



# THE LED

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**NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM**

**CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK**

**NEXT KLUB MEETING  
July 12th 7:30PM at the  
EOC, Highlander Way, Howell, MI**

### BOARD MEMBERS

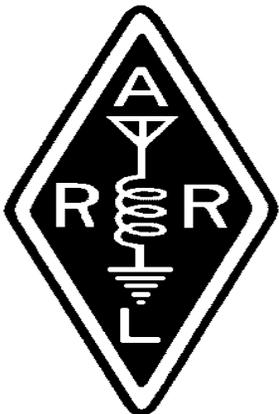
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### SOCIAL EVENTS

**LARK Picnic, Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>, Howell City Park.  
3 PM, eat at 4PM. Bring a covered dish and your  
choice of beverage. For more details, contact  
Mary KC8SER.**



## PREZ SAYS

We had fun at the Balloonfest with our public service operations and field day. If you missed the event, be sure to plan attending next year. We've got a great program on NVIS antennas planned for the next meeting, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Van N8GVD



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### LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Check in on the 146.68 repeater.

### LARK Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our current location is the Crossroads Grill, near the intersection of Oak Grove Road and M59 in Howell. (The restaurant is located near the south end of the Kroger plaza). This is a great opportunity to get together with hams that can't always make our regular Klub meetings, and for hams just passing through! All are welcome!



**“What you are is revealed by what you do. What you do reveals what you really believe.”**

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## EDITORS COMMENTS



June is over! Hopefully, you've been able to work on some of those nagging antenna projects, before all of summer slips away.

### Articles

Thanks for all those who have taken the time to contribute real quality articles to the newsletter. Your editor appreciates the effort.

### 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? Regardless, the 50/50 drawing is a great way to help support the Klub, and the extra prizes give everyone a chance to win!

### SUNDAY EVENING NET ON 146.68

We seemed to have slipped back into our old habits. Turn on your rig on Sunday evening, and check into the net! It won't cause you any pain or discomfort.

### LARK SATURDAY BREAKFAST

It's just a nice way to offer an opportunity to mingle with the membership. These meetings are currently held at the Cross Roads Grill in Howell, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, usually starting around 8 AM or so. Stop on in for a glass of water, or breakfast, or a cup of coffee. Heck, if I'm there (and I often try to be) you can probably get me to buy your coffee! Oh yes, let's see; your lame excuse for not making it on Saturday morning is?

### VE TESTING

With all the new emphasis on amateur radio, and our local PR efforts, VE testing sessions have been busier than ever. If you want to assist, you need to become a registered VE. Talk with me for details. There is nothing more rewarding than to be able to congratulate a person who has just made it through an exam! We are adding testing opportunities every month now, so spread the word, and get studying for your upgrade!

Again as part of the July 2007 testing session, LARK is participating in a pilot ARRL program to bring Code Proficiency Testing to the field, in a similar manner as the existing W1AW on air testing currently available.

## OTHER COMMENTS

Your editor has been traveling more as a result of his "day job" than ever. What this means to you is that he's not as accessible, and often does not have the time to devote to newsletter production. Now more than ever, your editor needs support and help to accomplish the task of creating the LED, and keeping Klub members informed. That includes, but is not limited to, submitting articles in a timely fashion for the newsletter.

I'm also off with my spouse on a little vacation for a few weeks. We're still looking for articles, so send them in email, or send hardcopy to Dick, W8KDR.

Although your editor believes passionately in the power of freedom of speech, he reserves the right to ignore commentary generated by those who refuse to assist. He will however, accept and publish rebuttal to his stance.

Support the Klub. It's important. Not just to the organization, but to the future of amateur radio as well. If you are not part of the solution, does that simply mean that you're part of the problem?

Support the ARRL. Why? Because amateur radio needs the solidarity to survive, and your support can help drive this.

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Your Article Could Be Right Here.....

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## Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Offers Code Testing -- for Fun

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) begins participating in a pilot study of an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field code proficiency testing program in June. The second of the monthly sessions will be offered on July 10th at 7:00 PM. The location for the testing will be the Emergency Operations Center, 300 South Highlander Way, Howell, MI.

Morse code testing will be offered from 5-40 wpm in steps of 5 wpm. There is no charge to participate. The pilot program is essentially an extension of the long-standing Code Proficiency program conducted over the air from station W1AW.

The pilot program has been initiated in only four municipal areas in the ARRL Great Lakes Division of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. All area residents interested in demonstrating their ability to receive Morse code are invited to join in the testing.

Test participants do not need to be Amateur Radio operators. Successful candidates will demonstrate one minute of perfect copy of the transmitted text at one or more test speeds. Persons who achieve solid copy will receive a receipt that confirms their accomplishment.

Certificates suitable for framing are available from the ARRL for an additional fee.

For further information on Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Morse code testing runs, contact Dick Renaud, W8KDR (W8KDR@arrl.net) 810-923-3600 or Jim Kvochick, WB8AZP (WB8AZP@arrl.net) 810-220-2098.

Pre-register, or simply walk-in. Although knowledge of Morse code is no longer required to obtain an amateur radio license, you may be surprised to learn how easy it is to develop and demonstrate skills in using Morse code. You too, can talk on the air with amateur stations around the globe that use this mode exclusively.

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Well here it is. The adventures of the Sunday and Monday midnight to 4 A.M. crew for Operation Care.

**Sunday's shift was sort of a bust. It was raining when we arrived on station to start our shift. About 2 A.M. a Buick rolled in to park and I mean rolled in. The driver didn't put on the brakes hard enough to park and hit the curb going about 3 mph. The car sure stopped, but the guys inside didn't. They go out rubbing their heads and talking to the driver in language we are sure he understood. The sound of bottles rattling on the floor, when they tried to get out, told of their condition.**

**Then there was the fellow who asked if we had change for a \$10. There were 2 other guys standing near his car when he came over. We told him we didn't have any money as it was collected after each shift. He went back and talked to his buddies, they looked at us and left. He got into his car and went to sleep. Whether it was an honest request for change or not we will never know. But we didn't take any chances.**

**Monday's shift was more interesting. A man took a cup of coffee to his vehicle and shortly returned leading a dog on a rope. The dog was a boxer and acted sort of scared. Charlie gave the guy a dog biscuit for the pooch. The guy said the dog was a gift for Father's Day from his daughter. What she didn't tell him was she had fed the dog before he left and the dog got car sick and puked all over the back seat of his truck. Was he ticked at that dog. The truck stunk and he had to drive with the window down to keep from getting sick himself.**

**Then a young woman arrived wearing only a halter and a pair of stretch pants that were so tight they looked like they were prayed on. I'll bet she had to grease her butt to get in them. A short time later we heard a wham bang and observed a truck going over the curb just missing the "Do Not Enter" "Wrong Way" signs at the entrance to the parking lot. A guy got out and was standing by his truck with the door open. Charlie and I looked at each other and looked**

at the guy, by then he was urinating in the parking lot. He got back into his truck, backed over the curb again and took off.

The rest of the shift was peaceful. No coyotes barking, no raccoons fighting and Peppy La Pheuw wasn't present. The changing of the guard arrived. Another Operation Care behind us and home for breakfast, Goodnight.

Mac N8RBA & Charlie KB8OVJ



# 2007 ARRL

## Great Lakes Division Convention in conjunction with the 2007 Cleveland Hamfest

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2007 opening ceremonies at 11:30am

Location: Sheraton Independence Hotel, 5300 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

*We are very proud to announce our featured Banquet Speaker  
will be Joel Harrison W5ZN, President ARRL*

Jim K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director will host the  
Great Lakes Division Awards Ceremony

### Top vote getting Seminars you ask for:

- Bob Heil K9EID and Chip Margelli K7JA, Heil Sound Workshop
- Speaker to be announced on Emergency Communications
- Bob Frey WA6EZV & Dick Arnett WB4SUV all about ARDF
- Tim Duffy K3LR "The K3LR Multi Multi Station"
- Jim Sanford WB4GCS Eagle Project Manager from AMSAT
- All about DX from beginners to Honor Roll Hams, seminars hosted by Tedd KB8NW, John K8YSE, Bernie W3UR, Don K8MFO, Bob K4UEE on VU7RD DXpedition plus a question & answer panel
- Wouff Hong ceremony after the banquet
- Hospitality room courtesy of CARS, LEARA & NODXA
- Card checking - DXCC, WAS, VUCC Low Bands & VHF Fri. 7 to 11pm & Sat. 1 to 3pm
- Please visit our sponsor tables Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm



Joel Harrison W5ZN



Seminars only	\$25.00 advance - \$30.00 at the door
Banquet only	\$37.00 advance sales only
Full ticket	\$50.00 save \$12.00 advance sales only
Full ticket with a room	\$45.00 save \$17.00 advance sales only

Order your tickets on line now using a credit card or send a check!  
Option: Reserved tables for 8 people may be requested with your payment

**All Hams and those interested in becoming Hams are welcome.**

**Please attend the Convention to see what the ARRL has to offer.**

**Join the ARRL if you like what you see and hear!**

Questions, ticket orders and latest news call 216-524-7711 - 216-524-1750 or goto:

[www.2007glcdc.org](http://www.2007glcdc.org)