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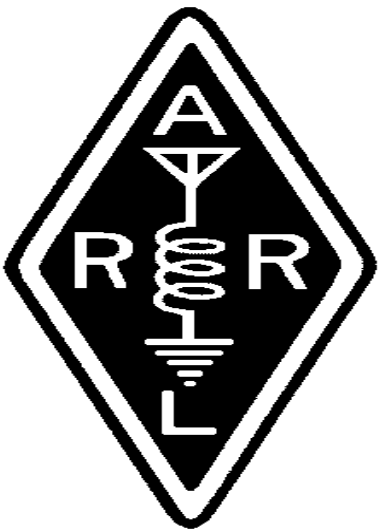
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NEXT KLUB MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 P.M  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

NET  
146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
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Treasury	Clairus	KC8QQN
Program Director	Bob	K8VQC
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146.680 Repeater	Jack	KA8BOG
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## .PREZ SAYS

**His computer is down, so we'll hear from him double next month...or better yet, pop on over to a MEETING!**

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## . EDITORS COMMENTS

One minute I'm a new club member, the next I'm the editor of the LED! Had I not volunteered, there would no longer be a newsletter. As I pointed out to many of the members at the August meeting, reading the newsletter is what sparked my interest in joining the group. Hopefully, with all of your help, we'll be able to carry forward this great tradition.

Speaking of help, my personal thanks to Roger for making the transition as painless as it possibly could be, and my thanks to the many club supporters who have offered their support as I take on this assignment.

I look forward to meeting you all at meetings, (you do come to meetings once and awhile, don't you?) and other club activities. Feel free to email me at [WB8AZP@ARRL.NET](mailto:WB8AZP@ARRL.NET), phone me at 810-220-2098 or write me at:

Jim Kvochick WB8AZP  
10366 Greystone Court  
Brighton, MI 48114-7650

Don't forget, this is **YOUR** newsletter. We need articles about the things that interest you, and what you're doing. If you're just not sure about how to write it all down, we can help with that, too!

Your contribution will keep some mighty boring stuff out of the newsletter!

73

Jim WB8AZP

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## TREASURER REPORT GENERAL OPERATING FUND

FOR PERIOD AUG 1, 2003 TO AUG.31, 2003

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY) \$ 647.60

INCOME

AUG 50/50 26.50

DONATION FOR PICNIC FOOD 5.00

EXPENDITURES

AUG PICNIC MELISSA 13.04

MARSH AFFINITY INSURANCE ON EQUIP. 325.00

ROGER JACKSON, PRINTING JULY 1 21.92

ROGER JACKSON, PRINTING AUG 1 31.46

ENDING BALANCE AUG 31 \$ 287.68

OPENING CASH (CD \$1,000.) \$1,206.50

INTEREST ON MATURITY 15.09

OPENING CASH (CD \$500.) 588.29

TOTAL OPERATING CASH. \$2,097.56

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TREASURER REPORT.

PERIOD AUG 1, 2003 TO AUG.31, 2003

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY) \$1,094.75

INCOME 0.00

EXPENDITURES.

DEPOSIT TO DAVE FOR STORAGE UNIT. 100.00

BALANCE AUG 31. \$ 994.75

Respectfully submitted,

Clairus KC8QQN

Treasurer

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## SUMMER TIME FUN.

Well Ya'll, it has been a great summer and the Klub outings have been so much fun. Just wanted to take sometime and tell everyone thanks for a wonderful time. The vittles were a whopping success. A special thanks to the man that knows how to light a fire Mr. Billy Bob (with two B's ) also known as (N8PBA). I am sure by now everyone knows that we sure have a bunch of good vittle makers in this bunch of fine people that are in this Klub. We got to suck down some of Ms. Laura's (W8DYH) fancy taters with cheese in dem. Had a smidgen of Mr. Tim's (WB8HRO) fancy beans there too. Never had tried any freezer slaw before but guess that Ms. Irene (KA8NVW) was the one that think that name up for good ole COLD Slaw. And Ms. Marge (N8EAJ) and Ms. Mary (KC8MSA) for the die-zerts that were mouth watering. Also to Ms. Melissa (KC8UTF) for going shopping for the wieners. I am sure that I can't figure out just who all brought what but thanks so vary much for splitting up your vittles with us they sure was something special. Also thanks to all them there ones who brought the cups, plates, sleeve savers and them there eaten tools.

Also need to say thanks to all the fellers that took the time to set up and take down that big cover over our heads, sure help all the ones that don't have a cap or much hair left, so as to keep their heads from getting toasted.

Also a big thanks to Captin Greg (AA5GO) for riden all those folks around on his big ship that floats on the water. I happen to know fer a fact that he made some people pertty happy with it being there first time ever doing any thang like that be-fer.

Also a big THANK YOU to Mr. Bruce (N8WWX) and Mr. Tim (WB8HRO) for all the hard work they done on setting up and arranging for the Ares-Races training meeten, and to all them there folks that ventured over and sat down for a spell and participated in all the happening.

I know that the shindigs would not of been a success with out every body stopping in and sitten for a spell and sharing some good vittles and a few old stories and jokes. Ya'll made each shindig a truly wonderful event. Give your self a slap on the back, and if you can't reach your back have someone else do it fer you, but you might want to make sure they are your friend or they could just knock your breath away.

Special thanks to Mr. Rick (KC8HEZ) for being a gentlemen and letting me wear his jacket home when the rains came and caught me unprepared.

Just a little humor there don't mean to offend anyone. Laughter is the best medicine and the good vittles don't hurt anything either.

Clairus, KC8QQN

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### GENERAL MEETING

Art N8WAZ called meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretaries Report: It was brought to the Secretary's attention, prior to the meeting, that there were two errors in the Secretaries report.

1. Mac, N8RBA, did not win the 50/50 raffle
2. Rita, WA8IAQ, will co-chair the Awards Banquet along with Mary, KC8SER.

Irene, KA8MVW, made motion to accept the corrected Secretaries Report. Dave, KE8Z seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasures Report: Irene, KA8MVW, made motion to accept the Treasures Report published in the August LED. Mac, N8RBA, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

EOC: There was a severe storm in July and a SKYWARN net was activated. One twister was reported. A thanks goes out to all those who participated.

## OLD BUSINESS

OPERATION CARE: A camper and some volunteers for runners are still needed. Everything else is all set. Duane, N8WMN, offered his camper. Now lets all give the travelers a chance to rest and show them that the local amateurs care about their safety.

## NEW BUSINESS

LED: As reported in the August LED, Roger, N8SGU, resigned as editor of the LED due to personnel reason. Bob, K8PBA was nominated as the new editor. Irene, KA8MVW, seconded the motion. Bob, K8PBA, declined.

Jim, WB8AZP, volunteered to be the new editor. Thanks Jim. We wish you all the luck in your new endeavor. Jim's e-mail address is: [wb8azp@arrl.net](mailto:wb8azp@arrl.net).

PICNIC: There will be a picnic at the Roosevelt street, (500 block), park starting around 5:30 on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is August 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drill on passing traffic starting at 6:30. Everyone is invited.

Presentation: Bob, K8VQC, the Program Director, presented a very interesting discussion on PACKET Radio. Next month's presentation will be a demonstration on how to set up a PACKET station.

Technical Director: Roger, N8SGU, resigned as the Technical Director due to personnel reasons. Duane, N8WMN, made motion to table action regarding finding/appointing a new Technical Director until the next meeting. Clairus, K8QQN, seconded. Motion passed.

Thanks Roger for all you have done for the Klub.

50/50 Drawing: Ray, N8CPO, won the 50/50 drawing and walked away with \$53.00.

Mac, N8RBA, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary KC8SER  
Secretary

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### BOARD MEETING

Clairus, KC8QQN, and Melissa, KC8UTF, showed up at EOC at 7:30 on 8/04/03. Mary, KC8SER, showed up at the EOC at 7:00 and Art showed up at 7:30 on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There was no quorum for a meeting either night. Therefore there was no Board Meeting for the month of August.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary KC8SER

Notre: Board meetings are held the Monday before the General Meeting at 7:30. Meetings will be held in the EOC library.



Complaints must be accompanied with an equal or greater ratio of contribution, or they will be ignored.  
(The Editor)



## LARK MEETINGS PROGRAMS

The September program is all about the "nuts and bolts" of setting up and operating a packet station. You will of course be attending this meeting?

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Upcoming events that we've heard about include:

**6 Sep 2003** ARA of Hanson Hills  
<http://www.arahh.org/swapshop.html>  
Contact: George Brand, WA8SCO  
PO Box 506  
Lewiston, MI 49756  
Phone: 989-344-8607  
Email: [wa8sco@arrl.net](mailto:wa8sco@arrl.net)

**13 Sep 2003** Grand Rapids ARA, Lowell ARC  
& Michigan ARA  
<http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm>  
Contact: Ed Novakowski, N8UXN  
PO Box 3282  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282  
Phone: 616-458-9029  
Email: [hamfest@w8dc.org](mailto:hamfest@w8dc.org)

**14 Sep 2003** Adrian ARC  
<http://www.w8tqe.com>  
Contact: Eric Smith, K8JWV  
5398 Hunt Road  
Adrian, MI 49221  
Phone: 517-263-5407  
Email: [k8jvw@arrl.net](mailto:k8jvw@arrl.net)

**6 Sep 2003** Great Lakes Division Convention  
Findlay Radio Club  
<http://www.findlayradioclub.org>  
Contact: Bill Kelsey, N8ET  
PO Box 587  
Findlay, OH 45839  
Phone: 419-423-4604  
Email: [kanga@bright.net](mailto:kanga@bright.net)

**7 Sep 2003** Findlay Hamfest  
Findlay Radio Club  
<http://www.findlayradioclub.org>  
Contact: Bill Kelsey, N8ET  
PO Box 587  
Findlay, OH 45839  
Phone: 419-423-4604  
Email: [kanga@bright.net](mailto:kanga@bright.net)

**21 Sep 2003** Greater Cincinnati ARA  
<http://cincinnatiamateurradio.com>  
Contact: Tom Denham, K8VOE  
9299 Minuteman Way  
West Chester, OH 45069  
Phone: 513-779-3951

**28 Sep 2003** Hamfest Association of Cleveland  
<http://www.hac.org>  
Contact:  
Phone: 1-800-CLE-FEST  
Email: [info@hac.org](mailto:info@hac.org)

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## L.A.R.K. SOCIAL NOTES

We have had lots of good eyeball QSOs at our pre-meeting dinners and before-and-after our meetings this summer. Our meetings have been interesting with lots of technical information being shared by members. All of these are important functions of any radio club.

The picnics and ARES/RACES drills have been well attended with everyone having a good time with delicious food, hot dogs, and more eyeball QSOs. Greg, AA5GO has brought his speedboat, and all the kids (and some adults), have really enjoyed riding on Thompson Lake.

33 and 73 from Laurene WA8IAQ  
Picnic Chairperson (by default)

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## LAPEER SWAP

I had a great time at the Lapeer Swap a few weeks ago. Even had the chance to meet a few more L.A.R.K. members who took on the northbound drive. It sure would be nice if someone in the club found a nice cozy little spot with some tables and chairs, so we could sponsor a little "once a month" Saturday morning swap of our own.

These things don't have to be huge productions, especially if you're just trying to get folks out of the house for a few hours.

I've heard that the club has put on swaps before, but this doesn't mean we can't revisit it, right?

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## OPERATION CARE.

Wow what a wonderful group of people you all are. I would to thank you one and all for all your hard work and dedication to making Operation Care a great success. We were off to a great start with very minor setbacks, (I knew I would forget something at home). Other than that things could not have been better. The donations came in. The coffee pots worked, the trailer is fantastic and everyone just chipped in and brought this whole thing together. I am so glad that each one of you stepped up and asked to be included. That sure made my job as Chairperson so much easier. I also want to thank everyone for the emails, phone calls and notes that were passed to keep me on the straight and narrow. Running one of these operations is very intense and I would have forgotten more if I had not been reminded of several things. It is all of us pulling together to make this happen. That in itself is just wonderful.

I will be sure and have a grand tally for everyone just as soon as possible. I know we were able to spark some interest in our wonderful hobby with a few young ones as well as older adults. That is great. There will always be room for another Ham.

Again, Thanks so very much. Each and every one of you is truly a special person. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Clairus Keep

KC8QQN

Operation Care Chairperson.

## OPERATION CARE FINAL COUNT.

Great work everyone. The funds collected are now deposited into our Emergency Repeater account. I will explain the total out come and if anyone has any questions feel free to ask me. Total amount taken in was \$558.76 we were fortunate to receive \$24.00 in Canadian money. The exchange rate was 34.5 percent per dollar. So the total from the Canadian money ended up being \$15.72, making our total for operation care \$550.48

I truly appreciate everyone's help with set up and take down of the operation, and for the long hours of dedication everyone has shown. We will plan our next operation well in advance as to also make it a 100% success.

Respectfully Submitted  
Clairus Keep  
KC8QQN  
Operation Care Chairperson

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**Or [K8OCL@hotmail.com](mailto:K8OCL@hotmail.com)**

10Meter FM Mobile Transceiver, 10 watts  
output - Alinco Model DR-M03  
(Quantity 2)

160-10M HF Transceiver, 100 watt output -  
Yaesu FT-757

2M/70cm FM HT Transceiver w/batteries and  
charger, 5 watts output - Yaesu Model FT-50

2M FM HT Transceiver w/batteries and  
charger, 6 watts output - Icom  
IC-T2H

2M FM HT Transceiver w/new battery and  
charger, 1 watt output - Icom  
IC-2A

2M FM Mobile Transceiver w/TNC, 50  
watts output - Alinco  
DR-135T/E

2M FM Mobile Transceiver, 50 watts  
output - Icom  
IC-2100H

70cm FM Mobile Transceiver, 35 watts  
output – Yaesu FT-4700

CB Radio SSB&AM, Lafayette Telsat  
SSB-50A w/manual

70cm FM HT Transceiver w/power supply  
(no batteries), 1 watt output – Kenwood TH-41BT

2M FM HT Transceiver w/batteries, 100  
mw output – Alinco DJ-S11

70cm FM HT Transceiver w/batteries, 100  
mw output – Alinco DJ-S41

Floppy Drive Hewlett Packard OMNIBOOK laptop  
Model HP F1472A

Lithium-Ion Battery Module Hewlett Packard  
OMNIBOOK HP F1466A

12 VDC – 7A Astron Power Supply

12 VDC – 12A Astron Power Supply

12VDC – 23A Samlex SEC 1223 (switching  
type)

Antenna Tuner MFJ Versa Tuner III (1.5 KW)  
– MFJ 962D

Antenna Tuner MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II  
(100 watts) – MJF 949E

Antenna Tuner MFJ Versa Tuner (100 watts) –  
MFJ 901B

VOX Tape Recorder Optimus CTR-116

Power Strip West Mountain Radio  
RIGrunner 4005 (6 outlets)

Automatic Voltage Regulator 220 & 110 VAC

Automatic Voltage Regulator 110 VAC

RF Directional Wattmeter Dielectric 1000-A w/2-30  
MHz 1000W & 400-1000 MHz 5W watt slugs