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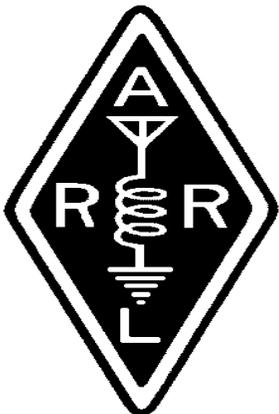
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Radio Klub  
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**NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM**

**CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK**

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



### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
Vice-President	Bruce	N8GVD
Secretary	Mary	KC8SER
Treasurer	Clairus	KC8QQN
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Board Member	Chuck	W8CLK

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

146.680 Repeater	Jim	WB8AZP
LED Editor	Jim	WB8AZP
VE Coordinator	Jim	WB8AZP
PIO Officer	Brandon	KC8YHE
PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

### SOCIAL EVENTS

21 Oct 2006 Great Lakeshore Super Swap  
Holland ARC <http://www.hollandarc.org>  
Talk-In: 147.060 (PL 94.8) Contact: Sue Seidelman, KC8RQS  
HARC PO Box 2104 Holland, MI 49422-2104  
Phone: 616-394-9821 Fax: 269-673-8632

22 Oct 2006 Blossomland Blast Blossomland ARA  
<http://www.blossomlandara.org> Talk-In: 146.82(-) 146.72(-)  
Contact: Gary Wallis, KB8VIM BARA PO Box 175  
St. Joseph, MI 49085 Phone: 269-429-3629  
Fax: 269-982-8979 Email: w8mai@comcast.net

29 Oct 2006 USECA Swap Utica Shelby Emergency Comm.  
Assc. <http://www.useca.net> Talk-In: 147.180 + (PL 100)  
Contact: Bob Hollingsworth, KZ8N PO Box 46331  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48046 Phone: 586-716-9114

## PREZ SAYS



"Why not attend a meeting in person, or at least join us for breakfast on the first and third Saturday of the month? Amateur Radio needs your involvement to help keep it an important hobby and public service. Thank you for your support!"

73, from your President, Art KC8WAZ

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## LARK SOCIAL NOTES

### 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!



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## MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Art KC8WAZ offered his thanks to Van, N8GVD, for filling in on his behalf. Shannon, KD8BVT, offered her thanks to Dick, W8KDR, for filling in on her behalf. Introductions were made.

Mac, N8RBA, made a motion to accept the Secretaries report, seconded by Don, N8SKE. Motion passed. Pat KD8DZB made a motion to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Chuck, W8CLK. Motion passed.

Clairus, KC8QQN, gave a report on the status of the klub. She reviewed all of the paperwork, and the classes she has attended. Bruce, N8WWX, made a motion to reimburse Clairus for all fees, seconded by Mac, N8RBA. Motion passed.

Correspondence was reviewed, and all bill paid.

Awards Banquet Committee. Ray, N8CPO announced operations will begin in February or March of 2007.

Operation Care was very successful this September, and we collected donations of \$1150.70. Chuck, W8CLK, and Clairus, KC8QQN, told us of other Operation Care stops on their trip during the weekend. Thanks to all volunteers. A committee was formed for tasking. Rick, W8RCM, Tom, AB8IT, & Mary, KC8SER, volunteered.

Name badge project will finish up in November.

ARES RACES announcement of training on Saturday 9AM on Hazmat.

The Greg Yost family donated his antennas and tower to the klub. They are at the qth of Clairus, KC8QQN.

Wes, AB8VB gave us a short talk on radio equipment used by military forces.

Klub equipment needs to be evaluated, and moved to a new storage facility. The technical committee will assess the equipment, and review the storage space options.

September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the open house at the NOAA weather center in Pontiac, MI.

October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the SET exercise, with Bob, K8VQC acting as EC.

50/50 drawing was won by Doug, KC8ZKZ (\$60.50)

Mac, N8RBA, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck, W8CLK, motion passed.

Respectfully, Mary KC8SER

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Public Service Corps

ATTENTION:

To complete the training required for ARES / RACES certification, amateurs need to complete the ARRL Level I ECC course, or attend the upcoming training to be held Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 9:30 AM at the EOC. (This course will begin right after the LARK breakfast on that same Saturday).

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## EDITORS COMMENTS



It's the "frost on the pumpkin and fodder in the shock" time of year again. The stores take this opportunity to blend Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the beginning of Christmas merchandising. Amateurs often use what few warm dry days we have now to finish up their antenna projects. We'd all love to hear about what you've been up to. Drop into a meeting, you'll meet some of the newer hams in the area!

### 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

I couldn't be happier about being wrong! Join us on the Sunday evening net!

### 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?

## LARK WEBSITE

Our current website has been moved to its new electronic home. Find us on the web at: <http://www.w8lrk.org>

## OTHER COMMENTS

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. Not sure if you have enough change to buy yourself a refreshing beverage at the meeting? We'll handle that for you as well. Afraid the room will be too cold for you? Bring your blanky. Dress is casual, so don't worry about digging out your Tux or Formal. We have plenty of seats in the front (or back) row for you. Do you have another unique excuse for not attending the meeting? Why not share it with others, in a lovely article for the newsletter?

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I remember telling a ham friend of mine, when I got my technician ticket, that won't need more than one radio...he laughed and told me to have fun. Just over 2 ½ years later and two upgrades, I'm sharing the shack with my wife who just got her ticket (KD8EFS). She has added her IC-746PRO to the shack which she won at the Findley Swap in OHIO earlier this month... not a bad way to start out as a new HAM.

I started off with the Yaesu FT-7800 and VX-5R...moving the radio from truck to shack was a pain. So as a reward for finishing our basement I brought an FT-897D, but up a tower with a vertical and 2 meter beam for SSB and an AO-50 for 6 meter SSB. Seemed good enough...not!

After earning my General ticket and making 3 contacts using an inverted "L", I put down the mic for 6 weeks and studied for the Extra. The reward after 6 weeks... I'm rewarded with an Amateur Extra ticket. So of course this leads to the increased shack requirements, it only natural right?

Our equipment list today:

In the shack: IC746PRO, TS2000, Heil GM-4 mic, MFJ-393Y Professional Grade Boom-Mic Headphones, 13B2

Cushcraft Boomer, 9/11 dB 144/440 Collinear Dualband Antenna, 2 meter homebrew J-pole 2/440, 80 meter homebrew loop, G5RV, Z-100 and MFJ993B tuners and a KL145 2 meter Amplifier, 2 Motorola speakers, Hygain CD-45II, American Standard 40' tower, a laptop PC loaded with Mixw software and Rig Expert MINI.

For traveling: FT-7800R, IC208H, VX-5R, 2 Diamond NR770HA 144/440 5/8 wave mobile, FT-897D, 40 and 20 meter 1/2 loops and 102 stainless whip MFJ-971 tuner.

73,  
W8RCM & KD8EFS



Kathleen Martinez at the operations console

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## OPERATION CARE Labor Day 2006

This was my first Operation Care experience, but it was a great experience. It was an opportunity to put faces to the call signs of many members I had only talked to on the radio. Talking with the many different workers was a wealth of radio techniques, equipment information and new antenna ideas. It was better than all the books you can buy. Just the hours of conversation and learning about the experiences of each member was a priceless opportunity. There were also many interesting people who stopped by for the food and drinks. Even the kids and dogs were most entertaining. I have included a few pictures below. Sorry if I missed some of the members.

The best news of all was that all the hard work by all the members resulted in our exceeding our goal.

I look forward to the next Operation Care and hope that all of our experiences will make it even more successful than this one

Thank you all for teaching me, helping me and just sharing your experiences and thoughts with me.

Dick W8KDR





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From ARRL Headquarters

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To all radio amateurs

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ARLB017 Radio jammer Jack Gerritsen gets seven years, fines

It was a day a lot of radio amateurs in Southern California had been anticipating for a long time. On September 18, US District Court

Judge R. Gary Klausner sentenced convicted radio jammer Jack Gerritsen, now 70, to seven years imprisonment and imposed \$15,225 in fines on six counts -- one a felony -- that included transmitting without a license and willful and malicious interference with radio transmissions. Before sentencing, Gerritsen apologized to the federal government, the FCC and the local Amateur Radio community, which had endured the brunt of Gerritsen's on-air tirades and outright jamming. "I'm sorry, and I apologize to everyone here," Gerritsen told those in the courtroom.

Gerritsen's contrition did nothing to convince Klausner toward leniency. The judge berated Gerritsen as a repeat offender and said he believed Gerritsen would continue to commit similar offenses. The sentence even exceeded US District Attorney Lamar Baker's recommended 46 months incarceration.

In addition to the prison time, Klausner fined Gerritsen \$225, payable immediately, and an additional \$15,000 to be paid through the Probation Department. Klausner tacked on two years' supervised probation and recommended Gerritsen remain in custody in Southern California during that period.

Klausner further ordered Gerritsen to participate in a substance abuse program at his own expense. He told Gerritsen he could not use any identification, including his previous Amateur Radio call sign KG6IRO, other than his real name when identifying himself, and he told Gerritsen he could not own, possess or use any radio transmitting equipment.

The FCC had been investigating complaints of illegal radio transmissions linked to Gerritsen for four years. According to court documents, the FCC investigation revealed that Gerritsen transmitted both prerecorded messages and real-time harassment and profanity for hours at a time, often targeting local Amateur Radio repeater systems and precluding their use by licensed operators.

Following trial last December, Gerritsen was found guilty of causing malicious interference with a communications system operated by the United States -- a felony. The court also found him guilty of two misdemeanor counts of willful or malicious interference with radio communications and three misdemeanor counts of transmitting radio signals without a license. Gerritsen has been in custody since his conviction.

The FCC has already levied \$52,000 in fines on Gerritsen for violating its rules and the Communications Act.

Ever need a cold compress?

You need:

2ea 1 Gallon Ziploc bags - GOOD ones (must seal well)

1 cup Rubbing alcohol

3 cup Tap Water

Pour the alcohol and the water in a Ziploc. Squeeze out the air, seal tightly. Put this inside the OTHER Ziploc.

Now put this in the freezer for 2 hours, and you have a squishy gel cold pack. *DO NOT* apply directly to skin as this thing is way colder than 32 degrees. Always use a towel or something between it and your skin.

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You'll need to ask Alex, KD8BVS about this picture.