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**NET 146.680
SUNDAY 9PM**

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

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

BOARD MEMBERS

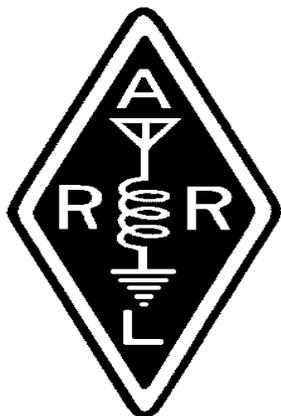
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SOCIAL EVENTS

**LARK BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER 15th 8 AM Crossroads
Grill**



PREZ SAYS

I wasn't able to make the second picnic, but I trust all that did had a great time. I at the last minute realized I couldn't make it so who ever took over the cooking, thanks. I want to say a special thank you to all those helped at Dick's place. I was more than a little concerned that it wouldn't get finished. But a great crew showed up and after a few comments about the design we got to work. It could have been a little cooler, and a few less rocks but it got built. Again thank you to all that helped trust me it won't be forgotten.

I don't know if the newsletter will get out before Operation Care, we still need a little more help. Hope to see you there. If not maybe the next meeting. The presentations have been really interesting - stop by and check them out.



Van N8GVD

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!



“What you are is revealed by what you do. What you do reveals what you really believe.”

EDITORS COMMENTS



September is here! Hopefully, you've been able to work on some of those nagging antenna projects, before the cold and snow sets in.

Articles

Thanks for all those who have taken the time to contribute real quality articles to the newsletter. Your editor appreciates the effort.

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

We seemed to have slipped back into our old habits. Turn on your rig on Sunday evening, and check into the net! It won't cause you any pain or discomfort.

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 1st and 3rd 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?

VE TESTING

With all the new emphasis on amateur radio, and our local PR efforts, VE testing sessions have been busier than ever. If you want to assist, you need to become a registered VE. Talk with me for details. There is nothing more rewarding than to be able to congratulate a person who has just made it through an exam! We are adding testing opportunities every month now, so spread the word, and get studying for your upgrade!

Again as part of the September 2007 testing session, LARK is participating in a pilot ARRL program to bring Code Proficiency Testing to the field, in a similar manner as the existing W1AW on air testing currently available.

Remember, LARK is now sponsoring VE exams each and every month!

OTHER COMMENTS

I'm traveling more than ever for work, which leaves little if any time to do anything. We'll need to talk about permanent replacements for my assignments going forward. It's impossible for me to maintain any level of acceptable quality.

Although your editor believes passionately in the power of freedom of speech, he reserves the right to ignore commentary generated by those who refuse to assist. He will however, accept and publish rebuttal to his stance.

Support the Klub. It's important. Not just to the organization, but to the future of amateur radio as well. If you are not part of the solution, does that simply mean that you're part of the problem?

Support the ARRL. Why? Because amateur radio needs the solidarity to survive, and your support can help drive this.

LARK Meeting Minutes 8-9-07

The meeting was called to order by Van N8GVD

Introductions were made.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wes Gilson gave a very informative presentation on different types of military communications equipment and systems.

Secretary's report was accepted as published in the LED.

Treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

ARES/RACES equipment was purchased.

Program Director - programs planned for October

Technical Director - working on the problems with the repeater due to the storm.

LED needs more articles.

VE testing on Tuesday.

Picnic will be held Wednesday August 15th eat at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass.

Operation Care sign up roster was passed around. Very few people signed up. Audit will be done at the picnic.

50/50 was won by Ray N8CPO.

Mac N8RBA made a motion to adjourn, Chuck W8CLK seconded. Motion passed with Jon KC8VAB, John KD8CCR and Van N8GVD opposing.

Respectfully Mary KC8SER, Secretary

Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Offers Code Testing -- for Fun

The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) began participating in a pilot study of an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field code proficiency testing program in June. The third of the monthly sessions will be offered on August 14th at 7:00 PM. The location for the testing will be the Emergency Operations Center, 300 South Highlander Way, Howell, MI.

Morse code testing will be offered from 5-40 wpm in steps of 5 wpm. There is no charge to participate. The pilot program is essentially an extension of the long-standing Code Proficiency program conducted over the air from station W1AW.

The pilot program has been initiated in only four municipal areas in the ARRL Great Lakes Division of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. All area residents interested in demonstrating their ability to receive Morse code are invited to join in the testing.

Test participants do not need to be Amateur Radio operators. Successful candidates will demonstrate one minute of perfect copy of the transmitted text at one or more test speeds. Persons who achieve solid copy will receive a receipt that confirms their accomplishment.

Certificates suitable for framing are available from the ARRL for an additional fee.

For further information on Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Morse code testing runs, contact Dick Renaud, W8KDR (W8KDR@arrl.net) 810-923-3600 or Jim Kvochick, WB8AZP (WB8AZP@arrl.net) 810-220-2098.

Pre-register, or simply walk-in. Although knowledge of Morse code is no longer required to obtain an amateur radio license, you may be surprised to learn how easy it is to develop and demonstrate skills in using Morse code. You too, can talk on the air with amateur stations around the globe that use this mode exclusively.

Lark Board Meeting Minutes 8-16-07

Meeting was called to order by Van N8GVD
Attending were Van, Dick, Mary, Clairus, Chuck and Jim. Guest Pat.

Secretary and Treasurers reports were given and accepted.

Clairus gave an overview of comment made to her about Treasurers report and discussed Klub liability insurance.

Jim reported on the progress of the repair and replacement of the controller and DVR on the repeater and the progress on the remote receive sites for the repeater. He also gave an overview of some other future options for locating repeaters at different location to give better coverage and backup.

Final plans for Operation Care were discussed.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully,

Mary KC8SER

Picnic in the Park

Our Picnic was held at the Howell City Park on Wednesday August 15th at 5:30pm. 18 people enjoyed themselves. Some great food and a good social time was had by all.

Submitted by Mary KC8SER

For sale --- \$250.00

KENWOOD 520SE HF Transceiver
10-160 meter (not WARC bands)
Includes: MC-50 Desk Microphone and
Extra pair 6146B final tubes (new)
Original manufacturing packaging & manual

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2007 ARRL

Great Lakes Division Convention in conjunction with the 2007 Cleveland Hamfest

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2007 opening ceremonies at 11:30am

Location: Sheraton Independence Hotel, 5300 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

*We are very proud to announce our featured Banquet Speaker
will be Joel Harrison W5ZN, President ARRL*

Jim K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director will host the
Great Lakes Division Awards Ceremony

Top vote getting Seminars you ask for:

- Bob Heil K9EID and Chip Margelli K7JA, Heil Sound Workshop
- Speaker to be announced on Emergency Communications
- Bob Frey WA6EZV & Dick Arnett WB4SUV all about ARDF
- Tim Duffy K3LR "The K3LR Multi Multi Station"
- Jim Sanford WB4GCS Eagle Project Manager from AMSAT
- All about DX from beginners to Honor Roll Hams, seminars hosted by Tedd KB8NW, John K8YSE, Bernie W3UR, Don K8MFO, Bob K4UEE on VU7RD DXpedition plus a question & answer panel
- Wouff Hong ceremony after the banquet
- Hospitality room courtesy of CARS, LEARA & NODXA
- Card checking - DXCC, WAS, VUCC Low Bands & VHF Fri. 7 to 11pm & Sat. 1 to 3pm
- Please visit our sponsor tables Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm



Joel Harrison W5ZN



Seminars only	\$25.00 advance - \$30.00 at the door
Banquet only	\$37.00 advance sales only
Full ticket	\$50.00 save \$12.00 advance sales only
Full ticket with a room	\$45.00 save \$17.00 advance sales only

Order your tickets on line now using a credit card or send a check!
Option: Reserved tables for 8 people may be requested with your payment

All Hams and those interested in becoming Hams are welcome.

Please attend the Convention to see what the ARRL has to offer.

Join the ARRL if you like what you see and hear!

Questions, ticket orders and latest news call 216-524-7711 - 216-524-1750 or goto:

www.2007gldc.org



Livingston County Mobile Command Center (Photo by W8MSP)



Red Cross Vehicle (Photo by W8MSP)



What a view! (Photo by W8MSP)



Inside the Livingston County Mobile Command Center (by W8MSP)



Part of the Radio Console in The Livingston County Mobile Command Center (photo by W8MSP)

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