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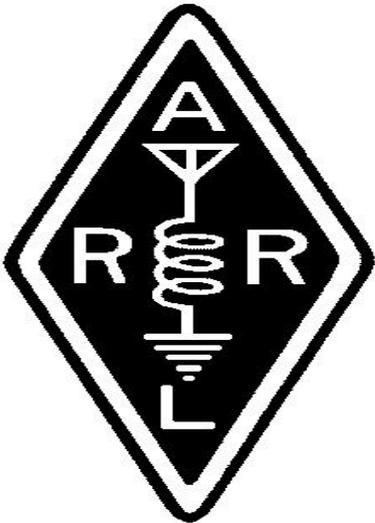
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NEXT KLUB MEETING
JUNE 12th 7:30 P.M
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

NET
146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Art	KC8WAZ
Vice-President	Melissa	KC8UTF
Secretary	Mary	KC8SER
Treasury	Duane	N8WMN
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146.680 Repeater	Jack	KA8BOG
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VE Coordinator	Greg	AA5GO

PREZ SEZ

Thank you one and all for the privilege of serving the LARK KLUB as your presiding officer, in the upcoming year. Further, I'll endeavor to do my best for the "Klub" and I hope the members in general are happy with the direction that we, the members of our Klub will precede in the coming months!

Our progress will be best accomplished by working together toward our stated goals. "United we stand and progress."

I look forward to working with the new board, and would like to thank each and every one of these member/leaders for stepping up and choosing the task of service to the Klub I'm confident we will be a good "TEAM".

As club members, we all should consider the goals for the Klub in this New Year. Discuss these and prioritize them. Our plan is important! We will do best if we plan our work (and play) and work our plan.

Art **KC8WAZ**

EDITORS COMMENTS

Roger N8SGU

We are starting a new year with new board members. I am looking forward to a good year. I know there are some out there who used to be members but no longer desire to support the club. We need the repeater for skywarn and Ares/Races and the club dues help to support the repeater. I don't know what the repeater means to everybody but I know I like it there and I don't use it that much. I would like to see the attendance back up to what I remember in 1992. The more people in the club the more knowledge

we have. I would like to see the L.A.R.K. become a good service club for Livingston County and the people know they can call on us and want to call on us.

Roger N8SGU

TREASURER REPORT GENERAL OPERATING FUND

For period April 1 – to – April 30 2003

OPENING CASH:	\$2, 822.05
Total Income	\$79.19
Total Expenditures	\$126.13
Net Cash Flow	\$-46.94
ENDING CASH	\$2,775.11
INCOME	
50/50 Drawing	\$16.00
Dues	\$60.00
Interest	\$3.19

EXPENDITURES

Admin.	\$33.84
Printing (LED)	\$8.10
Postage (LED)	\$6.66
Sales Tax	\$2.53
Telephone	\$75.00

Dave

KE8Z

Treasurer

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TREASURER REPORT

For period April 1 – to April 30 2003

OPENING CASH:	\$1060.75
Total Income	\$32.00
Total Expenditures	\$16.00
Net Cash Flow	\$16.00
ENDING CASH	\$1076.75

INCOME	
50/50	\$32.00

EXPENDITURES:

EXFER TO GEN OP. FUND	\$16.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Dave KE8Z

Treasurer

TREASURER'S FAREWELL

Our opening cash balance including CD's was: \$3,813.45

Total income collected for year (including interest) was:
\$2,708.54

Total expensed for year was: \$2,685.95

Current balance (all accounts): \$3,836.04

Net Difference: \$22.59

We successfully managed to reduce our expenses considerably this year. This is quite an improvement over the previous year. Last year we managed to spend in excess of \$2,000.00 more than we took in. Part of that was \$1,157.00 (hardly) for repeater repairs. The Klub has consistently spent more money than it has taken in. We made every effort to be frugal, had great summer time festivities as well as exciting programs. It was unfortunate that a number of members who could have saved us money in printing and postage didn't. Also, a number of members chose not to renew their membership this year. We wish them well and hope they reconsider and support the new officers and our love for amateur radio.

Dave KE8Z

SECRETARIES REPORT GENERAL MEETING 05/08/03

Steve, N8GQ opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a correction made to the Secretaries Report. Melissa, KC8UTF, name was spelled wrong and her call was wrong. Mac, N8RBA, made a motion to accept the corrected Secretaries Report. Dave KE8Z seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Art, KC8WAZ, made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Bob K8PBA seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ARIES/RACES: Bruce N8WWX is holding a meeting on Wednesday May 14th at the EOC at 7:30. He also thanked Steve, N8GQ, and Ken, N4KCD, for rewiring the power DC power and replacing the connectors so they all are the same. Thank you fellas.

Communications Fund Board meeting will be June 2nd at the EOC's library at 7:30. Randy, KC8MSA, won the 50/50 raffle. \$30.00 was collected and Randy donated his winnings to the Emergency. Klub patches were sold for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. \$64.00 was made. We still have patches left over. Anyone who likes to purchase one or more, please see Duane N8WMN.

Mary KC8SUR

YOUTH GROUP

Hi, We did not have any turn out at our May meeting. We will stop meeting for the summer. Our next meeting will be in Sept. or Oct. I would like to thank all that took the time to come to the meetings. I had lots of fun and I think that all that were there had fun also.

Thank You,

Paul KC8UKF

Ve team report: We had our regular every other month test session May 13th. We had way more Ve's than people to test! (thanks for the help people). We only had 2 people there to test, and only a general theory was passed. I know that there are a lot of people out there that are close on their code. You need to keep plugging away and it will come to you! HiHi. Then come on out and test! 73 people and good luck!.....

Greg AA5GO

DAYTON

If a person is going to try to do the Dayton hamfest in a day, you can bet it is going to be a long one. To start with the hamfest opens at 8:00 am and it is 225 miles each way

from the park and ride at D-19. So we decided to leave at 4 am, this would give us enough time to pull off and have a quick bite of breakfast on the way. Once down there you have to buy your ticket to gain admission unless you bought in advance which is the smart way. The cost is 22.00 but you have to remember that this is really a 3 day swap and if you divide the cost over 3 days its not so bad. once inside the 19 acres of flea market you can hear hams asking the question "geez does this ever end?" It is a completely over whelming experience for the ham that has never been. If it is ham radio oriented it will be there and if they still make it the dealer and manufacturer will be there. Also, Roger N8SGU, Greg WB8PHW, Bruce N8GEY and his daughter Michelle, and myself all went down together, and it was a first for all but myself. Hamfests are a ham radio tradition, and it seems as though it is fading by the wayside a little with the advent of computers and the internet. There are several sites that offer classified listings of ham radio gear, or there is always e-bay where they have the auctions, but its just not the same. Several times threw the course of the day I found myself in very nice face to face conversations with hams that I have never met or talked to on the air. Sadly that part of the ham fest for me is the best part and if people continue to just figure on buying there stuff sight unseen on the internet this time honored tradition may fall by the way side. But we all had a riot there we started in the flea market and walked for almost 4 hours before we set down and had lunch (the food there is very expensive but by now it is a good excuse to get off your feet for a minute.) After about an hour break we went back and walked the rest of the flea market and then went inside (where a person could spend a hole day in there too) There are people there from all over the country and even some from outside. It was a great day as far as the weather went, but all the bodies in doors makes it a little stuffy inside. By this time it was mid afternoon and the pressure to see as much as possible was on, The ham fest ends for the day at 6pm. About 4:00 pm Bruce who is in a lot better shape than the rest of us couldn't take the walking anymore. It was kinda funny, he said "I've seen all I can and my feet are swollen to twice their normal size and I just can't take it anymore", so he left for the van. It did make for a long day it was about 10 hours of walking and 8 hours of driving, but was worth every minute of it. We saw about 90% of the swap, I would recommend staying for a couple days at least so you don't have to push so hard, but then I heard that it rained all day Saturday and off and on Sunday, so we picked the right day. It was great fun! Good bonding, and a great place for finding deals on new or used gear. There are lots of other hamfests put on around the state or even country but there are none that

come any where close to the magnitude of Dayton. I highly recommend that every ham make the Dayton trip at least once. It will put you in aw. Thanks and 73

Greg McDiarmid AA5GO

PEOPLE OVER 35 SHOULD BE DEAD

People over 35 should be dead.

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even maybe the early 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable!

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies,

surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

There were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us.

Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Horrors!

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them!

Congratulations you had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good... Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors?

ARES/RACES,

Tim has graciously offered to do a basic packet and pactor seminar, 7pm on June 5^h at the EOC Training Rm. Hope to see you at the seminar.

Bruce, N8WWX

Survivor, Michigan Style

Due to the popularity of the survivor show, Michigan is planning to do its own version, entitled "Survivor, Michigan Style.

The contestants will start in Port Huron, travel to Cadillac, Traverse City, Boyne City, Mackinac, Houghton Lake and then to Bay city, Flint, Pontiac, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson and Lansing, then back into Port Huron.

Each will be driving a pink, Japanese 2-door coupe with Indiana or Ohio plates and will have the following bumper stickers affixed to their rear bumper:

- * "Snowmobiles are stupid,"
- * "I hate the Detroit Red Wings,"
- * "Michigan should share the Great Lakes," and
- * "I don't believe in any hunting or fishing and I'm here to confiscate your guns."

The one to make it back to Port Huron alive wins.