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## NETS

NEXT CLUB MEETING  
OCTOBER 7 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.

## MI YL ROBINS NET

## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Marge	N8EAJ
Vice-President	Ray	N8CPO
Secretary	Tina	KB8YEJ
Treasurer	Darlene	WA8WHM
Program manager		
Board Member	Larry	WB8WOD
Board Member	Dave	W8MFR

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Repeaters	Jack	KA8BOG
Contesting	Dave	W8MFR
Historian		

## THE PREZ'S COLUMN

Hello everyone. I hope the world is treating you well. Your Prez had a very pleasant delayed birthday celebration on the 27th. I'd like to thank those of you who gave me dessert and birthday greetings at our dinner on the 20th.

You've probably all heard by now that we didn't get to eat Pizzas at our last dinner. We ended up going to the Hartland Big Boy. Everyone enjoyed watching Harlayne "N8SVM" making balloon figures for the kids and for a few who are young at heart.

### PIZZA PARTY

We are going to try again for Pizza in October. We are going to try out the Checkerboard Inn, located at M-36 and Pottsville Road. They have a back room and it has been reserved for the 18th of October at 7:00 PM. I have Don "N8SKE" and Ellen's "N8SKD" word for it that they have delicious home made soup. They also have other items on the menu besides pizza. So come on out and enjoy a good meal and fun conversation.

### FOX HUNT

Your Prez had a lot of fun being the fox! With a whole lot of help from Ray "N8CPO" getting all set up and hid. There may not have been a lot of fox hunters but a good time was had by all of us. I heard from several hams that they got a few chuckles from the jokes that the fox read too.

See you at the October 7th meeting.

The PREZ "N8EAJ"

If you haven't been listening in on Monday evenings at 8:30, this is to let you know that the net is still alive and kicking. Your Prez has been filling in when Darlene "WA8WHM" is not up to running the net. When Darlene runs it she does a very professional but enjoyable job. We won't even mention how the Prez handles the net! You'll never know how much fun you're missing if you don't make time to join us.

Marge "N8EAJ"

## THE BLURB

Here we are again trying to get some ammunition for the "blurb". So between work and getting ready for the Fall, one thing is for sure, and that's that there is no rest for the wicked! The sacred "wolly Bear" forecast is good for this year, 70% brown and 30% black in most cases, (and I did not run over any as of yet) which means a fair winter. The little caterpillars (hope spelling ain't too bad) usually are a good forecast. So Now u know why you read this stuff, right!?

Some intermod is affecting the repeater, and realize we have to put up with a degree of it because of the crowded Frequencies now days. The hang time is going to be reduced somewhat to see if that will help also.

I probably will have trouble getting to meetings for awhile because of different hours I am working, but hope to attend as much as possible. If you are interested in emergency communications and such, a position of emergency coordinator I do believe is still open, so don't be afraid to check it out. If someone has the time and desire, it is an excellent opening to look into. Enuf for now!

73's, KA8BOG jack

## EDITORS COLUMN

Your editor probably should apologize for last months short and sloppy "LED" but I am not going to. It is the results of having only one day to get the newsletter out due to over extending myself to other personal commitments.

The fox hunt was my first experience at trying to set up the equipment for a hunt. Found out it takes quite a bit of time to test things out and properly set it all up. Thinking about how to do it better next time. How about another fox hunt soon?

There is a new amateur in the area. Dale "KC8IMK" got his ticket after many years of wanting to be an amateur. Dale is also working hard at passing his CW exam. WELCOME!!

Found a 1978 Amateur Radio Handbook at a yard sale this weekend. Bought it for a dollar just to have something with information on tubes.

Your editor heard from several people about the problem with the reservations at the Hartland Restaurant and Pizzeria. The big problem really comes from not being able to reserve a definite amount of places. Add to that an extra large rush of business besides 26 of our club members showing up. We need to have patience too considering the extenuating request the restaurant is being asked on our part. But, it is good to hear that all had a good time.

There was a discussion on the repeater about the autopatch. At the top of the club roster that you received in August is the heading for each column. The heading AUT is your auto patch number. As of this time we can not direct dial any phone numbers that require using a 1 and an area code when dialed from the Howell area. Something else we are trying to find time to fix.

Ray "N8CPO"

## SSTV PRESENTATION

At the October meeting of the LARK Spencer "N8AP" will present a program on Slow Scan Television (SSTV). Spencer plans to have a demonstration of the mode as well as show how ALL hams can easily become involved with this exciting mode. A question and answer session will follow. Active SSTV hams are asked to bring their favorite pics to the meeting for display.

Spencer "N8AP"

## APRS MANUAL!!

Arte Booten "N2ZRC" has written a manual for APRS packet system. This manual is only 13 pages long (it originally was about 170 pages). It contains the setup and operating procedures in easy to understand language and format. AT LAST!!

This manual will be made available to anyone either by direct mail, E-mail or at the LARK meeting. Let Neil "WA2WIM" or Ray "N8CPO" know how you want it delivered.

Thanks Neil for that information.

## ARES/RACES

There is an opening for the position of Emergency Coordinator for Livingston County. Interested amateurs in filling the position should contact the Section Emergency Coordinator Deborah "KA8YKK" at address below.

Deborah K. Kirkbride  
Home Phone:(517)892-1212  
e-mail:ka8ykk@concentric.net  
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Bay City MI 48708

## MICROWAVE UPDATE '97

Hosted by Tom Whitted "WA8WZG"  
October 23-October 26, 1997  
Sandusky, Ohio

A big event for those interested in the upper uhf frequencies.  
E-mail address: [www.wa8wzg.com/update97/](http://www.wa8wzg.com/update97/)

## WANTED

Dual band 144/440 vertical antenna.  
HF antenna tuner.

Call Dale "KC8IMK" 1-810-632-7787

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Dave "W8MFR" October 4th

Peter "KF8YC" October 20th

Dave "WB8VQU" October 25th

## MEETING MINUTES September 2, 1997

Marge "N8EAJ" called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Attendance 18 members and 2 visitors.

Neil "WA2WIM" gave a talk on fox hunting .

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the "LED". It was noted that the minutes should have been titled as minutes and not as a report.

Dave "W8MFR" read the treasury report sent by Darlene "WA8WHM". The report was accepted as read.

Al "W8IW" mentioned that the LARK is operating with one board position not filled. The President stated that she has not been able to get a volunteer to fill the vacancy of program director.

Repeater report not given as Jack "KA8BOG" was absent.

ARES/RACES report: Ed "WA1LRL" stated that he is still EC of Livingston County and objected to that fact not being rebutted in the "LED" at his request. Ed was asked many questions by LARK members.

Motion to adjourn by Ray "N8CPO" 2nd by Neil "WA2WIM"

Submitted by Ray "N8CPO"

### Board Meeting minutes 9/16/97

The meeting was held at Dave "W8MFR" and Darnel's "WA8WHM" to better accommodate them.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Attending was N8EAJ, N8CPO, WA8WHM, W8MFR, and WB8WOD.

Marge noted the non-profit form for the state of Michigan had arrived and needed to be filled and returned.

Larry made a second request to shorten the hang time on the 146.680 repeater and to have the audio level of the ID'er lowered.

Discussion followed on putting a 100Hz PL tone on the repeater during the day when most of the intermod is present. An announcement that the PL tone is needed should also be on the repeater.

Darlene mentioned that the LARK is about out of the "Welcome Booklets". Only 5 booklets were left.

Discussion followed about updating the information and only printing about ten copies to better facilitate future updates.

Discussed getting amateur radio clubs started in schools. The future of amateur radio is in recruiting the young into our hobby.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## LETTER FROM LARRY

Repeater

The hang time should be lowered what is closer 1/2 sec to 1 sec. With more people using cross band this will help, it will also help with the reset of timer.

Use tone squelch from 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, and 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. This will stop most intermod. The reason for the time span's, so the few of us that don't have tone ability will have most of the day to use the repeater. I have my 20 year radio without tone on packet most of the time.

When tone squelch is ON and a user tries to get in, the DVR should say "100 Hertz tone ON", and OFF "100 Hertz tone OFF". If it can't be automatic timer, than members should have the option to turn it on with key pad entry. Both would be better.

73 Larry WB8WOD