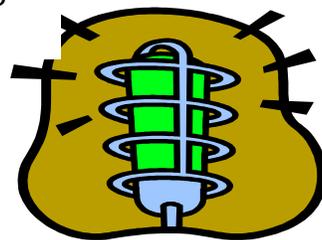




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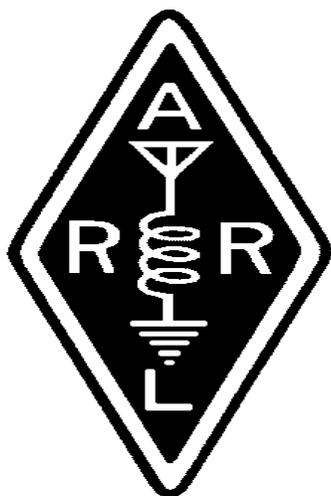
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NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: KB8ZTV

NEXT KLUB MEETING
January 13th 7:30PM at the EOC,
Highlander Road, Howell, MI



BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
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PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

SOCIAL EVENTS

15 Jan 2005 Swap-N-Shop #13 Amateur Radio and Youth Club
<http://www.arayclub.org> Talk-In: 147.100+ (PL 100 Hz)
Contact: Clay Hewitt, KF8UI PO Box 7136 Flint, MI 48507
Phone: 810-233-7889 Email: kf8ui@arrrl.net
Flushing, MI St. Robert Catholic School 214 East Henry
Street

16 Jan 2005 Hazel Park ARC
<http://www.qsl.net/w8hp/swap.html>
Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 100) Contact: Sean Fleming, K8KHZ
PO Box 368 Hazel Park, MI 48030 Phone: 248-691-1130
Email: k8khz@yahoo.com Hazel Park, MI Hazel Park High
School 23400 Hughes Avenue

PREZ SAYS



LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM) is being held this month at: Be My Guest Café, across from Ten Penny Furniture on Grand River Avenue.

FEBRUARY MEETING WILL INCLUDE A VISIT FROM THE ARRL GREAT LAKES DIVISION DIRECTOR! BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!!!!



Secretary's Report General Meeting December 9, 2004

Meeting was called to order by Art, KC8WAZ. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Introductions were made.

Bob, K8BPA made a motion to correct the Secretaries Report, and then following the correction, made a motion to accept. Irene, KA8MVW was second. Motion Passed.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected, by Chuck W8CLK, and seconded by Duane, N8WMN. Motion Passed

Letters of solicitation we received. Bruce N8WWX made a motion to pay the bills. Dave, KC8ZKY was the second. Motion passed.

Sunshine committee report was made. One card were sent this month, to Jack KA8BOG, after the loss of his mother-in-law. There was a paper passed around to update member's birthdays and anniversaries.

Bruce, N8WWX gave a report on the Hillcrest tower, now owned by the county. He noted that the 145.41 repeater would be installed on that tower. Additionally, he noted that Winlink would be installed at the hospital. Neil, K8IT and Bruce, N8WWX went to Eaton County for the BPL meeting with Consumers Power.

Chairs for PR, LED, Program, and Technical were all out of town. No reports were given.

Christmas Dinner: Mary, KC8SER has secured Cracker Barrel for December 12th. A show of hands at the meeting suggested about 22 people would be interested.

Operation Care, First of Year

Irene, KA8MVW & Marge N8EAJ are planning picnics. Tabled until next month.

Irene, KA8MVW won 42.50 in the 50/50 drawing

Mac, N8RBA made motion to adjourn. Doug, KC8ZKZ was the second. Motion Passed.

Submitted by:
Mary KC8SER

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LARK Board Meeting December 2004

Board Minutes

Meeting was postponed until the next regular meeting in January. No business was believed to be of any urgency.

Van, N8GVD made motion to postpone. Art, KC8WAZ seconded it. Motion passed.

Submitted By,

Mary KC8SER

TREASURER REPORT

WANTED!!!!

I need as many peanut butter containers as possible, something like 50 of them would be great. I would like them to be with lids and of the 16oz size. I have a wide assortment of nuts, bolts, washers and such that is in need of a new home instead of in the bottom of the draws of my tool boxes. Thanks in advance for your help.

Clairus KC8QQN

STILL LOOKING

I'm still looking for additional pictures to be included in the Klub photo album. If there are any photos of Sub Drew at our outings, I would like copies. Additionally, any Klub pictures of any LARK activities would be appreciated. Please bring them to a LARK meeting or send them to me!

Mary, KC8SER
220 N. Rogers
Mason, MI 48854

EDITORS COMMENTS



I would think that your FIRST New Years Resolution would be to write an article for the LED, wouldn't you? Amateur Radio needs your support, and part of that support comes by way of supporting local radio clubs, like LARK. If you have a differing opinion, I'd love to hear from you.

Articles

We still need YOUR articles for the newsletter. Swap items, favorite stories, magical operating moments, remembering your first rig, the time your dog ate your logbook, whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case you just can't seem to remember how to reach me:

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50/50 Plus Drawings

If you haven't attended a recent regular meeting, then you've missed out on fabulous prizes that are given away along with splitting the raffle pot. Ask a member who has attended for the low down. Better yet, why not show up at the next regular meeting?

SUNDAY EVENING NET ON 146.68

Let's not forget about the Sunday evening LARK net on 146.68 at 9PM. It's a great time to connect with other LARK members, share information, and just in general gather on the repeater. You would think that a club the size of ours could muster up more than a handful of checkins, now wouldn't you? Why not even volunteer to take on the Net Control responsibility for one or two Sundays to gain some experience? Don't need experience in running a net? How about just volunteering to help out?

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee has started the work to transition to our new repeater. We hoped to have the new system online before the end of December. We missed our target, because of my pesky work schedule, and some unplanned technical issues.

Be sure to welcome our new LARK members when you hear them on the air or see them at a meeting.

See you at the next meeting, right? (Even if you're not a member now, you can become one!) Need a ride to the meeting? We'll send someone to get you! Need someone to buy you dinner before the meeting? We can probably take care of that, too. Dress is casual, so don't worry about digging out your Tux or Formal.

Jim WB8AZP

Rechargeable Battery Explosion

The electrical connection in my cell phone that supplies power to the phone and for the recharging of the battery went bad. The rest of the cell phone worked. Having previously gotten a standard size battery and a larger battery for extended usage of the phone I would sometimes charge a battery using the MAHA MHC-777 battery charger. Now it was necessary to use the MAHA charger for all charging of the cell phone batteries.

Outside of the inconvenience things seemed to be working well. Then one day Marge heard a loud bang come from the ham shack. When she came in to investigate there were flames from papers burning. She got a water bottle and put the fire out resulting in very little damage to the house. If she had not been home the house would have gone up in flames.

You can see in the pictures the soot and where one of the maps and wall had started to burn. Some of the papers that burnt are not in the picture. I started to clean the wall and decided to let it go and take a picture of the damage. The three pieces of thin copper plates in the picture showing the fire damage are not in the picture of the exploded battery and its associated parts. Some of the parts that blew out of the battery were as much as eight feet from the charger. More parts were found as the mess was cleaned up.

The standard size battery was the one being charged. As you can see this was quite a blast and belch of flame from the battery. The opening in the battery was towards the wall so parts must have bounced off the wall that ended up around the room. Pieces were on the ham bench and the floor. The battery charger did not show any signs of damage and continues to work.

Rechargeable batteries come with warnings about the chance of explosion. We do not now leave the house with a battery being charged. After this incidence I do not think any cell phone will be put near my head while plugged into a power source that is charging the battery. This explosion and flames would very probably put an eye out and/or cause hearing loss.

Ray N8CPO



Al Corr Estate Sale

The following is being offered from the estate of Al Corr W8IW. All items are as is, and have not been tested. No warranty is expressed or implied.

Heathkit SB300 Receiver and SB401 Transmitter (no microphone) \$250

Heathkit HA10 Warrior 1KW Amplifier \$300

MFJ 752 CW/SSB Filter \$40

Kenwood TR7400A Transceiver, (no microphone) \$60

SBE Model SF1 80/40/20 meter transceiver \$40

Dentron MT2000A Tuner \$120

National Radio Unmarked Two Piece Unit \$20

4 Sections of Tower (Buyer takes down) \$50

Heathkit Model O-5 Oscilloscope \$10

Heathkit TS2 TV Alignment Generator \$10

Meissner Model EX Signal Shifter \$10

Please contact Jim, WB8AZP (WB8AZP@ARRL.NET) or 810-220-2098

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thirty seven amateurs enjoyed holiday company at the LARK Christmas dinner held at the Brighton Cracker-barrel. Door prizes were won by Duane, N8WMN and Rick, W8RCM. Special prizes, donated by Dave, KE8Z, were also awarded. A great time was had by all in attendance.
