker word
54. Low frequency
58. Five-dit word
59. Triple dit
61. Log file type
62. Milligig?

Crossword Solution

E	M	I	R	■	R	E	N	E	W	S	■	A	B	T	
N	I	N	E	■	A	T	O	N	E	D	■	P	R	O	
D	X	C	C	■	G	A	N	D	E	R	■	P	O	S	
■	■	L	A	B	■	■	P	E	N	S	■	I	O	N	S
T	R	I	P	L	E	P	L	A	Y	■	S	I	Z	E	
R	O	N	■	K	F	O	U	R	■	Z	O	N	E	S	
I	D	E	A	■	I	R	S	■	L	I	L	T	S	■	
■	■	■	F	I	V	E	■	B	A	N	D	■	■	■	
■	A	B	A	T	E	■	C	A	N	■	E	B	A	Y	
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Swap n' Shop Cave

New items will be posted soon. If interested please contact the shop keeper, **Mark KK6UKU** via email ***mkshbow2 at gmail dot com*** or phone **925 339 4212**.



April Calendar

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

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

April

Date	Net Control
4/6	Ed / AE6D
4/13	EOC
4/20	John / WB6ETY
4/27	Jon / WB6AEA

May

Date	Net Control
5/4	Ron / AD6KV
5/11	EOC
5/18	Ed / AE6D
5/25	John / WB6ETY

June

Date	Net Control
6/1	Jon / WB6AEA
6/8	EOC
6/15	Ron / AD6KV
6/22	Ed / AE6D
6/29	John / WB6ETY

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

If you would like to volunteer or learn to be Net Control please contact Nate N8MOR (nate at nateandamy dot org)

Date	Primary Net Control	Backup Net Control
4/2	David / K6WOO	Rich / KK6RIC
4/9	Bill / AJ6UU	Bill / AJ6UU
4/16	Don / W2DON	David / K6WOO
4/23	Adrian / W6AG	Don / W2DON
4/30	TBD	Adrian / W6AG
5/7	Garrett / W6ILO	TBD
5/14	Brian / KA6ZED	Garrett / W6ILO
5/21	Peter / AI6RG	Brian / KA6ZED
5/28	Nate / N8MOR	Peter / AI6RG
6/4	Rich / KK6RIC	Nate / N8MOR
6/11	Bill / AJ6UU	Rich / KK6RIC
6/18	David / K6WOO	Bill / AJ6UU
6/25	Don / W2DON	David / K6WOO

Regularly Scheduled Nets

LARK/LIVERMORE NET	Every Mon	1900 local 147.120+	PL 100
RACES Net	Every MON.	1900 local	
Windfarms 10-10 NET	Every WED.	1930 local 28.485	USB
Hams Over IP NET	Every WED.	1900 Bridge 10096	PIN 7120
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	EVERYDAY	1200-1400 LOCAL	7.2685 LSB & 3970 LSB
RV RADIO NET	MON - FRI	0800-0930 LOCAL	7.2685 LSB

LARK Contacts

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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 dot net) 2 weeks in advance.

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 Twitter link : <https://twitter.com/LivermoreARK>



Special interests: View: AREDN Mesh <http://www.aredn.org>.

CERT NEWS: CERT contact - Email: cert@lpfire.org or (925) 454-2361
 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 **Date:** _____

NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____ (Leave blank if no 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.
 Access the current and back issues on our website. <http://www.livermoreark.org/>

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (At the same mailing address, only \$2.00 per person)

NAME	CALL SIGN	AARL MEMBER	PHONE	EMAIL
		___ YES ___ NO		
		___ YES ___ NO		
		___ YES ___ NO		

ANNUAL DUES # _____ PRIMARY (\$20.00) **ADDITIONAL MEMBERS** # _____ (\$2.00 each)

TOTAL: \$ _____ **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** *Livermore Amateur Radio Klub*. 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 *Livermore Amateur Radio Klub*, 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>.

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

Jan 18, 2026