



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

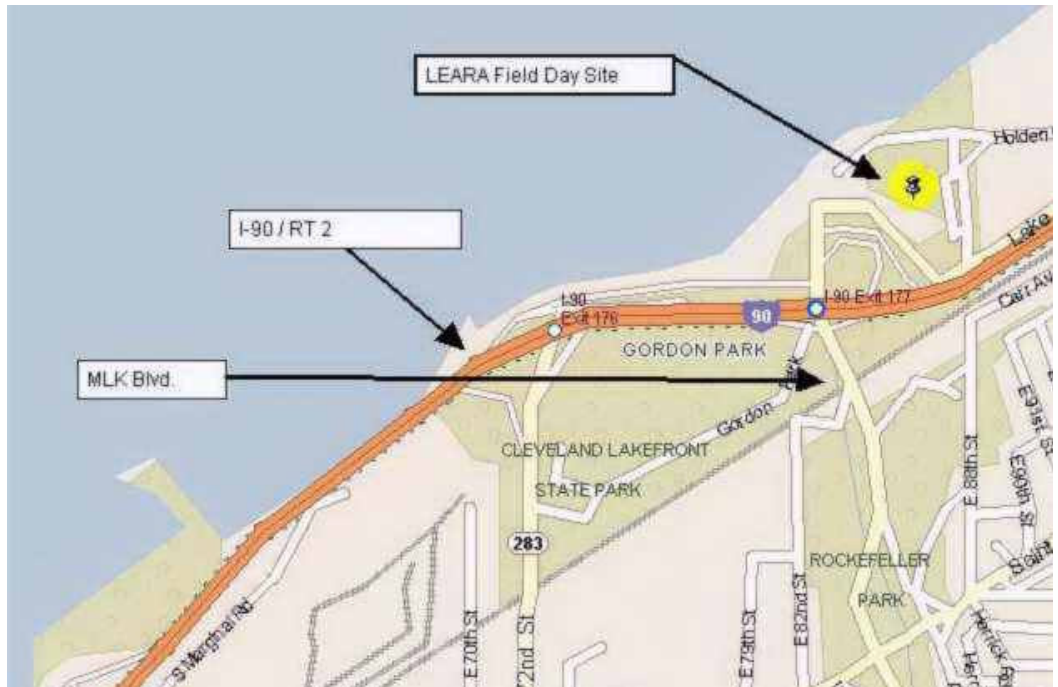
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## This Month's Meeting — June 23, 2007 Special Field Day Meeting — Dinner on the Field

This month's meeting is at the Field Day Site on Saturday, June 23, 2007. There will not be a dinner meeting at Dimitri's this month.

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2007 Field Day Site will again 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.

The gang will gather at around 9:00 AM to begin setup. Talk in will be on the 146.88 repeater. Radio activities begin at 2:00 PM local time and go for 24 hours. The dinner and club meeting will begin sometime after 5:00 PM. Food will be provided although you may wish to bring some ice and beverages (soft drinks only). Come early and be part of the event.

### Directions from east or west

Take I-90 east or west to the Martin Luther King Blvd exit (exit 177) Head north towards the lake. Follow MLK past the freeway ramps (be careful; the ramps have the right-of-way here) and around to the right. There will be a sign on the left identifying the area as the Cleveland Lakefront State Park. The driveway will be on your left. Look for the site to the left/west of the parking lots, west of the Ranger Station.

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## de N8AUC



I must accidentally be doing something right. They let me out of the hospital in time to write the president's column for this month's newsletter. They tell me the surgery went very well, with no surprises. It must have gone OK, because the original plan was that I would be discharged 6 days after surgery, and they let me go home last Sunday, which according to my count is 3 days early. Of course I'm still under driving and lifting restrictions for 5 more weeks, but that too shall pass.

Now I'd like all of you who were rooting for me, and pulling for me to get through surgery successfully to direct your thoughts and prayers to Joe, KC8RAN, as he is the next one of us to get worked on. My sincerest hope is that Joe comes through his stuff as smoothly as I seem to have.

Rumor has it that the May LEARA meeting went well. Thanks to Tom W8TAB and Jim N8XDO for pulling that off in my absence. I really rather would have been munching on Chicken Parmesan with the rest of you than doing what I was doing that evening. Thankfully that's all over now.

The Westlake Soccer Tournament (WIST) went well, too. I'm happy that I got to work that event before my date with the doctors. The weather held out nicely for us, and it was really quite pleasant. Next year is the 25th anniversary edition of WIST. We've already been asked to assist with next year's event by John Lewis who is the tournament director. So mark it on your calendars now.



June is one of those months that you absolutely don't want to miss. June means Field Day. This year's Field Day will again be at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park. I'd go into details, but I'm sure that they are given correctly elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. I'm also sure that I'm still

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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**, or may be downloaded from our web site at [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org). Annual membership is \$18.00. **LEARA's address** is: LEARA, PO Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

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**LEARA** is an **ARRL**-affiliated club. When you join or renew the **ARRL**, **LEARA** benefits monetarily if you so through the club. Send **ARRL** Applications/renewals to Club Treasurer Dave Foran WB8APD, 5439 Nan Linn Dr. Willoughby, OH 44094-4365. Make the check payable to **LEARA**, not the **ARRL**.

**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 p.m. The regular meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. 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** to leave a message.

**Trustees' Meetings** are held on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at 9:00 a.m. 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

### May Meeting Recap: All About Batteries

Last month's meeting topic was The Secret of Life of NiCad, NiMH, Li-Ion (aka Revenge Return of the Battery Guy) presented by Richard Price of Bulldog Battery. As always, Richard was a wealth of information on the care and feeding of batteries, particularly the expensive rechargeable sort that we hams use by the truckload in radios, cell phones, cordless phones, computers, and lots of other high-tech gadgetry.



Richard's tips on how to maintain the various types of batteries to get the maximum useful life made attending worthwhile.

Richard has a soft spot for LEARA as years ago we were the first ham club to invite him to give a presentation. Word spread through the ham community and now giving these talks is a regular thing for Richard.

I know from first hand experience of Richard's expertise at locating replacements for rare and out-of-production batteries. In general, his prices are competitive with any, including the Internet, and the quality is better. As an added bonus, if you do have a problem, you can get local help.

Bulldog Battery, Inc. is located at 37645 Vine Street, Willoughby, OH 44094 · (440) 942-2555 or toll free 1-800-721-1119. Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am - 6 pm and Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm. [www.bulldogbattery.com](http://www.bulldogbattery.com)

### Upcoming Meetings

- June 23** Field Day, Cleveland Lakefront State Park, Upper Gordon Park
- July 14** Trustees' Meeting, Parma-Snow Library
- July 31** Picnic & Foxhunt with Mike K8EHP  
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation: Canal Way Nature Center, Whittlesey Way, Cuyahoga Heights, off of E.40 near Grant Ave. and I-77.
- Aug 28** t.b.d., Contact Tom Bishop, W8TAB, with suggestions
- Sept 8** Trustees' Meeting, Parma-Snow Library
- Sept 25** Incident Management - Timothy R. Lanese, RPh, MBA, FASHP
- Oct 30** Election
- Nov 10** Trustees' Meeting, Parma-Snow Library
- Nov 27** Holiday Party

(programs subject to change, except for Field Day, Elections and Holiday Party)

### de N8AUC

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on the pain medications they gave me after surgery. If I gave you directions in this condition, you could end up in West Virginia someplace. What the heck - they're still in 8-land, right?

Assuming that all continues to go well with my recovery, I just may be at Field Day. Of course Robin might just drop me off on a curb at the FD site with a sign around my neck. We're not sure if the sign would say, "Slightly damaged - Free to a good home" or "If found please return to..." Make plans to come enjoy Field Day with us this year, and maybe find out what that sign is going to read. Field Day is always the 4th full weekend in June, so that's the 23rd and 24th of June. Be there or be square.....73 de N8AUC

### From the Editor

If you read the newsletter, you have by now noticed the sparseness and brevity of the material. Many of our regular features such as the list of door prize winners, new members, and upgraded members are missing. Since Joe, KC8RAN, had to step down from editor duty, I've been filling in and quite frankly haven't had the time to do the

award winning job of the past. Hopefully by next month we will have Ron, K2RJ, up to speed and the newsletter will get back to normal. In the meantime, thanks for your understanding.

Bryan, N8Oof

## WIST Recap

*De Eric Jessen, N8AUC*

The Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament was held on Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27, 2007, with its base of operations once again at the Westlake City Park and Recreation Complex. The weather forecast was kind of ominous, but it all seemed to stay well to the south of us. Oh - it sprinkled a little bit - but we've had much worse to deal with in prior years. It really wasn't bad at all. So for all of you who used the weather as an excuse, you should have been there. We really could have used the extra help.

This year we had games being played on 23 simultaneous fields. People were well behaved for the most part, except for a couple of coaches. Thankfully injuries to players were fairly minor. Two kids did end up getting squad rides to St Johns, but they ended up being purely precautionary. Once the kids were at the hospital and checked out, they were cleared to return to the tournament in fairly short order.

As some advance notice - next year will be the 25th anniversary for the Westlake Tournament. We've already been asked to lend a hand for next year's event, so plan on joining us now. Mark your calendars so you don't forget.

Huge thanks go out to the following list of hams who came out to help us with this most worthwhile public service event. If your name does not show up on this list, and you find yourself always asking, "How can I help?", a good place to start is by coming out to help with the club's public service events. Keep your eyes on this very newsletter for upcoming opportunities to help. We always need more help. But enough of that...on to the list of those who did a great job at WIST...

Don KJ5KB, Jeannie KC8MNV, Bob W2THU, Marv W8AZO, Jim N8XDO, Jeff K8JTK, Gary WA8TJL, Joe KC8RAN, Bill N8UPZ, Tom KA8BZB, Chuck KC8EHA, Leone KB8VBR, Bryan N8OOF, and Eric N8AUC.

## Hamfest and Convention Listing

**July 14, 2007**

### NOARSFEST

Northern Ohio ARS  
Wellington, OH  
Lorain County Fairgrounds  
Route 18  
<http://www.noars.net>  
Talk-In: 146.70- (open repeater)  
Contact: Thomas Porter, W8KYZ  
161 Herrmann Drive  
Avon Lake, OH 44012  
Phone: 440-930-9115  
Email: [tporter161@oh.rr.com](mailto:tporter161@oh.rr.com)

**July 29, 2007**

### Portage Hamfair 2007

Portage Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
<http://www.hamfair.com>  
Randolph, OH  
Portage County Fairgrounds  
4215 Fairgrounds Road  
Talk-In: 145.39 MHz -600  
Contact: Joanne Solak, KJ3O  
9971 Diagonal Road  
Mantua, Ohio 44255  
Phone: 330-274-8240  
Fax: 330-274-8527  
Email: [KJ3O@arrl.net](mailto:KJ3O@arrl.net)

**August 19, 2007**

### 50th annual Warren Amateur Radio Association Hamfest

Warren Amateur Radio Association  
[www.w8vtd.org](http://www.w8vtd.org) or [www.kc8pvb.com](http://www.kc8pvb.com)  
Warren, OH  
Trumbull County Fair Grounds  
899 Everett Hull Rd. Cortland,  
Ohio 44410  
Talk-In: 146.970  
Contact: Jacqueline Cassidy,  
KD8DNE  
293 Maplewood Dr. Apt 307  
Cortland, Ohio 44410  
Phone: 330-240-1824  
Email: [kd8dne@yahoo.com](mailto:kd8dne@yahoo.com)

**22 Sep 2007**

**ARRL Great Lakes Div Convention**  
[www.gldc.com](http://www.gldc.com)  
**Preliminary Agenda:**

11:30 / 11:55 Opening of Convention  
12:00 / 12:55 Seminars by Bob Heil K9EID and Chip Margelli K7JA, Heil Sound

### Room 1

1:00/3:55 All about DX & DXpeditions

### Room 2

1:00/1:55 Dan Miller, K3UFG  
Emergency comm  
2:00/2:55 ARDF-Bob Frey  
WA6EZV & Dick Arnett  
WB4SUV  
3:00/3:55 AMSAT Jim Sanford  
WB4GCS Eagle Project Manager  
4:00 / 4:55 seminar - Antennas/  
Contesting by Tim Duffy K3LR  
5:00 / 5:55 Jim K8JE division  
awards ceremony  
6:00 / 7:00 social gathering  
7:00 to closing banquet - speaker  
Joel Harrison W5ZN President  
ARRL  
30/40 minutes for Wouff Hong at  
end

**23 Sep 2007**

### Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show

Hamfest Association of Cleveland, Inc.  
<http://www.hac.org>  
Berea, OH  
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
164 Eastland Road  
Talk-In: 146.73 MHz (PL 110.9)  
Contact: William Beckman,  
N8LXY  
Hamfest Association of Cleveland, Inc.  
PO Box 81252  
Cleveland, OH 44181-0252  
Phone: 800-CLE-FEST  
Email: on Web site click on e-mail

## LEARA "On The Air" Club Net Information

### Weekly Club Net:

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association's weekly net is held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM on the 146.760 (- offset, 110.9 PL) repeater. This is an open and informal net intended to provide the opportunity to test radio equipment, promote fellowship among local amateur radio operators, and develop radio traffic handling skills.

### SSTV Net: "88 at 8!"

LEARA is sponsoring an informal SSTV net on Saturdays on the "88" machine at 8:00PM. This net is open to anyone and everyone. Refer to the January 06 newsletter for hints on how to get started, or check in and we'll get you on the way to exchanging pictures. Check ins are open to anyone, whether sending pictures, receiving pictures only, or just listening in, let us know you are out there!

### Net Control Operators Needed...

Any member of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association interested in trying their hand at directing the weekly net or the SSTV net are encouraged to contact Joe KC8RAN (kc8ran@cox.net) or as listed on page 2. It's a good opportunity to be prepared for emergencies or just to upgrade your operating skills.

See you Thursdays on "76" and Saturday Nights on "88"!

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

### 20-May-2007

Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA  
RED CROSS  
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: CHARLES S HALL  
(216)433-3036  
Email: VE@W8HF.COM  
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS  
2929 W RIVER RD N  
WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)  
ELYRIA, OH 44035

### 02-Jun-2007

Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARA  
Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: SCOTT FARNHAM  
(440)256-0320  
Email: SCOTTFARNHAM@ADELPHIA.NET  
Location: KIRTLAND LIBRARY  
9267 CHILLICOTHE RD  
ROUTE 306  
1.7 MI S OF I-90  
KIRTLAND, OH 44094

### 02-Jun-2007

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS,  
INC  
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD  
(330)297-7979  
Email: KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG  
Location: CENTER OF HOPE  
1034 W MAIN ST  
RAVENNA, OH 44266

### 05-Jun-2007

Sponsor: CUYAHOGA FALLS ARC  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: BRUCE M FERRY  
(330)929-2766  
Contact: SEE WEB PAGE  
Location: STOW-MUNROE FALLS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3512 DARROW RD  
HTTP://WWW.AK8B.US/VE  
STOW, OH 44224

### 17-Jun-2007

Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA  
RED CROSS  
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: CHARLES S HALL  
(216)433-3036  
Email: VE@W8HF.COM  
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS  
2929 W RIVER RD N  
WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)  
ELYRIA, OH 44035

### 08-Jul-2007

Sponsor: CUYAHOGA ARS  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: GARY S DEWEY  
(216)642-8705  
Email: GDEWEY@EN.COM  
Location: TOWN HALL  
6652 BRECKSVILLE RD  
STATE ROUTE 21  
INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131

## Upcoming Public Service Events

**June 23-24 Field Day** Cleveland Lakefront State Park, Upper Gordon Park

**August 5 Cleveland Triathlon**

**August 18-19 2007 MS "Pedal to the Point" Bike Ride**, contact Jeff Garvas, N8YNR at Jeff@cia.net

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

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- 146.76/R-** • Highland Hills (Use 110.9 Hz tone for remote inputs in Lakewood, Newbury & Willoughby)
- 146.88/R-** • Lakewood (Requires 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)  
(.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** • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz (KA-NODE)  
**NBRYX** • 145.07 MHz ⇔ 223.70 MHz Gateway  
**LEARA** • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz PBBS

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