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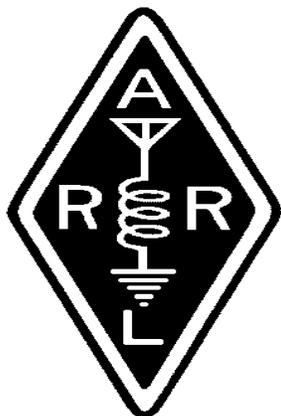
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Radio Klub  
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**NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM**

**CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK**

**NEXT KLUB MEETING  
June 14th 7:30PM at the  
EOC, Highlander Way, Howell, MI**



### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Van	N8GVD
Vice-President	Dick	W8KDR
Secretary	Mary	KC8SER
Treasurer	Clairus	KC8QQN
Program Director	Jon	KC8VAB
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146.680 Repeater	Jim	WB8AZP
LED Editor	Jim	WB8AZP
VE Coordinator	Jim	WB8AZP
PIO Officer	Brandon	KC8YHE
PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

### SOCIAL EVENTS

16 Jun 2007 Midland ARC <http://www.qsl.net/w8kea>  
Talk-In: 147.00+ Contact: Keith Johnson, KB8SOE  
1300 East Olson Road Midland, MI 48641

17 Jun 2007 Monroe County Radio Communications  
<http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm> Talk-In: 146.72/12  
Contact: Fred VanDaele, KA8EBI 4 Carl Drive  
Monroe, MI 48162 Phone: 734-242-9487

23 Jun 2007 NMARES Field Day & Tailgate Swap  
Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
<http://www.nmares.net/> Talk-In: 146.52 Simplex  
Contact: James E. Davis, KC8NTE 8378 VanTyle Road  
Elmira, MI 49730-9717 Email: kc8nte@arrl.net

## PREZ SAYS

With Operation Care just behind us and Field day just around the corner there has been a lot going on. Why not drop by the next LARK meeting and see how we're doing. Starting in the month of June the LARK will also be sponsoring ARRL VE testing, these testing sessions will be conducted on the Second Tuesday of every even month. Also we will be conducting testing for the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses and Code Proficiency Testing. Why not drop by and take a test. If you're a VE or CE we could use your help.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the June meeting!

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.”**

## MINUTES FROM MAY 2007 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Van, N8GVD, with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. Brandon, KC8YHE gave an excellent talk on lightning and grounding.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and accepted.

Technical Committee gave a brief report. LED editor begged for more articles.

Field Day was discussed with final planning scheduled for the June 2007 meeting. Current plans are to follow the arrangements from last year.

All Operation Care positions have been filled for Memorial Day.

The topic of LARK picnics was discussed. The membership present voted to hold two this year. Marge, N8EAJ, Irene, KA8MVW, and Mary, KC8SER will work with Clairus, KC8QQN in planning.

50/50 was won by Dick, W8KDR, who donated it back to the Emergency Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary, KC8SER

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## EDITORS COMMENTS



May vaporized ! For those who made the trek, Hamvention was no disappointment! There are a number of new amateurs already involved with the LARK. Come and meet them at the June meeting. Consider helping out on our big public promotion of amateur radio at the Howell Balloonfest.

## 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!

Beginning with the June 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.

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?

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### FOR SALE:

HyGain AV-640 Patriot vertical HyGain AV-640 multi-band vertical operates all HF bands (including WARC) from 6 meters to 40 meters. Trapless design allows independent SWR tuning on each band, operates at full legal limit, and requires no guying for wind speeds to 80 MPH. Looks and works great!

\$200 Pick up in Hamburg from K8UT- Larry. Contact 810.231.4958 to get info.

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### MONROE HAMFEST and Computer Show

Father's Day - June 17, 2007 7:30 am to 1 pm

Presented by: The Monroe County Radio Comm. Assoc.

Monroe County Fairgrounds M-50 at Raisinville Rd (2 miles west of Monroe)

Free Parking Indoor Facilities / Trunk Sales

Computers and Equipment Distributors / Hot Food Overnight Camping available

Talk-in 146.72 for more information and Table, Trunk and Ticket orders Go to:  
<http://www.mcrca.org/hamfest.htm>

Reserve Tables at:

<http://www.mcrca.org/flier.htm>

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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 first of the monthly sessions will be offered on June 12th 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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## LARK BADGES AT NEXT MEETING

If you haven't yet received your LARK Photo ID, it's more than likely because we either lost your picture, or didn't have one to start with. If we lost your photo, we apologize. Simply show up at the next meeting so we can correct the issue.

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## FIELD DAY! WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO?

Once again, LARK is conducting their Field Day along with the Howell Ballonfest. There is something going on for everyone during this event. In addition to running an HF station or two, right near the center of all the festivities, LARK will also be assisting in ARES operations to provide video for the Howell Police Department, as well as manning the CBRNE disaster trailer.

There's even rumor of potential VOB (Video On Balloon) using ATV!

Come out and participate! You know you want to!

# 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 go to:

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