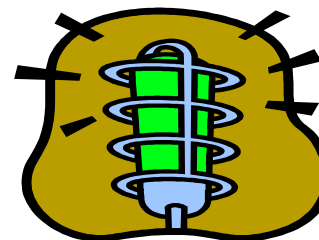




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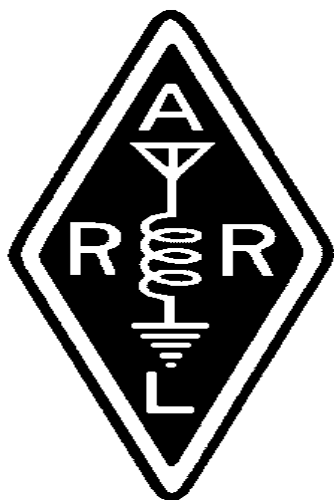
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NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: KB8ZTV

NEXT KLUB MEETING
November 11th 7:30PM at the EOC
Highlander Road, Howell, MI



BOARD MEMBERS

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LED Editor	Jim	WB8AZP
VE Coordinator	Greg	AA5GO
PIO Officer	Brandon	KC8YHE
PIO Officer	Jim	N8ENX

SOCIAL EVENTS

5-6 Nov 2004 Michigan State Convention
Holland ARC <http://www.hollandarc.org>
Contact: Chuck Rich, W8GCW 300 Wildwood Drive
Holland, MI 49423-6921 Phone: 616-396-2294
Email: w8gcw@arrl.net

13-14 Nov 2004 Indiana State Convention
Allen County AR Technical Society
<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>
Contact: James Boyer, KB9IH
3031 Wilderness Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
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Email: kb9ih@arrl.net

PREZ SAYS



Seasonal Greetings;

It is time to prepare for " OL MAN WINTER", what with the seasons cold, snow, ice, Blizzards, and the slipping and sliding around on frozen slippery surfaces .

We also have the opportunity to check our antennas, feed lines and other connections, to ensure our gear is up to the challenge of the winter operations without problems that will require repairs during the worst time of the year, for those repairs.

This, of course is also a time to re-check our "GO PACK", so as to be prepared to respond as necessary, when we may be needed, the most, to be of service to our community! Any-one in need of a new and improved " CHECK LIST " for Your " GO PACK ", please let one of the Board Members know of your request, and we will see to it that you get a copy of that check list.

Please remember to attend our next regular monthly meeting, for update info about our Machine Replacement Project, and our Funds Raising Project. This will be an important meeting, both for our KLUB and also for the HAM-BONE Community in our area!

Also, for those of You , that are not yet members of the KLUB, yet are interested in learning more about the Amateur Radio Hobby you are welcome to attend our meetings and join in the challenge of having fun with Amateur Radio, and all the fun it permits those who are up to that challenge! Come and join in on the fun, You'll be Glad You Did!

Amateur Radio is a Fun Hobby!

We at the L A R K KLUB are united in our efforts to promote Amateur Radio for the enjoyment of the members, the Amateur Radio Community and for the Public in General! See you on Nov., 11 2004 at the Emergency Operations Center, Highlander Way, Howell, Mi. at 19:30 sharp !

73..... Art
KC8WAZ @ YAHOO.COM

P . S. If you don't know what "73" Means ;
Attend the meeting, and we'll share it with YOU!

LARK SOCIAL NOTES

LARK Dinner Before The Meeting (DBTM).



Secretary's Report General Meeting October 14, 2004

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

Jim, WB8AZP made a motion to accept the Secretaries Report, with Mac, N8RBA as second. Motion Passed.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected, by Mac N8RBA, and seconded by Ray, N8CPO. Motion Passed.

Yard Sale. We made \$1325.25. The rest of the items went to missions, or will be put on Ebay.

Our publicity chairman Brandon, KC8YHE, told us of talking about amateur radio with the local radio station and newspapers.

Al Corr is selling his radio equipment. Contact his daughter for information.

Jim WB8AZP, gave us an update on the new repeater progress. We hope to have the new repeater online in November. We will hold on to the old repeater for awhile.

Greg, AA5GO reported that there have been no test applicants for several months.

Christmas Dinner: Mary, KC8SER is checking into Cracker Barrel for either the 1st or 2nd Sunday in December. A show of hands at the meeting suggested about 22 people would be interested. Let's reach out to other amateurs.

New Business: Bob, K8PBA made a motion to correct the spelling and punctuation in the bylaws. Mac, N8RBA seconded. Motion passed.

50/50 drawing was held, with Van, N8GVD being the winner of \$62.50. He donated it to the emergency fund.

Mac, N8RBA made motion to adjourn. Ray, N8CPO was the second. Motion Passed.

Submitted by:
Mary KC8SER

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LARK Board Meeting October 2004

Board Minutes

Meeting called to order by Art KC8WAZ (7 members and 1 guest)

No audit of finances as of yet.

We need to refine membership list for the Klub.

Ray, N8CPO gave a report to the Board about the efforts of Clairus on the rummage sale.

Jim WB8AZP gave a report on the repeater.

Silent Key. Work is continuing on this project.

Van, N8GVD made motion to adjourn. Jim, WB8AZP seconded it. Motion passed.

Submitted By,

Mary KC8SER

TREASURER REPORT

Corrected report.
TREASURER REPORT
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

FOR PERIOD Aug. 1, 2004 TO Aug 31, 2004

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY) \$ 459.50

EXPENDITURES
Flowers for Sub Drew
50.00

ENDING BALANCE
\$ 409.50

OPENING CASH (CD \$1,000.)
\$1,221.59
OPENING CASH (CD \$500.)
592.13

TOTAL OPERATING CASH.
\$2,223.22

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUND TREASURER REPORT.

PERIOD Aug 1, 2004 TO Aug 31, 2004

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY)

\$1,399.31

Check for books 211.50

BALANCE Aug 31, 2004 \$ 1,187.81

BALANCE FROM THE SUNSHINE COMM \$86.44

Flowers for Sub Drew 50.00

NEW BALANCE 36.44

Respectfully submitted,
Clairus KC8QQN
Treasurer

CORRECTED REPORT.
TREASURER REPORT
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

FOR PERIOD SEPT 1, 2004 TO SEPT 30, 2004

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY)
\$409.50

EXPENDITURES
MEIJERS 23.42
GORDON FOODS 15.15
SHIRTS 50.00
TENT TIES 9.00
BOOK PAYBACK TO OTHER ACCOUNT 211.50

DEPOSITS
PICNIC 2.00
50/50 59.00
SUNSHINE DONATIONS 65.00
ENDING BALANCE 226.43

OPENING CASH CD 1000 1221.59
OPENING CASH CD 500

592.13

TOTAL OPERATING CASH
2040.15

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUND TREASURER REPORT

PERIOD SEPT 1 2004 TO SEPT 30, 2004

OPENING CASH CHECKING ONLY
1187.81

DEPOSITS
FROM STORAGE UNIT

100.00

PLEDGES

416.00

50/50

59.00

ROUNDING FOR OPERATION CARE DONATION
5.35

REPLACING MONEY FOR BOOKS
211.50

OPERATION CARE

694.65

BALANCE SEPT 30. 2004

2674.31

BALANCE FROM SUNSHINE COMM
36.44

DEPOSITS

65.00

NEW BALANCE

101.44

TREASURER REPORT
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

FOR PERIOD OCT 1, 2004 TO OCT 31, 2004

OPENING CASH (CHECKING ONLY)
\$226.43

EXPENDITURES
LED PRINTING

73.25

PHONE BILL OCT, NOV, DEC

75.00

MARSH INSURANCE

325.00

DEPOSITS
DUES

40.00

50/50

62.50

DUES		265.00
DUES		125.00
ENDING BALANCE	245.68	
OPENING CASH CD 1000=1221.59+9.22 INT		
1230.81		
OPENING CASH CD 500 =592.13+1.65 INT		
593.77		
TOTAL OPERATING CASH	2070.26	

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUND TREASURER REPORT

PERIOD OCT 1 2004 TO OCT 31, 2004

OPENING CASH CHECKING ONLY
2674.31

EXPENSES
NEW REPEATER.

5612.00

DEPOSITS
YARD SALE DONATIONS

1322.13

50/50

62.50

PLEDGES

1360.00

PLEDGES

1180.00

YARD SALE

10.00

PLEDGES

425.00

EBAY ITEMS SOLD.

22.00

BALANCE OCT 31. 2004

1443.94

BALANCE FROM SUNSHINE COMM
36.44

DEPOSITS

65.00

NEW BALANCE

101.44

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

KC8QQN
CLAIRUS KEEP

TREASURER.

WANTED!!!!

I need as many peanut butter containers as possible, something like 50 of them would be great. I would like them to be with lids and of the 16oz size. I have a wide assortment of nuts, bolts, washers and such that is in need of a new home instead of in the bottom of the draws of my tool boxes. Thanks in advance for your help.

Clairus KC8QQN

STILL LOOKING

I'm still looking for additional pictures to be included in the Klub photo album. If there are any photos of Sub Drew at our outings, I would like copies. Additionally, any Klub pictures of any LARK activities would be appreciated. Please bring them to a LARK meeting or send them to me!

Mary, KC8SER
220 N. Rogers
Mason, MI 48854

EDITORS COMMENTS



Wow, November already. I'm ready for the abrupt seasonal change that often happens during this month. I've tuned up the generator just in case of any early winter power failures.

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 hear from you.

Articles

We still need YOUR articles for the newsletter. Swap items, favorite stories, magical operating moments, remembering your first rig, the time your dog ate your logbook, whatever. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case the thought of "turkey & dressing" has left you a little confused, you can reach me at:

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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?

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?

SILENT KEYS ON LARK WEB PAGE

We still have a Silent Key section on the LARK webpage. Feel free to send me additions to this section. If you have special requests, please contact the LED Editor. Please note, the membership requested this change, the LARK webmaster made this change, and the membership has responded by doing virtually nothing. I'm still confused by this one.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee has started the work to transition to our new repeater. We hope to have the new system online before the end of November.

Be sure to welcome our new LARK members when you hear them on the air or see them at a meeting.

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!

ARPSC

The Livingston County SET

The Livingston County SET will be an orientation to county government, Incident Command System training and a tabletop drill. The training will be held on November 6, 2004, 9am, here at the EOC. You may be asking yourself do I need to show up. I have my ticket and anyone can talk on the radio.

1. First question that you need to ask yourself, have I shown up at any ARES training so the EC or AEC's know who you are and know your capabilities.
2. Who is responsible for the safe recovery of any county disaster or emergency?
3. When there is a message on the DVR for staging at a specific location do know what it means?
4. What questions do you need to ask?
5. When told to report to the Logistics Chief do you know who it is and who he/she reports to?

If the answer is no, we will see you November 6, 2004, 9am. If the answer is yes, come be an Elmer, we will see you November 6, 2004.

Ingham County will have a SET on November 4, 2004. What participation if any has not come forth?

TOWER AND AMATEUR EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Al Corr W8IW is selling his amateur radio gear and tower. Please contact his daughter, Barbara Chick 810-229-4675 for information.

BUYING GIFTS FOR MEN

Rule #1: When in doubt -- buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17, and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

Rule #2: If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey, George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "Okay. By the way, are you through with my 3/8" socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.

Rule #3: If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99 cent ice scraper, a small bottle of de-icer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

Rule #4: Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he would not have invented jockey shorts.

Rule #5: You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips and flips and flips. Forget the program, your entertainment is watching him have fun!

Rule #7: Do not buy any man industrial sized canisters of after shave or deodorant. Men do not stink -- they are earthy.

Rule #8: Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups. Saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why.

Rule #9: Never buy a man anything and then tell him he should read the instructions because the box says "some assembly required". It will ruin his Special Day. He will always have parts left over.

Rule #10: Good places to shop for men include Northwest Iron Works, Parr Lumber, Home Depot, John Deere, Valley RV Center, Menards, Fleet Farms, and Lees Schwab Tire. NAPA Auto Parts and Sear's Clearance Centers are also excellent men's stores. It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what it is. From NAPA Auto, eh? Must be something I need. Hey! Isn't this a starter for a '68 Ford Fairlane? Wow! Thanks."

Rule #11: Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook. But, they will barbecue. Get him a giant gas grill with a 100 pound propane tank. Tell him the gas line leaks. "Oh, the thrill! The challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"

Rule #12: Tickets to a Dodgers game are a smart gift. However, he will not appreciate tickets to "A Retrospective of 19th Century Quilts." Everyone knows why.

Rule #13: Men love chain saws. Never, ever, buy the man you love a chain saw. If you don't know why, please refer to Rule #8 (Remember what happens when he gets a label maker?)

Rule #14: It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum

extension ladder. Never buy a real man a stepladder. It must be an extension ladder. No one knows why.

Rule #15: Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least the Boy Scouts. Nothing says "I love you" like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope. No one knows why. (AGS note: I prefer the 1/2" multi-colored poly rope.)

Rule #16 NASCAR. Men love racing. Season passes if you are rich would make a nice gift...at least it gets the man out of the house 36 weekends a year...

RULE #17: Tarps. Men love tarps. Big ones - at least 10 x 12 feet. Helps haul the leaves out to the street. Make sure it is green or brown to remind him of the batchelor pad days with brown carpeting and green table cloths.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUT NEWEST MEMBERS.

W8RCA	GREGORY YOST
W8JPM	JAMES P. MERRILL
K8NYY	LARRY MOSS
KC8TZD	DAVID SCHANKIN
W8VZP	BILL VROMAN
N8DY	GERALD VAN BUREN
N8SVM	HARLAYNE U'REN 5YR
KB8NSU	DIANE U'REN 5 YR
K8IT	NEIL SABLATZKY
N8WRA	RICHARD JOPPICH
W8DMS	DAVID SGRICCIA
WQ8S	MARK SHAREF
N8KPF	RICHARD HARDEN
K8DTJ	HENRY KUMON

OPERATION NEW REPEATER

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

WOW WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS IN RAISING THE MONEY FOR THE NEW REPEATER. WITH IN ABOUT 5 1/2 WEEKS WE MANAGED TO COLLECT THE NEEDED FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE REPEATER. NOW AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO HAVING ENOUGH MONEY TO FINISH THE PROJECT IN ADVANCE. THERE IS STILL DONATIONS THAT ARE PLEDGED TO THE FUND THAT WILL BE COLLECTED WITH IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. WITH THOSE DONATIONS AND ABOUT DOUBLE THAT MUCH MORE WE WILL BE READY FOR THE REMOTE SITES BY THE END OF 2005 WITH NO PROBLEM.

I TRULY WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE YARD SALE. I HAVE STARTED PUTTING ITEMS ON EBAY AND WILL CONTINUE THAT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. I WILL KEEP YOU UP DATED AS THE AUCTIONS CONTINUE. I ALSO WANT TO THANKS RAY AND MARGE FOR ALL THERE WORK WITH MAKING AND PUTTING OUT AND COLLECTING THE SIGNS FOR THE SALE. AND FOR THERE

LONG HOURS OF DEDICATION ALONG WITH IRENE, MAC, CHARLIE, ISAAC, DAVE, MARY, VAN, MARY O. AND SO MANY OTHER THAT MADE THE EVENT FANTASTIC. A SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. CLETA CORY FOR THE HUGE DONATIONS FROM THE OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH. AND MS. KITTY CAMPBELL OF CROSSROADS REAL ESTATE.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO ENJOY THE NEW REPEATER AS ALL OF YOU ARE I AM SURE.

73
KC8QQN
CLAIRUS KEEP
CHAIR PERSON
REPEATER FUND DRIVE

A Lesson in Communications

Traveling down the scenic roads of America with both of us on the same motorcycle, Marge says, "Look at that big bird."

Ray, "Where is it? I don't want to take my eyes off the road for too long."

Marge, "Over there."

Ray, "Where is over there? I can not see where you are looking."

Marge, "Just over that rise."

Ray, "If it wasn't over there where would it be?"

Marge, "It would be over here."

Ray "OK, I see the bird. It looks like a Bald Eagle." Seeing the bird allows me to figure out that *over there* is to my right and *over here* is to my left. Got to put these directions into memory.

Marge, "Do you see that weird shaped tree?"

Ray, "No, where is it?"

Marge, "It's on that side."

Ray, "Which direction is that side?"

Marge, "You know, over that way."

Ray, "If it wasn't on that side where would it be?"

Marge, "It would be on this side."

Ray, "You mean that tree with the bent trunk?"

Marge, "Yes"

Ray, "yes, that is different." Now I have to remember that *that side* is to my right and *this side* must be to my left. Things are getting complicated.

Marge, "What animal is that?"

Ray, "what animal are you talking about?"

Marge, "The one way over on my side."

Ray, "OK, which side is your side and which side is my side?"

Marge, "You know! You always put my things in this saddlebag and your stuff in the other saddlebag. So one is my side and the other is your side."

Ray, "If you are looking at that big animal over there it is a mule deer." Now to also put into memory the right side is her side and my side is to the left. There has got to be a simpler way.

Ray, "How about we try something different to give directions. Let's use what airplane pilots use. When you see something look at the face of your watch and tell me which number the big hand would be pointing to if it were pointing at what you want me to look at."

Marge, "I see something but I can't figure out how to tell you which direction to look."

Ray, "Just look at the face of your watch and tell me the number that is in the direction of what you see."

Marge, "But it isn't that simple."

Ray, "Why not?"

Marge, "Don't you remember that you gave me this digital watch for Christmas?"

When this little scenario is done as a skit it is very funny. But the next time you go to give directions using radio communications try to remember this situation. The people on the other end of the airwaves you are communicating with can not see your hand movements, facial expressions or body language. Giving direction over the radio can be a very trying event for the person on the receiving end. Good Luck!

Ray N8CPO

TREASURER REPORTS

WELL NOW THAT EVERY THING IS SETTLED DOWN TO A SLOW ROAR THE
TREASURERS REPORTS FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS IS CORRECTED. I DIDN'T HAVE
TO RUSH THESE ONES IN SO I HOPE THEY ARE ALL CORRECT.

AS YOU CAN SEE THE MONEY FROM PLEDGES IS STILL TRICKLING IN. THAT IS
GREAT AND I EVEN LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO THE PO BOX. LOL. IF WE
KEEP WORKING AT THIS WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE REMOTE
RECEIVERS VERY SOON. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE

KC8QQN
CLAIRUS KEEP
TREASURER.