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This Month's Meeting

Home Brew II

Hosted by Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

This month's meeting will give us the opportunity to play a little 'Show n' Tell'. Though the October meeting has always been the annual 'Home Brew' meeting, the Trustees of LEARA wanted to have a second Home Brew night to give everyone the opportunity to show off their newest electronic gadgets and ham radio related gear. Everyone is welcome to bring in their latest creations and share them with the crowd.

Dimitri's is located in the Mid-Town Shopping Center at Snow and Broadview Rds. and is open to all. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the program will start at 7:30 PM. **If you plan to eat, reservations are required!** Restaurant service is available only for those who purchase dinner. If you are attending the meeting

only, kindly purchase beverages at the bar and bring them to your table.

The dinner menu will consist of Steak, Broiled Boston Scrod, or Chicken Parmigiana for \$14.50. Also available is a vegetable and pasta dish for those who prefer a meatless dinner. The dinner includes a salad, main course, dessert, ice tea or coffee, and gratuity (please note, bar service and soft drinks are not included).

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 11:00 AM OF THE MEETING DATE. Please call in your reservation and your menu choice to Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at **440-248-0031** or leave a message on the LEARA information and voice mail line at **440-942-0154**.

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FIELD DAY IS COMING!

June 22nd and 23rd.

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de N8AUC . . .

Well, this column is late getting in. Gotta break in the surrogate news-letter editor - before he breaks me in anyways.

Marathon season is in the books. The CVS Marathon completed its 25th consecutive run. Steve, AA8MX and Bill K8WJM with assistance from Bob, W2THU got things put together to support the CVS marathon. Extra excitement was added by the Skywarn gang as some strong storms decided to douse all the tail-end charlies. (This was the line of storms that spawned the Jackson Township Tornado - so it really was not a joking matter.)



The GCOM marathon was cancelled due to lack of interest from the participants, although the 5k and 10k runs were still held. Tom, KA8BZB performed the organizational feats for GCOM. Hats off to all for a job well done. If you are ever seeking a challenge, get involved in the planning and organization for one of our public service events. The folks already doing it will welcome the help - and you'll learn a lot in the process. The skills you will acquire in serving this function

can come in handy in many areas of life - perhaps even in your employment.

The last few days have been very nice. Vastly different than the last time I wrote this column. Looks like we just might be in luck weather-wise for our upcoming events. Remember, Memorial Day weekend is the Westlake Soccer Tournament - plenty of good seats available and lots of hams are still needed. Call Robin or me at 440-734-3146 or email to n8auc@arrl.net if you can help with that. And June brings Field Day! Always the 4th full weekend in June, which is June 22 and 23 this year. Same spot we had last year at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park.

Speaking of Field Day, that was the topic of the April meeting. I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker, and we went over LEARA's field day plans. In a nutshell, 2A with a VHF/UHF station, and a new GOTA station, (if you don't know what GOTA is you missed the meeting - shame on you - your homework is then to read the May 2002 issue of QST), and all stations on battery power.

Nice weather means antenna work. Ladders, rooftops, tower climbing, and the like. If

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LEARA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to Amateur Radio and to Public Service. Club information packets and applications for membership are available from **Marv Grossman, W8AZO, 440-248-0031**, via voice mail at **440-942-0154**, or may be downloaded from our web site at **www.apk.net/leara**. Annual membership is \$18.00.

Membership Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except December at Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, OH (in the Mid-Town Shopping Center, just west of Broadview Road). Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. The regular meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to all interested persons. You may attend without eating, but **reservations are required** if you do wish to eat. Call **Marv Grossman, W8AZO at 440-248-0031** or leave a message on the LEARA voice mail line at **440-942-0154**.

Trustees' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at 9:00 AM at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 2121 Snow Rd., Parma, OH (opposite the Mid-Town Shopping Center). Meetings are open to all current members of LEARA.

Association News

New Members

LEARA proudly welcomes the following hams who recently joined LEARA and who have been formally approved by the LEARA Trustees.

- Ray Sottoriva, KC8MCB
- Jerome Mountain, KC8NMX
- Joe Prokop, KC8RAN
- Robert Metz, KC8POL
- Antony 'Tony' Thomas, KC8TJF

All will be fine additions to our Association. If you hear them on the air, say hello and make them welcome.

Changed Call Signs

Jack Andrisin	Old Call:	N8HVQ
	New Call:	W8JAK

Looking Forward

May 28 — Home Brew Night II

June 25 — Open

July 13 — Trustees' Meeting
See page two for details.

July 30 — Picnic Meeting

Anyone with program ideas or suggestions is urged to contact **Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT**, at 216-691-1038 or by e-mail at KA8VIT@ix.netcom.com

Copier Technician Needed

LEARA has recently had the good fortune to be the recipient of a donated Kodak commercial photocopier. This copier is now in South Euclid at the publisher's home and is being used to produce the newsletter.

LEARA needs someone who would be willing to donate some time and provide instruction on proper maintenance and minor repairs associated with this type of machine. If a volunteer is not located, LEARA will have to hire a repair technician.

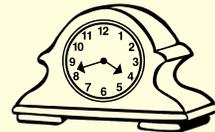
Anyone interested in volunteering to help keep the copier working should contact our publisher, Jeannie St. Marie, KC8MNW, at (216) 382-0484.

April Door Prize Winners

Free Dinner: **Joseph Prokop, KC8RAN**



Exactset Atomic clock: **Bryan Torok, N8OOF**



Multi-Tool: **Frank Hvizdos, W8ACQ**



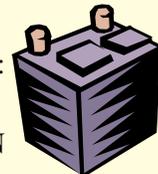
Rainforest Zoo T-shirt: **John Andrisin, W8JAK**



Red Nylon LEARA Jacket: **Flossie Collins (wife of Fred Collins, W8ADW)**



Four 6-volt 10Ahr sealed lead-acid batteries: **Flossie Collins (Wife of Fred Collins, W8ADW) and, Joseph Prokop, KC8RAN**



Congratulations !!!!

Proxy Ballot - Final Count

* Final Call *

The Trustees urge **ALL** members who have not done so to please mark your proxy (regarding amending LEARA's Articles of Incorporation for or against, sign and date it, and send it to the Association P.O. Box. **Regardless of how you vote, we need to have your proxy returned. Ballots will be counted at the May membership meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at Dimitiri's.**

Additional proxies are available from Marv Grossman, W8AZO, by calling 440-248-0031.

Association News

April Meeting Recap / Field Day

Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT

Field Day is coming up. You going? You should. Be it LEARA's Field Day Event or another club's but you should be going. There are really only a few reasons the government lets us have ham radio licenses. These reasons are stated in FCC Part 97.



§97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this Part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Read paragraph (a) again. That's the real reason we're allowed to have ham radio licenses and occupy the amount of radio spectrum we do. To provide emergency and back up communications. That's where the government gets their payback. Not from paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e). All of those are just gravy.

In countless times over the last eighty-some years ama-

teur radio operators have provided what was usually the only communications into and out of emergency and disaster areas especially during the critical first 48 to 72 hours, before any form of official organized help and relief arrives. When there are no lights. No phones. No cell phones. No power. When travel is often difficult because water, fallen trees or other debris block roadways. Are people hurt? Trapped? Where is medical help needed first? We are often the only way these types of question can get asked and answered in a real emergency or disaster.

This is what Field Day is all about. Being ready. Being prepared. Field Day is basically an emergency and disaster preparedness exercise combined with an operating contest. It demonstrates our ability as amateur radio operators to setup and maintain emergency communications stations and to effectively communicate with other similar stations all in the absence of any commercial power or pre-existing antenna structures.

Working public service events is great. LEARA and its members have a long history of providing such communications but knowing your *working* the walk-a-thon the weekend after next and being prepared for real disaster type emergency communications for an extended period of time are two very different things.

If you hold an amateur radio license, you should consider Field Day a duty or obligation to that license and participate.

This year LEARA is sponsoring its second annual Field Day Event. A continuing effort to upgrade the abilities of LEARA as a club and hone the skills of our individual operators to perform these emergency communications if ever needed.

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June. This year it is June 22nd and 23rd. Though Field Day officially runs from 2:00PM local time Saturday through 2:00PM Sunday, we will start setting up at 9:00AM Saturday and start tearing down about 2:00PM Sunday.

Experience Field Day. It really is a lot of fun.

73's - de KA8VIT
ka8vit@ix.netcom.com

Association News

Antenna Day



The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association Presents

Build Your Own Copper Cactus J-Pole Antenna

Home-brewing antennas is a very important part of ham radio history and, in many cases, was the only option for getting on the air in the early days before all of the commercially made antennas were available on the market.

Though many amateur operators may desire to build their own antenna for a specific band, they don't because they may be unsure of how to proceed, might lack the necessary hardware for the actual construction, or do not have equipment needed to test and tune an antenna such as an SWR meter or antenna analyzer.

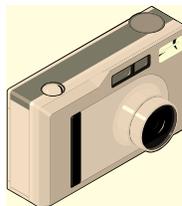
As a service to all amateur radio operators who would like the opportunity to build their own J-Pole antenna in a 'clinic-like' format, Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT and Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association will be hosting the first LEARA antenna workshop.

For a nominal fee (enough to cover the materials) each participant will be given everything necessary to build, test, and tune their own J-Pole antenna. Bill and Mike will be on-site to walk everyone through the construction process and assist with testing and tuning. When it's over, every participant will be able to take a home a highly effective antenna and immediately begin using it.

The date, time, and location of this event will be announced shortly. Be sure to check into the weekly LEARA net on Thursday evenings at 8:00PM on the 146.760 (-) repeater for the latest updates and information. Questions, comments, and suggestions can be sent to Bill or Mike via e-mail at the addresses below.

ka8vit@ix.netcom.com (Bill)
Kc8owl@yahoo.com (Mike)

Donated Digital Camera



A special thanks goes out to Ron Trepka, W8RON for his kind donation of a Relisys digital camera to the club. This camera will come in handy at club functions such as meetings, field day, and public service events. Thanks Ron!

Weekly LEARA Nets

Weekly LEARA Club Net
Thursday Night at 8:00PM
146.760 R (-) 110.9 PL

Weekly LEARA Slow Scan TV Net
Saturday Night at 10:00PM
146.880 R (-) 110.9 PL

All are Welcome !!

Be sure to check in and say Hello

PHONE: (330) 225-7373	RETAIL STORE HOURS [1]
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	SUN: 1PM-4PM
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Rick Wells - K8SCI	NOARD Inc
[1] Check phone message machine for any changes in hours 11/2000.	821 Pearl Road Brunswick, OH 44212

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you're doing antenna work, please be careful. Use the appropriate safety equipment, and take your time. And have someone spot for you from the ground. We need you alive, breathing, and healthy (so does your family and loved ones). Antenna work can be dangerous without proper precautions.

See you at the Westlake Soccer Tournament on May 25, 26, and 27, then for the club meeting on the 28th at Dimitri's!

73 de N8AUC

Public Service - CVS Pictures and Volunteers



Marv Grossman, W8AZO



Jon Anhold, N8USK



Bob Winston, W2THU



Bryan Torok, N8OOF



Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL



Ken Kane, KG8DN



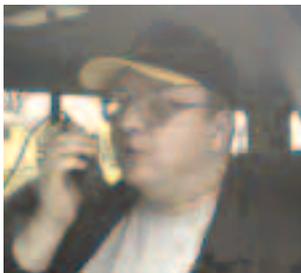
Fred Collins, W8ADW



Jim Ozello, N8XDO



Tom Kimball, KA8BZB



Eric Jessen, N8AUC



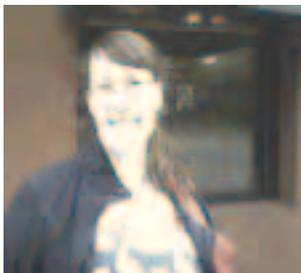
Doug Dever, N8VUR



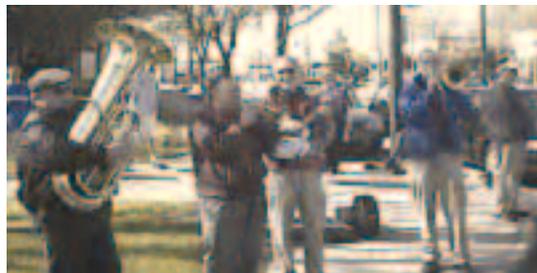
Chuck Rienzo, N8NLL



Tari Rienzo, KC8ANF



Sara Cechner, KC8KSU



**Four Man Band at Lake and W. 117
From the left: Kyle Snyder; Dick Petscher, W8BNT; Brian Zupancic; Bruce Lentinen**

Thank You !

Marv Grossman, W8AZO
Jon Anhold, N8USK
Bob Winston, W2THU
Bryan Torok, N8OOF
Don Raith, N8DJG
Jeannie St Marie, KC8MNW
Patrick Karl, N8ONI
Don Rupanovic, KC8BQR
Sandy Carney, KB8UOC
Karin Deffler, KC8RTY
John Mc Kenzie, KB9FEM

Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL
Ken Kane, KG8DN
Fred Collins, W8ADW
Jim Ozello, N8XDO
Bernard Wawzyniak, K8IV
Bruce Thorne, KE8TI
Robert Magree, N8KBX
Robert Fisco, N8GRW
Greg Romaniak, N8XOS
Bill Marx, K8WJM
Dan Mc Kenzie, KB9FEN

Tom Kimball, KA8BZB
Eric Jessen, N8AUC
Doug Dever, N8VUR
Chuck Rienzo, N8NLL
Michael Cegelski, K8EHP
Patricia Smith, KC8PEQ
Clark Beckman, N8PZD
Robert Fehlner, N8QHC
TJ Powell, N8UIR
Steve Bellamy, AA8MX

Tari Rienzo, KC8ANF
Sara Cechner, KC8KSU
Kyle Snyder
Dick Petscher, W8BNT
Brian Zupancic
Bruce Lentinen
Bill Lain, W8OLF
Judy Nejman, N8QMM
Amy Anhold, KC8JQR
Heather Eackelbary

Public Service

WalkAmerica 2002 Recap

TJ Powell, N8UIR

On behalf of the March of Dimes I would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering at the 2002 Walk America on April 28th

Greg Romaniak, N8XOS	Jim Crane, KC8SQF
Judy Crane, KC8FHE	Marv Grossman, W8AZO
Karin Deffler, KC8RTY	Bill Davis, N8XDM
Doug Dever, N8VUR	Michael Cegelski, K8EHP
Judy Nejman, N8QMM	Bob Fehlner, N8QHC
Ryan Wilkins, N8YHV	

Over 3000 walkers participated in the 6-mile event and raised \$500,000 for the March of Dimes.

Thank you again.

73 de TJ Powell, N8UIR

Greater Cleveland Marathon

Tom Kimball, KA8BZB

Although the adult marathon was cancelled this year due to its proximity to the CVS marathon, the 10K, 5K, and Youth Marathon were held on May 5th as scheduled. The 10K and 5K route covered most of the near west side, running through Ohio City and Tremont. The weather was almost perfect for the well-received event. About 500 runners participated. Full results can be found on their website - www.greaterclevelandmarathon.com.

The Youth Marathon is conducted during a 26 week period in which all of the participants run a full mile each week, culminating in a 1.2 mile run on race day.

Ham Radio supplied course communications for the event. Net Control was ably handled by Bill Lain, **W8OLF** (with xyl Susan). Other participating hams included Don Rupanovic **KC8BQR**, Marv Grossman **W8AZO**, Bob Winston **W2THU**, Gil Brucken **KE8WV**, Jim Ozello **N8XDO**, Ed Zorn **KD8ZK**, Marc Flanagan **KC8SIE**, and Michael Cegelski **K8EHP**. My grateful thanks to those who came out and helped.

de Tom, KA8BZB

Upcoming Events

Medical and Amateur Radio Support will be needed for the following upcoming events:

March of Dimes Motorcycle Ride

Sunday, June 23rd

Multiple Sclerosis Pedal to the Point

Saturday and Sunday, August 17th & 18th

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for any of the above events please contact T.J. Powell, N8UIR, at tjp@tjp.com.

Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament

Memorial Day Weekend; May 25, 26, and 27

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 25, 26, and 27 is the Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament. This is a very large youth soccer tournament that covers all ages from 7-14, both boys and girls. Hams are needed to provide communications from remote field locations to and from tournament HQ, and to provide dispatching information for paramedics assigned to the tournament. Times are flexible to suit your schedule. If interested, contact Eric N8AUC, or Robin KC8AWO at 440-734-3146.

American Lung Association of Northeast Ohio Annual Bike Ride

Sunday, June 23, 2002

The ride usually starts about 8AM (hams need to be ready earlier) and is over just after noon. It's a good family function, for riders and non-riders alike, since there is usually entertainment (music, games, demos) at Burke during and after the ride.

Four hams are needed to man their three 'sweep' vehicles (rented vans; personal vehicles have not been used in the past) and a base station at Burke Lakefront Airport. Rest/water stops are usually handled by cell phone so hams don't have to do it, the base station will have a cell phone. The ride mostly goes west from Burke about 30 miles. It's a relatively small event. Preferred equipment is a two-meter radio that can be powered from the vehicle battery (or have enough batteries to assure several hours of operation) and a magnet mount antenna. To volunteer, contact Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at 440-248-0031

ARRL News

ARRL Membership Renewals

Marv Grossman, W8AZO

Last summer, the ARRL changed its policy regarding reimbursing clubs for processing ARRL member renewals. After complaining to several League officials, it appears that those complaints fell on deaf ears. The *League* has apparently made up its mind to eliminate such reimbursements, regardless of the unfairness to the affiliated clubs such as LEARA. The policy is not likely to change any time soon. In view of this, it is unfair to saddle our Treasurer with the burden of processing ARRL renewals without benefit of financial remuneration to LEARA. So, until further notice:

PLEASE SEND ARRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DIRECTLY TO THE ARRL. DO NOT INCLUDE THEM WITH LEARA DUES PAYMENT NOR SEND THEM TO THE LEARA PO BOX.

However, LEARA gets \$15 for every NEW ARRL member that joins. This includes former ARRL members who let their membership lapse for more than two years.

Non-ARRL members: Now is your opportunity to join ARRL while benefiting LEARA. If you wish to join, please funnel your application and payment through LEARA's PO box (with payment made out to LEARA). The *League* may change its policy later, but, as the saying goes, we should "make hay while the sun shines". JOIN ARRL!! Even though at least one of its policies may not be to our liking, it does remarkably well keeping Amateur Radio's presence in Washington and doing other things that benefit Amateur Radio!!

If you have questions regarding this, contact Marv Grossman, W8AZO at 440-248-0031.

For Sale

Kenwood TR7950 2m transceiver, \$50
 Kenwood PS430 power supply, \$125
 Kenwood KPS12 power supply, \$50
 Kenwood TS430 HF transceiver, \$400
 Kenwood AT250 tuner, \$125
 Kenwood 401B 70 cm transceiver, \$75
 Azden PCS3000 2 m transceiver, \$50
 Icom IC27H 2 m transceiver, \$75
 Icom IC 02 AT 2 m WT, \$25
 Icom IC 4 AT 70 cm WT, \$25
 Yeasu FT207R 2 m WT, \$25
 Yeasu FT703R 70 cm WT, \$25
 Yeasu FT709 70 cm WT, \$25
 MFJ 941C Versa-Tuner, \$50
 4CB 4a P/S, \$20
 Phase III 12a P/S, \$40
 Welz SP45M 2m/70cm watt meter, \$50
 MFJ 815B peak reading watt meter, \$25
 Coax Dynamics 81000A watt meter w/ 2-30 slug, \$150
 Simpson 260 VOM, \$25
 Trionyx TR1000 frequency counter, \$40

NOTE: All items are **AS IS**. Most portables have "wall-worts"

however batteries are UNKNOWN.

ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE.

Contact: Cliff Bade, W8CJB, (440) 235.1122 or cliff@clecom.com

Hallicrafters SX-115 (Ham-Band) receiver, \$2000
 Drake T-4XB transmitter and AC-4 power-supply, \$350
 Swan 500CX and 700 CX, with 117xc supplies, \$800
 Radio-Shack DX302 digital SWL receiver, \$125
 Lafayette HE-30, speaker, 6n2 converters, \$75
 Bird 43, with R.F. sampler, 3 slugs, \$300

Contact: Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ
 Phone: (440) 951-6406,
 e-mail: wa8saj@ncweb.com

View From the Peak

With the increase in Public Service activity, space in the newsletter has become a premium. I wanted to take a minute to reassure everyone that George's monthly submission, **A View From the Peak**, will return to the newsletter as soon as space becomes available.

de The Editor, KC8OWL

**Check out the
 newsletter in color at:**

**[www.apk.net/leara/
 newsletter.html](http://www.apk.net/leara/newsletter.html)**

2002 Hamfest Listing

May

17, 18, 19 **Dayton Hamvention** / Dayton ARA
<http://www.hamvention.org/>
 Phone: 937-276-6930 Fax: 1-800-491-4267
 Email: info@hamvention.org

26 Franklin County Hamfest Committee

Contact: Chris Lind, KC8BUO
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 Fax: 614-263-7934
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June

9 Fulton County ARC

<http://www.fcarc.8m.com>
 Contact: Angela Infante, KB2AVN
 Phone: 419-822-4382
 Email: lindsay@powersupply.net

15 Milford ARC

Contact: Chris Reinfelder, KB8SNH
 Phone: 513-753-5066
 Email: kb8snh@cs.com

Fox (hidden transmitter) Hunts

Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC) holds hunts every Sunday at 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Joe, KC8DBT; Bob, WD8PVB; or Dick, KC8FNJ on ACARC repeater, or e-mail Dick (rmadison@suite224.net)

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio (CFARC) holds foxhunts on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. The talk-in frequency is 147.27+.

Lake County Amateur Radio Association (LCARA) foxhunts are held on Friday evenings, about once every three or four weeks, starting at 7:00 PM from the Concord Township park. Talk-in is the Painesville repeater 147.21+.

Western Reserve Emergency Communications (WRECS) foxhunts are held monthly on the second Thursday, at 7:00 PM, starting from the area of Rt. 306 and Rt. 422. Talk-in is on the 147.060+ repeater. Further information is available from Bill Takacs, K8VP, at 440-543-4991 or e-mail btakacs@nccw.net.

Information and updates on area foxhunts are also available on the internet by signing up for the neohfoxhunt mailing list at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/neohfoxhunt>

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
5/19	Elyria	Charles S. Hall	(440) 327-3832
6/1	Wickliffe	Scott Farnham	(440) 256-0320
6/16	Elyria	Charles S. Hall	(440) 327-3832
7/14	Independence	Gary Dewey	(216) 642-1399
7/21	Elyria	Charles S. Hall	(440) 327-3832
7/27	Bentleyville	Bill Takacs	(440) 543-4991
8/3	Wickliffe	Scott Farnham	(440) 256-0320
8/18	Elyria	Charles S. Hall	(440) 327-3832
9/8	Independence	Gary Dewey	(216) 642-1399
9/15	Elyria	Charles S. Hall	(440) 327-3832

Elyria - Red Cross Building, 2929 West River Rd., Elyria, OH. Tests are given at 1:00 PM Park in the rear of the building and enter through the back door.

Independence - Independence Town Hall, 6652 Brecks-ville Rd. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is appreciated one week prior to test date, although walk-ins are welcome.

Bentleyville - Bentleyville Town Hall. Testing begins at 9:00AM.

Wickliffe - Amateur Electronic Supply (AES), 28940 Euclid Avenue. For reservations by mail, write to Scott Farnham, 10418 Briar Hill Drive, Kirtland OH 44094-9464. Include a 610 form, a copy of current license, and a check for \$10.00 written out to "ARRL/VEC". Walk-ins are welcome. All other exams begin at 1:00 PM. Do NOT call the store for information on VE testing.

****HAMFESTS** - Many hamfests provide VE testing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEST CANDIDATES

To qualify for VE testing you must bring the original and copies of your current license and CSCE forms (if applicable), proof of identity, i.e., photo ID, or two other forms of identification, and the examination fee. ARRL VEC's exam fees have increased to \$10.00. Check with the contact person in advance for specific testing site requirements.

All VECs have agreed to adopt the policy requiring CSCE forms to be signed by any applicant receiving CSCE credit. Make sure you sign your CSCE before your copy is removed from the carbon copies that are used for processing your license or upgrade.

Those requiring special consideration, such as Braille exams or special hearing equipment for CW testing, should contact the testing organizers at least two weeks before the test session.

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146.88/R-	Lakewood (May require 110.9 Hz tone)
224.90/R-	Lakewood (141.3 Hz tone)
444.40/R+	Highland Hills (131.8 Hz tone)
444.70/R+	Lakewood (131.8 Hz tone)

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Type "**LW**" to see a listing of weather traffic.

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