



The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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This Month's Meeting — Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 5:00 PM

Field Day 2003 A Special LEARA Picnic Meeting

(map and directions appear on page 9)

As many club members know, it is with rare exception that the monthly meeting of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association does not take place at Dimitri's restaurant. The June meeting is going to be one of those rare exceptions.

Our club President Eric Jessen, N8AUC has authorized the Trustees to move forward with a new approach to Field Day weekend. Because Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June and the

monthly club meeting is always the last Tuesday of every month except December, we decided to combine the two into a single weekend-long event. It is our sincere hope that by combining the two we can provide those who cannot usually make a Tuesday night meeting with the opportunity to attend a meeting and participate in what promises to be the club's largest and most exciting Field Day yet.

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LEARA's June Feature

Field Day, Why Should I Go?

By Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT, ka8vit@ix.netcom.com

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:

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de N8AUC . . .

Wow! What a month! For those of you who got off of the couch, May was great! Here's what you missed if you were glued to the couch in front of that TV...and a few short peeks into what's coming!



Farewell to AA8MX: Steve Bellamy resigned from the board of trustees. We'll miss him. He'll still be around, but for personal reasons that virtually eliminate all his "free" time, he felt unable to continue on the board. On behalf of the club and the board of trustees, I'd like to say thank you for all of your valuable service. I also hope that your situation changes for the better again real soon, so we can have you back. Steve has held several positions on the board including Program Chairman and Secretary, and served in both positions with distinction.

Welcome to KC8FOC: A former LEARA "Ham of the Year", and "Mister Ambassador for Ham Radio" at our annual Field Day, John Radney joins the board to fill Steve's unexpired term. John is a great asset to LEARA, and we're glad to have him. Welcome aboard, John! The next time you hear KC8FOC on the air, make sure to congratulate him! He deserves it.



John Radney, KC8FOC

The Dayton Hamvention: Still a classic! This was my first trip to Dayton in about 10 years. I took the CARS bus trip down, along with a few other LEARA folks like: Jeff K8JTK, Ben K8IV and Ceil W8FST, Tom KC8OWK, Jeremy N1OTN, and Ed KC8ONS. This wasn't some "run down" school bus, or an RTA re-tread. This was a real smooth riding, highway-cruising, motor coach with: reclining seats, overhead storage bins, even TV screens! A sweet ride to be sure!

The trip was enjoyable, well the parts I stayed awake for anyway. The bus left Brecksville at 2:30 AM (more or less), and I slept most of the way to Dayton. We arrived at Bob Evans in Huber Heights at about 6 AM and had a good breakfast. Then it was on to the festivities - arriving just before 8 AM. I got my ticket in advance so

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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.leara.org**. Annual membership is \$18.00. **LEARA's address** is: LEARA, PO Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

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

The May Meeting Recap

By Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL

On behalf of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association I would like to thank Cliff Bade, W8CJB for taking the time to help make us all a little more aware of the tremendous benefits the Shriners hospital system offers to children with drastically serious injuries.



The Shriners have a total of 22 hospitals throughout the United States and all but three of those facilities are dedicated to children with serious congenital and orthopedic injuries. In addition, three hospitals specialize in burn treatment and are considered to be among the best burn treatment centers in the United States.

Aside from the fact that the quality of care offered by the Shriners hospital system is considered to be world-class and second to none, all services are absolutely free to qualifying patients and their families! What makes this even more unbelievable is that the entire Shriners system of hospitals is funded through the philanthropic efforts of many very generous people. To help put this into perspective, the average daily operating cost for the Shriners system of hospitals is approximately \$1.45 Million dollars!

For more information on the Shriners hospitals, please feel free to contact Cliff at w8cjb@leara.org.

May Door Prize Winners

Free Dinner: **Don Raith, N8DJG**



UHF antenna:

John Martin, WA8LYC

Digital Multi-Meter:

Eric Jessen, N8AUC

6 pc. Screwdriver Set:

Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL



Cliff's Mystery Box (contained a large insulated Beanie Baby coffee mug:

John Gibbons, N8OBJ



12V Spotlight:

Alex Manuk, WD8JMM

2 in 1 Flashlight:

Darren Turk, K8DMT

50/50 raffle (\$9 cash):

Tom Bishop, W8TAB,

who graciously donated it back to the club.



Looking Forward

June 24 — See below listing.

June 28 — **Special Meeting/Picnic**, LEARA Field Day, **Saturday, 5:00 PM, at Gordon Park.** See pages 1, 4, and 9 for details

July 12 — Trustees' meeting, see info on page 2.

July 29 — LEARA picnic.

August 26 — To be determined.

Anyone with program ideas or suggestions is urged to contact Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL, at 216-898-1891 or by e-mail to kc8owl@yahoo.com.

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Association News

June Meeting (cont'd)

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Field Day officially begins at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday June 28th and ends 24 hours later at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Though everyone is invited to camp out with us over-night and play radio, I would like to pass along a special invitation to everyone, club members and non-members alike, to join us for a brief meeting and picnic dinner beginning at approximately 5:00 PM on Saturday evening. The picnic dinner will be free of charge to all who come out and help set up on Saturday morning, operate one of the radios during the event, or assist in taking everything down at the close of Field Day. Dinner will consist of the usual picnic items; hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and anything you may want to bring to share or throw on the grill.

Field Day will once again be located inside the Ohio Cleveland Lakefront State Park, which is located just north of Interstate-90 at the Martin Luther King Boulevard interchange at 8701 Lake Shore Blvd. This is just west of the old Nike Missile Site and the Navy Finance Center and is also known as Upper Gordon Park (a more detailed map and step-by-step directions can be found on page 9, in this newsletter).

So that we may have some idea of how much food to purchase, **those who intend to participate in dinner are encouraged to notify Marv Grossman, W8AZO** by 11:00 AM on Friday, June 27 at 440-248-0031 or leave a message on the LEARA information and voice mail line at 440-942-0154.

However, to encourage the maximum attendance, **reservations will not be required.** So, plan on showing up and having some fun.

Please feel free to contact Eric Jessen, N8AUC, Bill Chai-kin, KA8VIT, or myself for more information or to answer any questions you may have – our contact information is listed on Page 2 of this newsletter, or simply catch us on the air.

Field Day is one of the best opportunities there is to demonstrate to the non-amateur radio public how amateur radio can be used to provide reliable emergency communications under the worst of circumstances and generally without the use of commercial power. Please plan to join us at some point during the event. With your help and participation we can make this the best Field Day yet!

I look forward to seeing you there.
73 de Mike, KC8OWL

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Welcome to the Club

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

New Members

Jim Barnes, KC8EBR
Tom Bishop, W8TAB
Mark Brockman, KB8MWW

Newly Licensed, New Members

Geri Kopcak, N8GTK
Kimberly Kopcak, KC8WTC

(wife and daughter of Tom Kopcak, N8ETP. Congratulations to Geri and Kim. Way to go, Tom!)

Returning Members

Dick Meyers, K8RM
Ted Alexander, K8VPL

New Call Signs & Upgrades

Grant Hedrick, formerly N0XIL, now KV0T (Extra)
Tom Gimartino, W8ZIP (General)
Congratulations to Grant and Tom!

All will be fine additions to our Association. Many have already been contributing by attending meetings and coming out of public service events. If you hear them on the air, say hello and make them welcome.

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WIST 2003 — Another Success!

Eric Jessen, N8AUC

May 24, 25, and 26, LEARA once again provided communications support for the Annual Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament. This is one of the largest public service events of the year! This year's event was a little smaller than in previous years. The lighter than normal turnout was blamed on uncertainty over travel due to fears about the war in Iraq. There were 95 teams playing, and 199 games played over the three day weekend. Despite the light turnout, the games were well played, and the competition was fierce at times. A number of the final games came down to overtime, and the always exciting shoot-out!

The weather was all over the map. We had everything from warm sun-

shine, to cold temperatures and light rain on Saturday, then a gorgeous day on Monday. Participants needed everything from rain gear, to heavy coats and gloves, to SPF30 sun-block. Fortunately there were no serious injuries, but several close calls that required the services of the paramedics from the Westlake Fire Department.

In the words of Tournament Co-Director Mike Straub, "It is inconceivable that this event would run as smoothly as it does, without the support of the hams from LEARA. We literally couldn't pull this off without your help. Thanks for your support and please keep us on your calendar for next year!"

The following hams participated in the event, and made Ham Radio look good in the eyes of the public:

- Marv Grossman, W8AZO
- Gil Brucken, KE8WV
- Tom Kimball, KA8BZB
- Alex Manuk, WD8JMM
- Steve Kinosh, KB8UTA
- Jacob Kinosh, KB8GHX
- Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK
- Jim Ozello, N8XDO
- Robin Jessen, KC8AWO
- Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT
- Marc Flanigan, KC8SIE
- Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL
- Tom Kopcak, N8ETP
- Sara Cechner, KC8KSU
- Bob Winston, W2THU
- Jeanne St. Marie, KC8MNV
- Bill Davis, N8XDM
- Bryan Torok, N8OOF
- John Radney, KC8FOC
- Nikki Jessen
- Don Byrer, KJ5KB
- Eric Jessen, N8AUC



Bob, W2THU; Eric, N8AUC; "Becca" Jessen, no call yet; Jeannie KC8MNV.



The reason we do this, anonymous player about to boot it out of there.

WIST Medical Team, Westlake Fire Department Paramedics.



2003 Pedal to the Point — Sign Up Now!

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR

The Buckeye Chapter of the National MS Society has scheduled the annual Pedal To The Point for August 16th and 17th (Saturday/Sunday) this year!

I need approximately 25-35 volunteers for this event who have a mobile radio or amplified HT radios on two-meters (UHF a plus). Those of you who volunteer will be assigned

to various locations along the 100-mile route on day one and 75 mile route on day two. I need so many volunteers for this event that I will accept ANY time commitment you wish to make.

If you contribute a minimum of eight hours to this event you will be eligible for discounted tickets for Cedar Point! All volunteers get really nice t-shirts, food all along

the route or at rest stops, dinner at the finishes, and flying pancakes if you show up early Sunday morning. They literally throw them in the air and you get to eat what you catch!

Camping is available in Sandusky, or bring a sleeping bag for the Gym floor.

This event is A LOT of fun and
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Public Service

P to P — Sign Up Now!

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GREAT radio experience. Unlike most events, P2P is strongly focused on the medical safety of every rider, and most logistical event traffic is handled off the air. Hams with first aid experience or certifications are encouraged to point out their skills when they volunteer. Please share this information with everyone you know since we need NUMEROUS volunteers.



Volunteer by emailing me at jeff@mspedal.org or leave a message at (216) 552-4368. See <http://www.neopsv.org> for updates and other events.

Upcoming Public Service

June 22— American Lung Association of Northern Ohio's "Clean Air Challenge" (www.cleanairchallenge.com) **Contact:** Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at 440-248-0031, 440-942-0154, or MarvG@apk.net.

June 28-29—Field Day at Gordon Park, **Contact:** Eric Jessen, N8AUC, 440-734-3146; Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT, 216-691-1038; Mike Diturno, KC8OWL, 216-898-1891 or e-mail at callsign@leara.org.

July 4 — Independence Day Parade **Contact:** Fred Collins, W8ADW, 216-941-9353.

July 20—Triathlon **Contact:** Tom Kimball, KA8BZB, 216-371-2832 or ka8bzb@att.net.

August 16-17—Pedal to the Point **Contact:** Jeff Garvas, N8YNR, 216-552-4368.

September 7—River Run

Additional volunteer opportunities are available at <http://www.neopsv.org>

LEARA's May Feature

Field Day, Why Should I Go?

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- 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.
- Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
- Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- 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 amateur 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 questions 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 you're 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 third 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.



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there was no line to hassle with, and the bus got a great parking space, right next to an entrance to the flea market! Yes gang, this is the way to travel to Hamvention if you're not spending the whole weekend there!

There was some rain on Saturday, but it wasn't terrible. The inside exhibits were great! Some decent deals on new gear were to be found indoors. I know I found some good deals, and was able to completely fill my shopping list - and then some! Many of the people outside were asking ridiculous prices for real junk. But there were some good deals out there as well. Along the way I encountered Marv W8AZO, Joe Phillips K8QOE (our ARRL section manager), and LEARA trustee Cliff W8CJB. I never did see Bob and Jeannie, or for that matter our esteemed treasurer Dave WB8APD, but scouting reports indicate that they were there...somewhere.

The bus left for home at 4 PM, and about the time we got back to the Interstate, I fell asleep again. I had no idea I was so tired! We stopped for dinner on the way home, and got back to Brecksville at about 9 PM. The entertainment value of all the joking and clowning around on the bus would keep you in stitches! What a great trip! I think I'm gonna do it again next year! Who wants to join me?

The Westlake Soccer Tournament: I won't elaborate on this one since there is another article elsewhere in this issue. But it was a good time despite the weather on Saturday. The weather was a little nicer on Sunday, and simply beautiful on Monday! What excuse did YOU make for missing it? No one says you have to be there the whole weekend. But a couple of hours here or there make a HUGE difference to ALL concerned.

The club meeting on May 27th: I learned something new! Our own Cliff Bade, W8CJB gave a presentation about the Shriners, and the Children's Hospitals they run. What an eye opener! Judging from the attendance at the May meeting, most of you missed out. Too bad! Oh, and we also tried out our new meeting format. It worked well, with the meeting being over by about 8:30 PM. Of course the really hard-core hams stayed around enjoying "eyeball QSOs" until about 9:30 PM.

Embarrassment: One of our members (not Robin) told me that she finds it embarrassing that with a club of our size, we always seem to have the same 20-25 people doing all the helping out with the public service events. I sort of agreed with her. It IS always the same folks. I don't find it embarrassing though. I'm grateful for the dedication of those who do help out. Hats off to those who help! You know who you are. Maybe the other 325 members just

don't get it. Public service is how we "pay the rent" for the Billions (that's right, with a capital B) of dollars worth of radio spectrum that the amateur service has the exclusive (or shared) use of. Amateur Radio exists to serve the public, not ourselves. The unusual part of that is by serving the public we actually do serve ourselves. If you value the privileges that we as hams enjoy, then please lend a hand helping to preserve it. That means giving a few hours here and there helping with one of our many public service events. If each of us helps a little bit, then the load is light for all of us. If you haven't been out to an event in a while, then maybe it's time you got out of the cart and helped pull it with us. Besides, the spirit of camaraderie you'll experience is priceless - and you'll probably get a cool t-shirt out of the deal as well. 20-25 of you already understand this. The rest needed to hear it. Pardon my rant. I tried to be gentle.

Religious Observance: If the Dayton Hamvention is like a "holy day of obligation", then one of the "sacraments" of ham radio is Field Day. This year LEARA will be hosting its third annual Field Day event at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park. Directions should be listed elsewhere in this issue. If you need help with those, call me! There will be no regular club meeting at Dimitri's this month. You are of course welcome to go and have dinner there, but the club meeting this month IS Field Day. Setup should begin around 9 AM on Saturday June 28, and the operating event begins at 2 PM and runs 24 continuous hours to 2 PM on Sunday June 29. We need people who can help set up and/or tear down, people who want to hang out and operate, and people to help as tour guides with the public information booth. This is a nationwide disaster preparedness exercise, and demonstrates how we can function without the presence of permanent structures or normal infrastructure (like AC mains power) for an extended period. What it turns into is part camping trip, part picnic, and an all night radio-thon with contest overtones.

How could you miss out on all that? Please plan on joining us for this annual rite of passage at "Our Lady of the Dipole" er...I mean Field Day. Besides, it's a lot of fun! And you just might learn something in the process. Neither of those are a bad thing now, are they? Well OK, if you're a stick in the mud, and/or you already know everything, then stay home. On second thought, if you really DO know everything, then hopefully WE could learn something from YOU!! In which case you should come anyway. Then you can call Sara (KC8KSU) and sign up to be an Elmer.

See you ALL at Field Day - I'll be there!
73 de N8AUC

Hamfest Listing

To update or add to this list, please contact Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL, at 216-898-1891 or kc8owl@yahoo.com

July

- 12 Wood County ARC, Bowling Green, OH**
http://wcarc.bgsu.edu/flyer.html; Contact: WCARC,
P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402
Phone: 419-353-9165
- 19 Northern Ohio ARS, Wellinton, OH**
www.apk.net/noars/noarsfe.htm; Contact: Tom Porter,
W8KYZ, 161 Herrmann Dr., Avon Lake, OH 44012
Phone: 440-930-9115
- 27 Portage ARC, Randolph, OH**
http://parc.portage.oh.us; Contact: Joanne Solak, KJ3O,
9971 Diagonal Rd., Mantua, OH 44255
Phone: 330-274-8240 Email: ljs@config.com

August

- 2 HAM "OH" RAMA, Voice of Aladdin ARC**
http://www.qsl.net/w8fez; Contact: James Morton,
KB8KPJ, 6070 Northgap Drive, Columbus, OH 43229
Phone: 614-846-7790
Email: kb8kpj@cs.com

September

- 6-7 Great Lakes Division Convention, Findlay Radio Club**
http://www.findlayradioclub.org; Contact: Bill Kelsey,
N8ET, PO Box 587, Findlay, OH 45839
Phone: 419-423-4604
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- 28 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show, Hamfest Association of Cleveland**
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Phone: 1-800-CLE-FEST
Email: info@hac.org

October

- 5 Medina Two Meter Group**
www.qsl.net/n8tzy; Contact: Mike Rubaszewski,
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Phone: 330-273-1519
Email: n8tzy@m3net.net

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

To update or add to this list, please contact Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL, at 216-898-1891 or kc8owl@yahoo.com

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/13	Independence	10/4	Wickliffe
7/20	Elyria	10/19	Elyria
8/2	Wickliffe	11/9	Independence
8/17	Elyria	11/16	Elyria
9/14	Independence	12/6	Wickliffe
9/21	Elyria	12/21	Elyria

Akron, Pioneer AR Fellowship - 2324 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH, 44314. Pre-registration preferred, check-in 6:30 PM, test at 7:00 PM, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Ronald D. Lieving, 330-724-5981.

Akron, Summit Co. American Red Cross - 501 W. Market St., Akron, OH, 44303. Testing at 3:00 PM, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Bruce M. Ferry, 330-929-2766, ak8b@arrl.net

Bentleyville - Bentleyville Town Hall, 6253 Chagrin River Rd., (corner of Solon Rd & River Rd) Bentleyville, OH 44022. Testing begins at 9:00 AM, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Raymond C. Dabkowski, 440-729-0110, w8rd@arrl.net

Canton - Stark Co. Sheriff Office/EOC, 4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE, Canton, OH 44705. Test at 9:00 AM, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Gary L. Kline, 330-837-2927, wc8w@raex.com

Cuyahoga Falls - 2015 3rd St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. Test at 7:00 PM, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Steven Greathouse, 330-724-2247.

Elyria - American Red Cross, 2929 West River Rd., Elyria, OH, 44035. Testing at 1:00 PM, park in rear and enter through back door, walk-ins allowed. **Contact:** Charles S. Hall, 216-433-3036, ve@w8hf.com, www.w8hf.com

Independence - Independence Town Hall, 6652 Brecks-ville Rd., Independence OH, 44131. Doors open 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is appreciated, walk-ins are welcome. **Contact:** Gary S. Dewey, 216-642-9705, gdewey@en.com

Wickliffe - Amateur Electronic Supply (AES), 28940 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Testing at 12:00 PM, Walk-ins are welcome. **Contact:** Scott Farnham, 440-256-0320. Do NOT call the store for information on VE testing.

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEST CANDIDATES

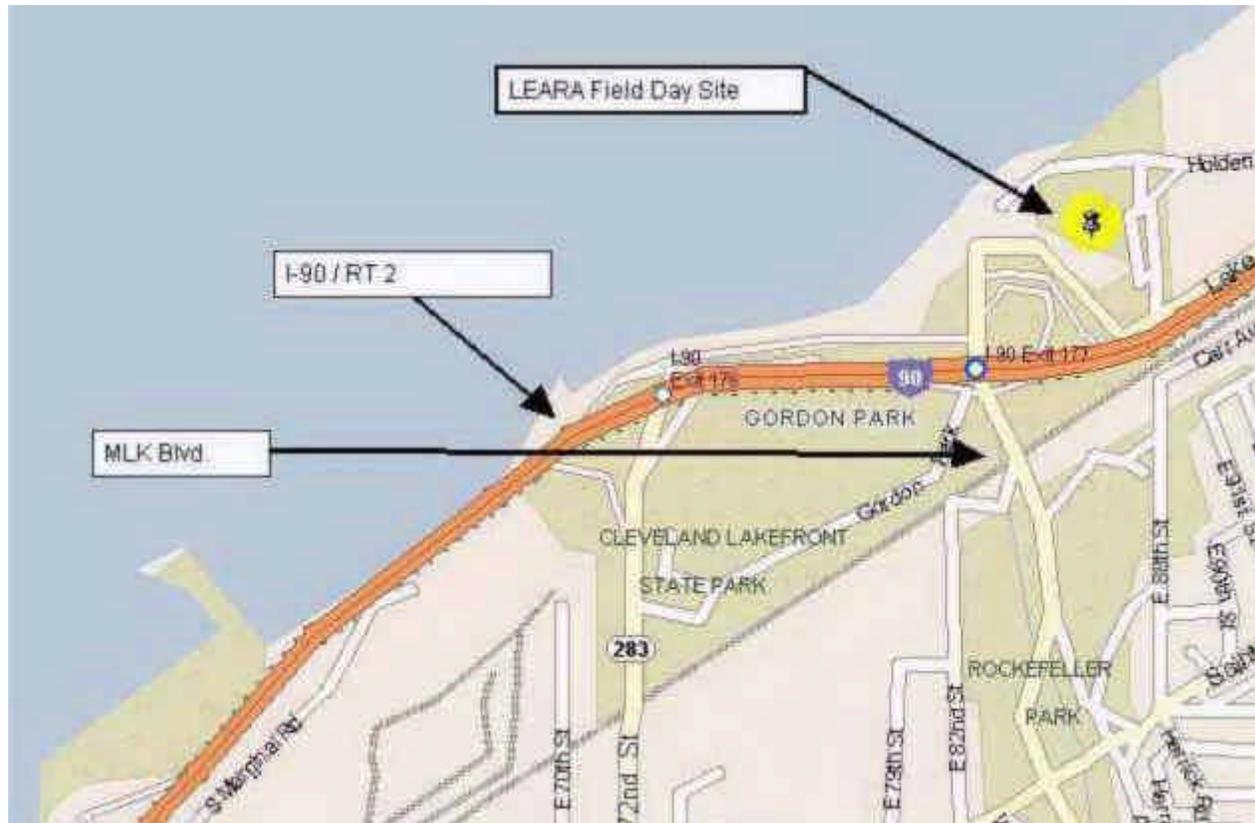
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Wanted

Kenwood TS60S 6m rig.

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LEARA Field Day - 2003

Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2002 Field Day Site will be located inside the Ohio Cleveland Lakefront State Park which is just north of Interstate-90 at the Martin Luther King Boulevard interchange at 8701 Lake Shore Blvd. This is just west of the old Nike Missile Site and the Navy Finance Center and is also known as Upper Gordon Park.

This site is an Ohio State Park and our use during Field Day is not exclusive. Keep this in mind regarding language, noise and trash. Please be considerate.

Directions from east or west

1. Take I-90 east or west to the Martin Luther King Blvd exit (exit 177).
2. Head north towards the lake.
3. Follow MLK over the freeway ramps (be careful; the ramps have the right-of-way here) and around to the right.
4. There will be a sign on the left identifying the area as the Cleveland Lakefront State Park. The driveway will be on your left.
5. The site is just west of the Ranger Station.

Talk in on the 146.880 repeater will begin at 8:00 AM

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VOICE REPEATERS:

53.230/R-
146.76/R-
146.88/R-
224.90/R-
444.40/R+
444.70/R+

- Highland Hills (136.5 Hz tone)
 - Highland Hills (Use 110.9 Hz tone for remote inputs in Lakewood, Newbury & Willoughby)
 - Lakewood (Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
 - Lakewood (141.3 Hz tone)
 - Highland Hills (131.8 Hz tone)
 - Lakewood (131.8 Hz tone)
- (.76, .88, .90 and .70 offer emergency and member-only autopatch lines.)

PACKET NODES: CLE1 145.01 MHz: CLE5 145.05 MHz: CLEV220 223.70 MHz

These nodes are part of the Cleveland Net Cluster in K8EIW's backbone system.

GENERAL: NBRY
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- 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz (KA-NODE)
- 145.07 MHz \Leftrightarrow 223.70 MHz Gateway
- 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz PBBS

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