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NEXT CLUB MEETING
APRIL 1 8 :00 P.M.
HOWELL FIRE STATION

L.A.R.K. SUNDAY
 9:00 P.M.

MI YL ROBIN'S MONDAY
 8:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Marge	N8EAJ
Vice-President	Ray	N8CPO
Secretary	Tina	KB8YEJ
Treasurer	Darlene	WA8WHM
Program manager	Neil	WA2WIM
Board Member	Larry	WB8WOD
Board Member	Jack	KA8BOG

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Repeaters	Jack	KA8BOG
Contesting	Dave	W8MFR
Historian	Donna	KA1KFO

THE PREZ'S COLUMN

Hello fellow HAMS. Your Prez is ready for another extended get a way from it all, how about you? If Spring Fever is making the rounds, can Spring be far behind? Sure hope not!

Well, it's that time of year again. Next month (May) we will be electing new officers & Directors for the LARK Board. Irene "WB8UVQ" will be calling from the current roster to come up with a new slate. Let's all give her a big THANK YOU.

The May meeting will be held after the Skywarn training which will start at 7:30 PM. The business meeting will be mainly covering the elections.

Dave "W8MFR" is going into The U. of M. Hospital on April 3rd. Darlene "WA8WHM" will be staying in the hospital with him to help monitor his seizures. They should be there for approximately 7 to 10 days. Then, in May, Darlene "WA8WHM" goes in for an operation her knee and expects to be confined to home for a minimum of six weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

See you at the meeting on April Fools Day.

Marge "N8EAJ"

EDITORS COMMENTS

Want to know if the news letter is being read or how quick it gets delivered? Make a mistake and the answer to these questions is at electronic speed. Some E-Mail addresses will be corrected this month with more additions.

Dayton is coming! So the LARK Board decided to get a Dayton Hamvention ticket to go along with the dummy load

for the raffle this month. How many of you are planing on going to the big swap?

How many of you think that CW is dead (*or should die*)? Over 56% of the Heard Island contacts were by Morse code. Does anyone know how much operating time was spent in each mode the DX-pedition used?

There is a lot happening in amateur radio in regards to; WARC, the FCC and frequency allocations; packet and the internet and other events. Your TV and VCR are now becoming obsolete as fast as your computer. There are a lot of good articles to read in this months "QST" magazine. Yes, you can get this information from the internet also. Has anyone received a "QSL" card from Patty Loveless "KD4WUJ" (*country western singer*)? I heard it is an 18" X 24" poster.

A question had been put to the board about dues which ended up in a budget analyses of the LARK. As you could see in last months "LED", several small items add up to major bucks. The cost of printing the "LED" has been saved by the generosity of one of our members. This savings is hopefully going to make available funds to get the 145.21 repeater updated and cover the new repeater sight expenses.

About the 145.21 repeater. It is on the air. Is there anyone who can make the time to query into getting the repeater located someplace. There are a couple possible sights but the foot work needs to be done to look into getting permission. (*"This shouldn't be a lifetime job, like getting elected to the board!"* The PREZ says)

Al "W8IW" is doing fine on his recovery. We will try to keep you posted on Dave and Darlene as they go through their ordeals. Dave can not take any radios into the hospital. Larry "N8MIS" just had a quintuple (that's five) heart bypass operation. He is home and going through the recovery routine. Larry requests that everyone hold off on the phone calls for a while as he needs the rest. He will try and get on 3.803 MHz at around 3:00 PM as soon as possible.

FOR SALE

K2RIW 432/ 439 MHz partial started amp & power supply. Will sell parts. Please call for information.

2 meter quad antenna, designed for fox hunting! Can be 2, 3 or 4 elements very high front to back, and side nulls. \$35

Sharp computer overhead projector panel. VGA BW 640 x 480 display has remote control with mouse & magnification functions. \$200 works like a champ! with all cables.

Neil "WA2WIM" 878-2186

WANTED

Tubes: #224 and #227
Ralph "KW8G" 545-4200

LARK MEETING MINUTES 3/4/97

Attendance: 18

Board members present: Neil WA2WIM, Ray N8CPO, Marge N8EAJ, Tina KB8YEJ, Larry WB8WOD, & Jack KA8BOG.

At 8:15pm, introductions were done.

Program: Neil WA2WIM presented information on the Maximum permissible exposure to RF that the FCC is proposing.

A coffee break followed with raffle tickets being sold.

At 9:28pm, Marge N8EAJ opened the business meeting.

Secretary report: will stand as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer report: will stand as published in the newsletter.

Repeater report: Jack KA8BOG addressed questions about the noise getting worse on the 146.68 repeater. He is also trying to contact Joe Mesh AA8NF about the 145.21 repeater, and would like help if anyone can get ahold of him.

Emergency services report: Ray N8CPO informed us about the 440 repeater going up in Brighton. He also announced his intention to resign as Assistant EC for the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field day: Arnold KI8AJ is currently looking for a site. The high school is a possibility. The port-a-potty will cost from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

Dinner outing: Marge N8EAJ announced the time changed to 6:00 because the restaurant closes early. She asked for a show of hands for people going.

Marge N8EAJ has some certificates to give out still.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marge N8EAJ reminded us that we need a new VE coordinator. Spencer N8AP asked what the job might entail.

Marge N8EAJ asked for nominations for the election of new Board members. None were given. She said that Irene WB8UVQ will do some phone calling to get some nominations. Darlene WA8WHM will not be able to continue on the Board, Jack KA8BOG also expressed his desires to not be on the Board.

Neil WA2WIM announced two swaps, the Marshall swap on 3/15, and the Toledo, Maumee swap on Sunday.

Larry WB8WOD won the raffle for the ARRL book.

Jim K8SIA motioned to close the meeting. Seconded by Dave W8MFR. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

Submitted by Tina KB8YEJ

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR 03/18/97

Attendance: Marge N8EAJ, Ray N8CPO, Tina KB8YEJ, Darlene WA8WHM, Jack KA8BOG, Larry WB8WOD, and Sharon Yelinik.

Marge N8EAJ called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

Secretary report: Will stand as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer report: Read by Darlene WA8WHM, will stand as read.

Repeater report: There has been no change in the status of the repeaters. Jack KA8BOG will be getting a resignation sent to the MARC for the 145.21 trustee, and the position will be open. Ray N8CPO asked if we could put the 145.21 repeater on the watertower in Brighton. Jack KA8BOG will look into sites.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry and Sharon Yelinek reported on the information about the bank CD's. Darlene WA8WHM said that the members should vote on the subject. The arguments against it were that we are not spending money, we are making it.

Field Day: Jack KA8BOG asked about the progress. Marge N8EAJ said that we would have to ask the committee.

Dinner outing: Date of April 12th was set for 7:00 at the Brighton House.

Darlene WA8WHM asked about the vacant VE position. Marge N8EAJ has not heard anything new.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about how the newsletter gets printed.

Darlene WA8WHM will not be at the next two meetings, consequently she needs someone to sell the raffle tickets. Marge N8EAJ will make sure someone does it.

Discussion followed about the raffle prize for April and ideas for future months also.

Tina KB8YEJ will not be available for the April Board meeting. The date will be changed to the 16th to accommodate.

Announcements: Ray N8CPO said that Al W8IW is recuperating from surgery.

Jack KA8BOG asked about elections. Marge N8EAJ answered that the nominations will be in April and elections will be in May. Irene WB8UVQ is making calls.

Larry WB8WOD made a motion to close the meeting, 2nd by Darlene WA8WHM. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Submitted by Tina KB8YEJ

TREASURERS REPORT 4/97

L.A.R.K. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2/97

Balance at end of January, 1997	\$3,724.11
Expenses for February, 1997	
Item: Raffle & Room for Award Night	66.68
Item: Award Poster Board	10.49
Item: Ameritech	21.14
Item: Equipment Insurance	<u>185.00</u>
TOTAL Expenses for 2/97	283.31

Income for February, 1997

Item: Snack Donations	2.00
Item: Raffle	18.00
Item: Membership	165.00
Raffle at Award Night	57.00
Item: ARRL Renewal	<u>2.00</u>
TOTAL Income for 2/97	244.00

BALANCE for March, 1997 \$3,684.80

RAFFLE

At our February Board Meeting, Larry "WB8WOD" volunteered to pick up from MI Radio our Door Prize for March's Raffle. BUT, it wasn't voted that he would win the prize! Thanks for picking it up for us Larry, and we hope you enjoy the 1997 ARRL Handbook.

MEMBERS OF LARK

I have asked for several months now, for those members who are storing any of our Klubs equipment to PLEASE write it down and give it to Peter "KF8YC" or myself. As of yet, the only equipment that's on the books is our Klubs gavel. What do I have to do to get this job done?

I can not attend Mays meeting due to my having a operation on May 2nd. Please keep us in your prayers.

If anyone needs me, call me at home or you can write to my QTH.

Respectfully Submitted Darlene "WA8WHM"

THE BLURB

March sure went fast so here comes April and rain? It will be interesting to see how much rain we get seeing Dayton has been moved to may. Having the Hamvention in May was a good move I feel.

Went down to Purchase radio in Ann Arbor and was just browsing. However, a small display caught my eye; "code quick" so I took a look. Soon several other patrons where commenting on "code quick". The method associates sounds and images with morse code characters and is a very effective way to learn from listening to the people I talked to at Purchase. So it will be interesting to see if I can improve my code speed. The kit comes with several tapes and a comprehensive manual for \$49.00 Stay tuned!

I want to remind everyone about the 145.21 machine. It is working fairly well and can be used for just about any mode as it is intended as an all purpose experimental repeater.

Because of the crowding of repeaters in S.E. Michigan it is important that all allocations be utilized as much as possible.

73's KA8BOG, Jack

CONTEST REPORT

I realize that it has been a few months since a Contest Column have shown up amongst the glories' pages of the LED. Should my excuse be "Band Conditions have been non-existing, therefore, nothing to report"? Or possibly "There have been NO Contests in the last few months"! If that were true, there would be a large number of very happy hams. Better yet how about "The computers have been down"! How many times have we heard that one? So as I was taught to say, while serving Uncle Sam, "NO EXCUSE." Now lets get down to work and lets see what is happening during April.

CODE:

- * HF Bands Only NO WARC Bands
- ** VHF/UHF
- *** NOVICES Band 10 Meters

WEEKEND 4 - 6

- * EA RTTY Contest
- * Elettra Marconi Contest Phone/CW/RTTY
- * Holyland DX Contest Phone/CW
- * MARAC SSB County Hunters No Net Contacts
- * SP DX Contest CW
- ** Dara FM Zip Contest 144 - 220 - 440 FM
Simplex Exchange ZIP Codes

PERIOD 9 - 11

- *YLRL Contest CW

WEEKEND 11 - 13

- * His Majesty King of Spain CW/PHONE Each Mode
is Different contest & Require Separate Logs.
- * Japan International DX Contest CW 20 - 10 Meters
- * International HF Grid Location Contest CW/Phone/Mixed
- * QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party CW 160 - 40 Meters or
CW 20 - 6 Meters
- * DIGITAL QSO Party 80 - 10 Meters
- * UBA 80 Meter CW Contest 80 Meters CW ONLY

PERIOD 14th

- ** ARRL VHF/UHF Sprint 144 Mhz 7 - 11 PM Local

WEEKEND 19 - 20

- * EU Spring Sprint Phone 80 - 20 Meters Only
- * MICHIGAN QSO Party CW/PHONE 160 - 10 Meters
- ** MICHIGAN QSO Party CW/PHONE 6 & 2 Meters
NO Repeaters
- * YU DX Contest CW/Phone

PERIOD 22nd

- ** ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprint 222 MHz 7 - 11 PM
Local

WEEKEND 25 - 27

- * SP DX RTTY Contest 80 - 10 Meters
- * Hevetia Contest Mixed Mode ONLY
- * NEBRASKA QSO Party CW/Phone 160 - 10 Meters
- ** NEBRASKA QSO Party CW/Phone 146.460
- *** NEBRASKA QSO Party CW/Phone 28.380 and
10 KHz up from band edge
- * ONTARIO QSO Party Phone ONLY 160 - 10 Meters
- ** ONTARIO QSO Party Phone ONLY 6 Meters & UP
NO REPEATERS NO 146.52 MHz

PERIOD 30th

- ** ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprint 432 MHz 7 - 11 PM
Local

Thanks to QST and Worldradio for above information. If anyone knows of SPECIAL Contests for May, Please let me know. I have details on all the contests listed above. If you need Report, Logging, etc. give me a call. I will be in the Hospital from the 3rd of April on for about 5 to 10 days. I will make sure that N8CPO and N8EAJ will have the necessary information during my absence.

By the way, remember the Special Event Stations operating during the month. There are a lot of fun to find and work in addition to having some beautiful "Wall Paper" to give out.

73 W8MFR Dave
e-mail: w8mfr@juno.com
paket: W8MFR-3
phone: (517) 521-4488

BIRTHDAYS in APRIL

KB8OVJ	Charles	4/5
N8WMN	Duane	4/10
KB8AL	Tom	4/16

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

KB8SYW	David	david@ismi.net	(correction)
N8WFL	Bob	rhill@htonline.com	(correction)
N8LZE	Jeff	jeff@novagate.com	

AUTOPATCH CODE

The new autopatch code will be *23 and will go into effect soon after you get this newsletter.

Welcome to MICHIGAN!

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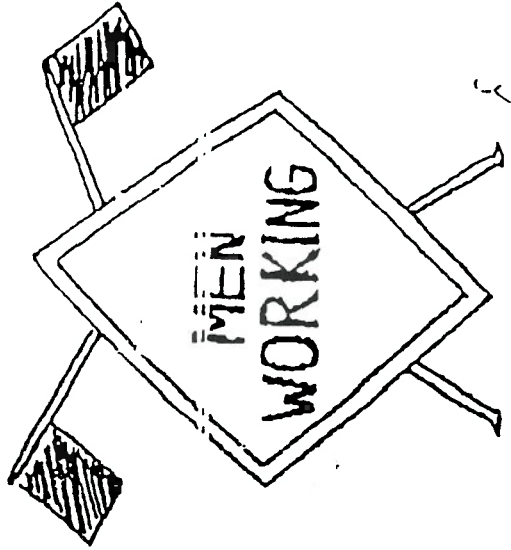
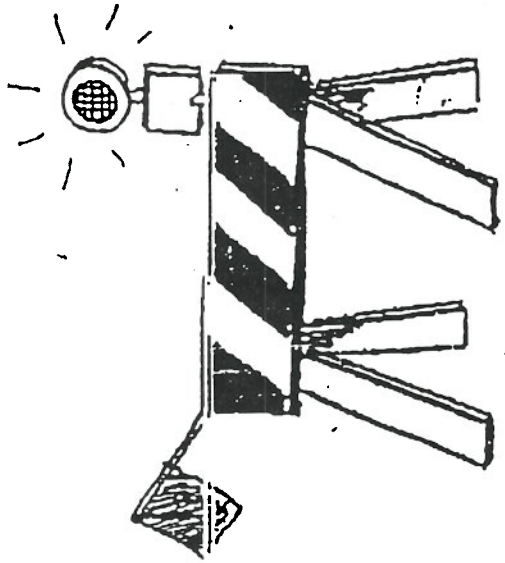
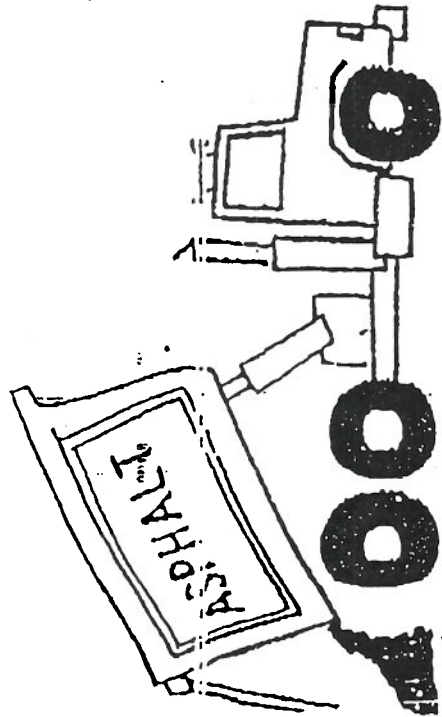
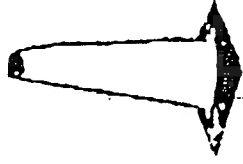
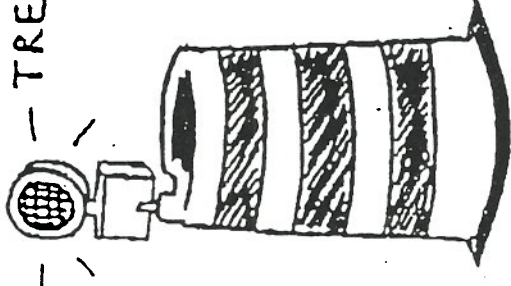
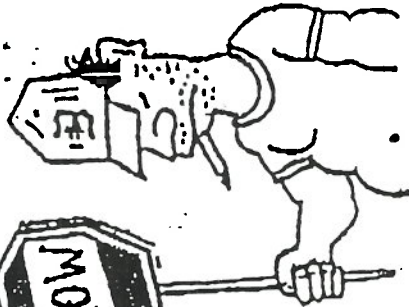
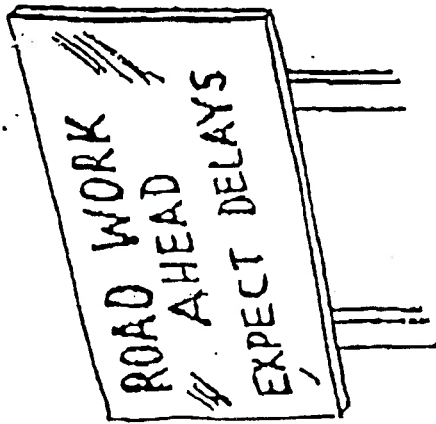
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ROSTER OF LARK MEMBERS PAID TO THIS DATE

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CALL	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	PA	AUT	ARRL	CLASS	
	Chris	Dopkowski	5461 Lynne Dr	Howell	MI	48843				97		
	Richard	Winsett	304 E. Grand River	Howell	MI	48843						
KB8AL	Thomas	Cory	9400 Stelzer Road	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-7826	97	06		Advanced	
K8PBA	Bob	Banta	11297 Outer Dr.	Hell	MI	48169	313-878-9484	97	80	Yes	Advanced	
K8SIA	Jim	Besancon	5353 Highlawn Way	Brighton	MI	48116	810-220-0643	97	48	Yes	Extra	
KA8BOG	Jack	Clayton	7444 Dexter Hall Road	Dexter	MI	48130	313-426-4760	97	01	Yes	Technician	
KA8FBV	Richard	Sharp	5275 Washakie Trail	Brighton	MI	48116	810-227-1890	97	02	Yes	General	
KA8MVW	Irene	Mc Christy	11787 Fleming Rd	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-0392	97	00		Technician	
KB8DAV	Alfons	Lesniewski	159 Endicott	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-4390	97	07		Novice	
KB8JQ	Sub	Drew	STAR ROUTE #2 BOX 224	SATSUMA	FL	32189				SB		
KB8NSU	Diane	U'Ren	11965 West Shore Dr	Hell	MI	48169	313-878-5612	97	79	Yes	Technician	
KB8OVJ	Charles	McChristy	11787 Fleming Rd.	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-0392	97	00		Technician	
KB8QJE	Larry	Dopkowski	1145 Crest Haven	Howell	MI	48843				97	34	Technician
KB8VPP	Frank	Xerri	5150 E. Iosco	Webberville	MI	48892	517-521-3390	97	59		Technician	
KB8WYE	Raymond	Shaffer	2070 Pickney Rd.	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-1890	97	55		Technician	
KB8YEJ	Tina	Dunlap	P.O. BOX 516	Pinckney	MI	48169	313-878-2948	97			Technician	
KC8BK1	Hyden	Pat	1037 Heather Heath	Howell	MI	48843	517-548-4214	97	13		Technician	
KC8CWO	David	Adams	23630 Glencreek Dr.	Farmington Hill	MI	48336	810-437-2040	97				
KC8EBY	Rob	Schmidt	2645 Brewer	Howell	MI	48843					97	Technician
KC8FYV	Brad	Zimmerman	5461 Lynne Drive	Howell	MI	48843					97	Technician
KF8YC	Peter	Robak	3328 Cemetery rd.	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-8244	97	71	Yes	Advanced	
KI8AJ	Arnold	McCardell	5486 Iosco Rd.	Webberville	MI	48896	517-223-3162	97	21	Yes	Advanced	
KU8U	John	Lane	P.O. Box 286	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-7521	97	51		Extra	
KW8G	Ralph	Steinberger	4200 Bently Lake Road	Howell	MI	48843	517-545-4200	LF	14	Yes	Extra	
N8AP	Spencer	Schubbe	529 Curzon Apt 103	Howell	MI	48843	517-548-3736	97	40		Extra	
N8CEO	Maurice	Schietecatte	813 Cindy Lane	Sandwich	IL	60548	815-786-2860	97			Advanced	
N8CPO	Ray	Melosh	4349 East Allen Road	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-9209	97	18	Yes	Advanced	
N8EAJ	Marge	Melosh	4349 East Allen Road	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-9209	97	18	Yes	Technician	
N8LZE	Jeffrey	Spears	13910 148th Avenue	Grand Haven	MI	49417					97	General
N8OKC	Mark	Slowinski	984 Alpine	Brighton	MI	48116	810 229-5764	97	74	Yes	Advanced	
N8QFT	Michael	Gilbert	9110 Harper Street	Linden	MI	48451	810-735-7154	97		Yes	Technician	
N8RBA	Mac	Mc Christy	11787 Fleming Rd	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-0392	97	00		Advanced	
N8SGU	Roger	Jackson	P O Box 544	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-3123	97	76	Yes	Technician	
N8SKD	Ellen	Patterson	8675 Pingree	Pinckney	MI	48169	313-878-5773	97	23	Yes	Technician	
N8SKE	Donald	Patterson	8675 Pingree	Pinckney	MI	48169	313-878-5773	97	23	Yes	Technician	
N8SUY	Dave	Light	8058 Hemmingway	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-8679	97	32		Technician	
N8SVM	Harlayne	U'Ren	11965 West Shore Dr	Hell	MI	48169	313-878-5612	97	79	Yes	General	
N8WFL	Robert C	Hill	P.O. Box 377	Brighton	MI	48116	810-229-7294	97	42	Yes	Extra	
N8WMN	Duane	Cruce	2473 Rose Ave.	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-3206	97	53		Technician	
N8WWX	Bruce	Pollock	8432 Constitution Blvd.	Pickney	MI	48169	313-878-	97	29		Technician	
W8IW	Al	Corr	2421 Monte Carlo	Howell	MI	48843	517-548-2129	97	30	Yes	Extra	
W8MFR	David	Schwein	3920 E. Frost Rd.	Webberville	MI	48892	517-521-4488	97	49	Yes	General	
W11LRL	Ed	Galipeau	11200 Young Dr.	Brighton	MI	48116	810-229-4488	97	64	Yes	Extra	
WA2WIM	Neil	Sablitzky	672 W. Unadilla	Pinckney	MI	48169	313-878-2186	97	47	YES	Technician	
WA8IAQ	Rita	Banta	11297 Outer Dr.	Hell	MI	48169	313-878-9484	97	80	Yes	General	
WA8KFC	William	Kosanovich	11512 Kanas Avenue	Youngtown	AZ	85363	Unlisted	LF			General	
WA8WHM	Darlene	Schwein	3920 E. Frost Rd.	Webberville	MI	48892	517-521-4488	97	49	Yes	General	
WB8HRO	Tim	Conroy	514 Roosevelt	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-2063	97	69		Advanced	
WB8OHO	The	Aronson Family	11819 Fowlerville Road	Fowlerville	MI	48836	517-223-3528	HL			Extra	
WB8UKR	Keith	Gagnon	158 Edgemont Drive	Howell	MI	48843	517-546-5328	LF	03		Advanced	
WB8UVQ	Irene	Besancon	5353 Highlawn Way	Brighton	MI	48116	810-220-0643	97	48	Yes	Advanced	
WB8VQU	Dave	Ducett	P.O.Box 2051	Howell	MI	48844	517-546-3635	97	41	Yes	General	
WB8WOD	Larry	Yelinek	9331 Shannon	Brighton	MI	48116	810-231-3066	97	15	Life	General	
WD8BKE	Michael	Barton	4404 Lake Heather Cir.	ST. James City	FL	33956				LF	General	
WD8LPI	Willis	Fetzer	P O Box 63	Kaleva	MI	49645				LF	43	Advanced
WD8MNU	The	Tompkins Family	3136 Causeway Drive	Brighton	MI	48116	810-229-4573	HL			Advanced	

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