

# THE LED

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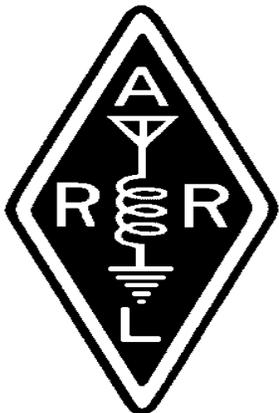
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IET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

NEXT KLUB MEETING  
July 13th 7:30PM at the EOC,  
Highlander Way, Howell, MI



### BOARD MEMBERS

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

Midland Swap June 17<sup>th</sup>

Monroe Swap June 18<sup>th</sup>

(LARK will have a table to sell your gear at the Monroe Swap. You agree to donate 10% of what your gear sells for to use their table. See Jim WB8AZP for details)

## PREZ SAYS



"Why not attend a meeting in person, or at least join us for breakfast on the first and third Saturday of the month? Amateur Radio needs your involvement to help keep it an important hobby and public service."

73, from your President, Art KC8WAZ

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## LARK SOCIAL NOTES

### LARK Dinner before the Meeting (DBTM)

Check in on the 146.68 repeater.

### LARK Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our current location is the Crossroads Grill, near the intersection of Oak Grove Road and M59 in Howell. (The restaurant is located near the south end of the Kroger plaza). This is a great opportunity to get together with hams that can't always make our regular Klub meetings, and for hams just passing through! All are welcome!



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## OPERATION CARE 2006

### Operation Care

A special thanks to everyone who took time from their weekend to help with operation care. Your hard work and smiling faces paid off to the tune of \$734.31 so not to bad. When someone tells you that the traffic was slow that could be but the ones who gave dug deep to do so. Looking forward to Labor Day weekend also then get in touch with Mary KC8SER and sign up for your shift early. Can't work a shift there is still lots of other things that can be done so get in touch with one of us to find out what you can do to help.

Thanks again you all are fantastic persons to work with.

Clairus Keep Operation Care Chair.

# TREASURER REPORT JUNE 2006

July 31 2005 Ending Balance operations fund. \$1981.86  
July 31 2005 Ending Balance emergency fund. \$2769.42

## OPENING BALANCES OPERATIONS FUND

AUG 1 2005	\$336.75
DEPOSIT DUES	5.00
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DEPOSIT 50/50	45.00

TOTAL BALANCE FOR AUG 31 2005 391.75

## SEPTEMBER 2005

DEPOSIT 50/50	68.00
DEPOSIT DUES	20.00
TOTAL BALANCE FOR SEPT. 30 2005	479.75

## OCT. 2005

DEPOSIT DUES	20.00
DEPOSIT 50/50	48.00
TOTAL BALANCE FOR OCT 31 2005	547.75

## NOVEMBER 2005

DEPOSIT 50/50	48.00
TOTAL BALANCE FOR NOV 30 2005	595.75

DEPOSIT 50/50	37.50
TOTAL BALANCE FOR DEC 31 2005	633.75

BRANDON FIELDS PLAQUES	130.00
DEPOSIT 50/50	68.00
DEPOSIT SECOND HALF -20.00	48.00
DEPOSIT DUES	175.00
DEPOSIT DUES	20.00
TOTAL BALANCE FOR JAN 31 2006	814.25

MARSH INSURANCE	190.00
MARSH INSURANCE	325.00
DUANE CRUSE FOR TARGET DONATION	20.00
PAUL STRENG OCT, NOV,DEC	75.00
DEPOSIT 50/50	47.00
DEPOSIT DUES	120.00
TOTAL BALANCE FOR FEB 28 2006	371.25

WHITE ELEPHANT MEIJERS	77.11
DEPOSIT 50/50	75.00
TOTAL FOR MARCH 31 2006	369.14

JUDSON LITTELL DONATION	50.00
DEPOSIT DUES	130.00
DEPOSIT 50/50	66.00
TOTAL FOR APRIL 30 2006	515.14

LED FEB	38.64
LED MARCH	22.28
SUNSHINE DEPOSIT	42.00
DEPOSIT 50/50	60.50

DEPOSIT DUES 100.00  
TOTAL BLANCE MAY 31 2006 \$656.72

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SUNSHINE REPORT

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31 2005 121.42  
JUDSON LITTELL 50.00  
DEPOSIT 42.00  
TOTAL BALANCE FOR MAY 31 2006 \$113.42

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BALANCE FROM EMG FUND AS OF JULY 31 2005 2769.42  
DEPOSITS  
OPERATION CARE LABOR 671.34  
DONATION 5.00  
ARRL DEPOSIT 36.00  
YARD SALE DONATIONS 25.00  
DONATION 80.00  
WHITE ELEPHANT DONATION 292.00  
OPERATION CARE MEMORAL WEEKEND 734.31  
EXPENSES  
OPERATION CARE SUPPLIES 31.19  
TOTAL BALANCE AS OF MAY 31 2006 4581.88

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CD BALANCE AS OF JULY 31 2006  
1000 1230.81  
INTEREST 17.23  
CURRENT BALANCE AS OF MAY 31 2006 \$1248.04

CD BALANCE AS OF JULY 31 2006  
500 597.30  
INTEREST 7.45  
8.33  
TOTAL BALANCE AS OF MAY 31 2006 \$613.13

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## HOUSE FOR SALE

Hi Jim,

Art Gareaux suggested I contact you regarding my house, which is up for sale in Ann Arbor, listed at

<http://aaar.mlxchange.com/Pub/EmailView.asp?r=1281330637&s=AAR&t=AAR>.

He said you could possibly list it in the L.E.D. I would be happy to provide additional details to anyone interested.

I currently have an HF9v 9-band vertical mounted to the corner of the deck, with a dozen or more radials suspended 7-8 feet above the back yard, strung out to the fence tops.  
I also have a tribander driven element suspended vertically in the top of one of the two 30' oak trees in the back - works \*very\* well.

I did have a horizontal loop strung around the eaves and out to the tops of the two oak trees -- it kicked rear end on 10m and worked very well on 40-and-up with a Z11 autotuner -- but I took it down as I readied the house for sale.

If results count for anything, I have made over 6000 HF QSOs in 4 years running maximum of 5 watts (on all but a dozen or so), logging almost 100 countries and just about all the states (60 countries, 42 states confirmed via [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)).

The house is at about 935 feet above sea level, and the nearest higher spots are a mile NE (at 980' a.s.l.) and more than a mile SSW (1010' a.s.l.), so it is in the clear in most directions. I never got around to putting a tripod on the roof, but that would be a great way to get some antennas up in the clear.

The house is a 2 story colonial (4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths) 1.5 blocks from the nearest elementary school, on a one-block-long street that is very quiet. The middle school is a mile away, and the new high school will be closer than that. The neighborhood contains a mix of young families and retirees, and the crime rate is nearly zero. Another ham lives next door, though he only operates VHF/UHF mobile, and the other neighbors have had no problem with my antennas.

The house is in great shape, has a large family room and deck off the back of the main house, and was great for me when I had a wife and 3 kids in the house. Since the wife passed away in 2001 and the last of the kids moved out last year, I am in the process of buying a differently configured house nearby.

I hope that provides enough information for you to throw together a mention of my house for the L.E.D.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Thanks,

- Tim Prosser, KT8K (trustee, ARROW club, Ann Arbor)

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## EDITORS COMMENTS



It's been a great June so far, and the plants and flowers in my yard have just "gone crazy" over the cooler weather and ample moisture. The

extra workload has only added to my personal schedule, making it more challenging than ever to fit everything in. If you're just dying to help out, get in touch with me. Clearly, if you believe you can do a better job, I'm happy to pass over the reins.

## Articles

For newsletters to continue to be interesting, most editors rely on articles written by the membership at large. This is a very common and time honored practice. However, it doesn't seem to be much of a practice around here. 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, antenna projects, when you first discovered that you were fascinated by CW, or whatever. While I appreciate those who forward previously published material, it clearly isn't new and fresh, like something you create yourself. Need a suggestion for a good article? Just call! Need help writing it down? We can assist you. In case thoughts of Field Day have you all in a twitter, and you just can't seem to remember how to reach me:

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146.680 MHz most evenings

Note that the best form to submit an article in is electronic, however we do accept handwritten and typed manuscripts. Beginning with the May issue of the LED, I have made a decision to attempt to appeal to your sense of greed to get articles for the LED. I will pay for articles that are original works, based on a schedule that I decide upon, that are submitted. Electronic submission will receive greater compensation than hardcopy or FAX pages. Payments will be made in cash, and will only be delivered to a LARK event, (meeting, breakfast, picnic, etc). Please don't worry; I will spend my own money on this project. All decisions for payment are mine, (after all, it's my

money), and anyone who is a LARK member can participate. So far, I haven't had to spend a dime. Seems that even greed doesn't motivate this crowd!

## 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? 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

It seems that the Sunday evening net is pretty much dead now. With less than one check in a session on average, the tradition has pretty much died! Sadly, emergency preparedness and a brief social QSO has fallen very low on the list of priorities.

## LARK SATURDAY BREAKFAST

It's just a nice way to offer an opportunity to mingle with the membership. These meetings are currently held at the Cross Roads Grill in Howell, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, usually starting around 8 AM or so. Stop on in for a glass of water, or breakfast, or a cup of coffee. Heck, if I'm there (and I often try to be) you can probably get me to buy your coffee! Oh yes, let's see; your lame excuse for not making it on Saturday morning is?

## LARK WEBSITE

Our current website has been moved to its new electronic home. Find us on the web at: <http://www.w8lrk.org>

Thanks again to Van, N8GVD, for acquiring the new site! Again, if any of you feel compelled to take on this project going forward, just let us know. (Especially all the web experts out there)

## OTHER COMMENTS

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. Not sure if you have enough change to buy yourself a refreshing beverage at the meeting? We'll handle that for you as well. Afraid the room will be too cold 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 front (or 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? Especially now that you can get paid for an article!

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**Real Estate Office, complete with antennas!**