

LAKE ORION FLARE NIGHT



The Lake Orion Lions Club is sponsoring the 73rd annual "Light up the Night" Flare Night Spectacular Friday, June 29th, at dusk.

The Lions Clubs started in 1917 as a service club to help the disadvantaged. At a convention in Sandusky, Ohio, Helen Keller was asked to speak. In her speech she challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against Darkness" and we have been doing this ever since. The Lake Orion Lions use this event as a visual acronym for awareness of the "Prevention of Blindness". The Lake Orion Lions Club was started in 1938 and have sponsored the Flare night spectacular for the last few decades.

Two years ago we applied for a spot in the Guinness Book Of World Records for "The most lighted flares around a lake or shoreline". We had decorated navy veteran reconnaissance expert photographer Dale Fisher of "Dale Fisher Helophoto" use aerial and video photography to record the event. At approximately 10 PM, his team recorded the record setting attempt using specialty photography and video equipment to count the flares lighted. Dale Fisher's team counted a minimum of 4800 to possibly 5100 flares lighted. WDIV channel 4 Detroit did a live interview and broadcast with Lion Rick Rice along with Police chief Jerry Narsh and fire chief Bob Smith. Local Cable channel ONTV also did a live filming of the shoreline. The record attempt application, photo, video, and witness evidence has been submitted to Guinness. As of today, the attempt is still under consideration because it is a new category, but we should be notified soon. The Lake Orion Lions Club is making available prints of the aerial photos of this record event for a limited time on our web site, www.lakorionlions.org.

We purchase more flares every year and have sold out the last several years, so buy yours early. Flares can be purchased at Wonder Cleaners and Laundry at 835 S. Lapeer rd. Lake Orion, Ed's gifts downtown, and on and around the lake on a limited basis.

The Lake Orion Lions are grateful of the support of our community.