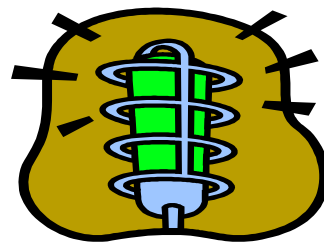




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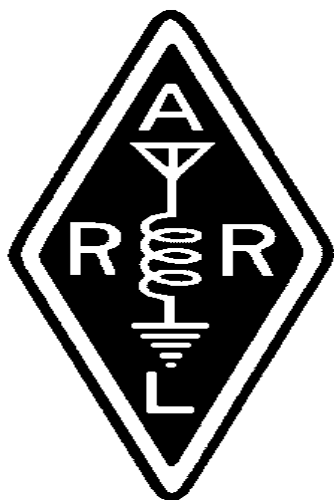
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NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

NEXT KLUB MEETING
July 14th 7:30PM at the EOC,
Highlander Road, Howell, MI



BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

146.680 Repeater	Jim	WB8AZP
LED Editor	Jim	WB8AZP
VE Coordinator	Greg	AA5GO
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PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

SOCIAL EVENTS

16 Jul 2005 NOARSFEST Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society <http://www.NOARS.net> Talk-In: 146.70 -
Contact: Thomas Porter, W8KYZ 161 Herrmann Drive Avon Lake, OH 44012 Phone: 440-930-9115
Email: tporter161@comcast.net

17 Jul 2005 Van Wert Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w8fy.org> Talk-In: 146.250 / 146.850 Contact:
Stephen Kouts, WA8WKF 1220 Lincoln Highway Van Wert, OH 45890 Phone: 419-238-5560 Email: skouts@bright.net

23 Jul 2005 8th Annual OH-KY-IN Hamfest OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society <http://www.ohkyin.org> Talk-In: 146.670 (-) Contact: Carol Hugentober, WA8YL 4441 Andreas Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45211 Phone: 513-661-5323 Email: hamfest@ohkyin.org

31 Jul 2005+Portage Hamfair '05 Portage Amateur Radio Club <http://www.parc.portage.oh.us> Talk-In: 144.79/145.39 Contact: Joanne Solak, KJ30 9971 Diagonal Road Mantua, OH 44255 Phone: 330-274-8240
Fax: 330-274-8527 Email: lisolak@ark.net

PREZ SAYS



"See you at the meeting"

LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Leo's Coney Café Grand River Avenue, Howell.



Secretary's Report General Meeting June 9th, 2005

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

Secretary & Treasurer reports were motioned for and approved by Don, N8SKE, Jim, WB8AZP, Jim, WB8AZP, and Bob, K8BPA respectively.

Sunshine Committee sent out 6 birthday cards.

ARES/RACES: Bruce, N8WWX, gave the amateurs at the meeting an overview of what has been happening at the Sanitarium road tower site.

A motion by Bruce, N8WWX, seconded by Don, N8SKE, that the Klub purchase updated training DVD's for licensing and upgrading. Although this motion passed, it was tabled until the next meeting.

We had one visitor, a youngster from the Howell area who had been listening to the LARK on his scanner.

Operation Care report was given. The Klub collected \$609.54 in donations.

Field Day was the main program event this evening. Many good ideas were discussed. The LARK has invited the members of the JBA organization to attend.

There was no old business, no new business, and no further announcements for the good of the membership.

Dave, KE8Z, won the 50/50.

Bob, K8PBA, made a motion to adjourn, and Mac, N8RBA, was second. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Mary KC8SER

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LARK Board Meeting June 2005

Board Minutes

Meeting was held on a teleconference bridge. In attendance were Van, N8GVD, Jim WB8AZP, Art, KC8WAZ, Jon, KC8VAB, and Mary, KC8SER.

Secretary report was given. It was also discussed that we would approach the idea of acquiring Dale McLain's call, AK8R, for special events.

Field Day plans were discussed, and many good ideas will be brought up at the general meeting.

Operation Care was a great success. The Klub collected \$609.54 in donations. Everyone came through to help with the event.

Van, N8GVD, mad a motion to adjourn, and Jon, KC8VAB, was the second. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By,

Mary KC8SER

TREASURER REPORT

Not available at press time

OPERATION CARE by Mary, KC8SER

When I said I would take over for Clairus, KC8QQN, I knew it was a lot of work. I was scared and a little skeptical, especially since she has always done such an outstanding job. With her help, I plunged into the planning, calling, delegating, and assignments that needed to be made.

I want to thank everyone who helped set up, tear down, and did a shift or two or three. Also, thanks to those who filled in at the last minute. Those who put signs up, ran for supplies, and performed all the other odd jobs that are required.

I spent time on some shifts, having a lot of fun talking and visiting (I was not there to check up on anyone, nor was any other board member). Everyone did a super job, and everyone had some fun doing it. Mac, N8RBA, and Charlie, KB8OVJ even had a good story to tell. Thank you from my heart each and every one of you. I am gearing up for the Labor Day version of Operation Care, and I hope you'll all be there, too. A special thanks to Clairus, KC8QQN for all her support. We took in \$609.45 in donations.

Mary, KC8SER



I hope not

EDITORS COMMENTS



July, started off rather cool, but has made up for it! I've already had the opportunity to attend a few of the more popular swaps, and enjoy socializing as well as supporting other clubs. You'll of course be doing some of the same things, right? It's also a real good time to write that article you've "been meaning to" for the LED. I look forward to seeing your upcoming work! 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 debate the point with you, if you believe you have the stamina.

Articles

We still need YOUR articles for the newsletter. Swap items, favorite stories, magical operating moments, remembering your first rig, the time your transmitter set off all the fireworks, swap and for sale items, favorite recipes, whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case you're so stuffed with all that great Field Day food 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? Sadly, most of the prizes are male oriented, largely because a guy is doing all the prize shopping. Have you noticed it's hard to get any help these days? 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

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? Don't have the net preamble? We've only printed it in this newsletter three times in the last 6 months. Just want to have something to whine about? Fine, waste your talents. Too bad, participating can be fun if you let it. Hate to conform to the "rules set forth by the man?". Consider that setting on the sidelines serves no one very well.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee has begun the design effort to deliver on the next phase of the repeater, remote receivers! Although the summer, along with some rather accelerated work schedules, has attempted to interfere with all of this, work is still moving forward. We also have a couple of new surprise additions to the repeater coming up soon.

I hear a lot of people talking about their expertise, and I see very few folks doing anything more than that. Talk is, very cheap, and ultimately easier than actually doing anything. Spare me the excuses, unless they're really unique.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

Teddy Roosevelt

(Gives you something to think about, eh?)

OTHER COMMENTS

Our PR campaigns are starting to bear fruit. Come to a meeting and see for yourself.

We're planning on a Saturday morning "coffee break", to allow those members who can't get to a weekday evening meeting to get together and chat. Plans are still pretty fluid, and I would appreciate your comments. We're even considering offering VE testing during these times as well.

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. Afraid the chairs won't be comfortable

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 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? Remember, if you're not part of the solution, you're simply a part of the problem. Social engagements are really not that difficult, despite your past experiences.

FOR SALE

I still have these two items for sale:

- 1.) HF Triband Beam 20m, 15m, 10m, similar to TH3 \$100
- 2.) Rohn Tower Ginpole \$100 (Have tower? - Need Ginpole!)

Thanks.

Neil K8IT
k8it@cac.net

FOR SALE

I have a Thunderbird 3 element trapped 10/15/20 meter beam for sale. It has about 50 + feet of 5U ? (forgot) :-) feed cable with a multiloop balun coil at the antenna. Also included is a rotor and control box.

During a storm a few years back the wind broke my wooden mast and the beam came down. It bent the 1 1/2 aluminum boom but did NOT break it. It can be straightened and fixed. None of the elements were damaged. I reinstalled the driven element only on a shortened mast. and the rest is laying on top of my chicken house.

I think I even have the original installation papers somewhere. The tower can be easily lowered and the driven element removed with the cables. I am 88 years old now. My days of antenna building are over.

Should make a nice antenna for someone. Price is negotiable.

Thank you 73 Doug W8OXQ

GORDON WILLETT WB8UBY SILENT KEY

Gordon T. Willett, formerly of Howell, Michigan passed away on June 23, 2005 (which was his 80th birthday), at North Austin Medical Center, Austin, TX. He is survived by his wife, Ileen Willett 3604 Sierra Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628; his son, Thomas Willett, 1202 Willow Creek Drive, Leander, TX 78641; and daughter, Judy Thiebert, 111827 Nicholson Rd, Perry, Michigan 48872 ; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and one sister of Florida. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial contributions to:

Odyssey Hospice,
14205 Burnet Road
Suite 400
Austin, TX 78728

Gordy, WB8UBY, was very active in the LARK Klub prior to his move to Texas.

HEARD ON THE REPEATER RECENTLY (PART I)

"I'm not gonna be a cog in the wheel..."

(Editor's note: Sorry, by receiving an amateur license, you already are...)

"The PL is still off after 10 months?"

(Editor's note: Obviously, this person doesn't have a clue, much less a grasp of time)

K8IT, NEIL SABLATZKY

First licensed at age 14 as a Novice operator, I have enjoyed Amateur Radio through Public Service, Experimentation, and Operating most modes, including: CW, SSB, AM, FM, SSTV, ATV, EME, and digital . I have provided public service operations for events, such as: New York City Marathon, MS-150 Bike Tours, Michigan UP-200 Dog Sled Races, as well as NWS Skywarn Nets, numerous ARES, RACES, and Storm Recovery Nets. I am a member of the ARRL High Speed Multi Media Working Group, and serve as a local Assistant Emergency Coordinator, and enjoy training amateurs on new subjects.

After 31+ years of Amateur Radio, (Extra, Age 46) I have learned from my experiences and realized that this knowledge could benefit our hobby on a national level. Our hobby is facing declining interest, and we are in danger of losing frequency bandwidth, facing antenna restrictions, and losing public acceptance of Amateur Radio.

The Future.

First, we must elect active, progressive thinking and technically confident leadership.

Second, we must evaluate every mode, frequency allocation, and operating procedure. We need to adjust for the future, but not at another mode's expense.

Third, we must not abandon the newly licensed Amateur. We must address the availability of training, offered to new amateurs, once they pass the test.

Fourth, we need to attract additional youth. We must communicate that Amateur Radio is fun, group conversations are common place, and students with licenses can earn the required community public service needed for high school graduation. Additionally, youth will notice when we boost the number of college scholarship grants to hundreds of significant grants, by teaming with industry to market Amateur Radio, as a skill set development opportunity.

Please email <mailto:k8it@arrl.net> for additional information.

I, K8IT, look forward to serving as your Great Lakes Division Director.



Field Day Beam In The Air



LARK Sign On The Road



Some JBA Members Eating All The Food



Our Cook This Year



Happy, Well Fed Operators.....



Taking A Break



Tearing Down After A Fun Weekend