



The Spirit of '76 and '88

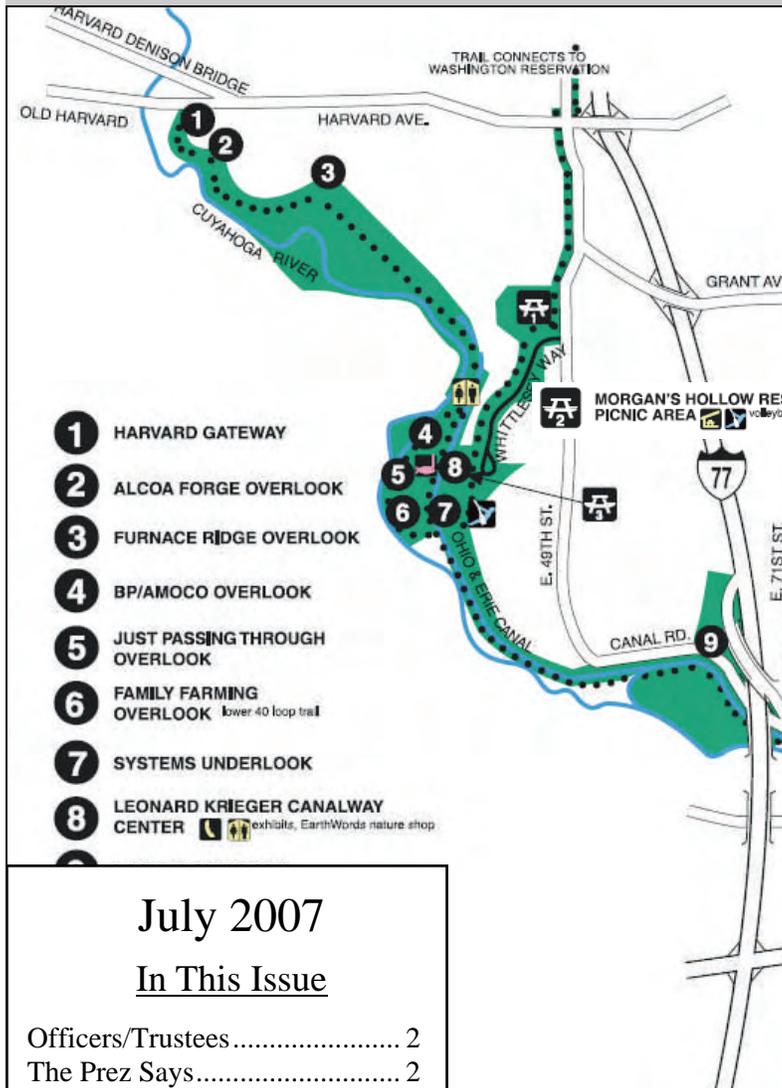


Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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This Month's Meeting Picnic! — July 31, 2007, 6:30 p.m.



The Annual LEARA Picnic changes venue this year to Morgan's Hollow Picnic Area in the Metroparks Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation. Exit I-77 at Grant Ave. and go west to E. 49th St. Turn left at the "T" and look for Whittlesay Way, the first right. The picnic area will be well-marked. There will be talk-in on 76 and 88. The club will provide food for the customary \$8 per person.

Get your reservations in early to Marv Grossman so we can get a good headcount. Contact Marv at (440) 248-0031 or w8azo@leara.org by Monday July 30 noon! -AR-

Hunt the Fox by Mike Cegelski, K8EHP

The "Program" for this year's picnic is an old-fashioned transmitter or "fox" hunt. Since the first half of the hunt was finding the new picnic location (hopefully via automobile!) the second half will be on foot. Bring your 2-meter HT (or whatever "portable" radio you wish) with some sort of directional

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antenna and attenuator system. Body fade techniques may be all you need for a DF antenna, but small Yagi's and even loops are known to work well. But the attenuator is the most important tool, since its hard to get a "fix" if the S-meter is pegged regardless of where the antenna is pointed! We haven't yet decided if it will be run before, during or after the meeting, but sometime during the evening the fox will trot (a little humor there, darned little!) -AR-

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The Prez Says

by Eric Jensen, N8AUC



Lots of stuff to cover this month, so hang on and here we go! First, Joe KC8RAN came through his hospital stay with flying colors! He's home and now driving his wife nuts I hear. Hopefully he can get in some operating time to help speed his recovery! Pretty soon, I hope we'll see Joe again at club meetings and other such functions. Second, is Field Day! Hats off to Gary WA8TJL and his lovely bride Janet for stepping into the breach and pulling off a really good Field Day. Our second station was manned by Tom, N8UAZ who tried his hand at 20 meters, CW. He pulled a fast one on me though when he invited me to sit down and operate his rig. You see, Tom is left handed, and I am right handed. What difference does that make you ask? Simple. Iambic paddles for sending CW with a keyer are wired in reverse for a left handed operator. It took some considerable effort on my part to remember that the dits and dahs were in reverse on Tom's paddles. Anyways, we had a decent turnout at Field Day for the club meeting, and the nice picnic supper. The weather was fabulous! I only wish I was camping out at Field Day this year. The lifting and driving restrictions put the kabosh on that. But I did get to go, and it was nice to see all of you who did come out and partake of the festivities. Can't wait till next year though. Remember, it's always the fourth full weekend in June, so reserve the weekend for next year.

Third is we have a new newsletter editor. Welcome to K2RJ, Ron Jakubowski. Thanks also to Bryan N8OOF who filled in for a couple of issues while our former self-proclaimed minister of propaganda. Joe, KC8RAN, was out dealing with his medical issues. We've really been fortunate to have a string of good editors, and I'm sure Ron will do a fine job with Joe showing him the ropes.

Fourth - Tom KA8BZB informs me that the annual Cleveland Triath-

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The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Assn., Inc., **LEARA**, is a not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] organization dedicated to Amateur Radio and 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. Annual membership is \$18.00. **LEARA's address** is: LEARA, PO Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

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 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 on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at 9 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**.

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Ion is Sunday, August 5, and that he is in serious need of ham radio volunteers. So give Tom a call at 216-371-2832 and let him know YOU will be out to lend a hand. Then make sure you charge up your HT batteries, because you're gonna need them. This is a fun event, made even more so when YOU come out and play radio with us. So don't miss it.

And last but not least, July is the annual LEARA picnic. Thanks to Jim N8XDO and Tom W8TAB, and I think Mike K8EHP was in on helping to organize it as well. Check for details as to location and times for the picnic elsewhere in this issue. I hear we're having a fox hunt at the picnic as well, so this ought to be good. Make it a point to attend the picnic. It's a good time, with good food, and good friends. You can't do much better than that. See ya at the picnic! -AR-

Nominations Open for Great Lakes Division Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the ARRL Great Lakes Division Awards. It's a way to show your appreciate for a fellow ham.

Topping the list is the George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI, Lifetime Achievement Award. For you who don't recall, George is the only ARRL President to come from our Division. He continues to live in Owensville, KY and is a strong support of ARRL. The other awards that will be given are the Amateur of the Year Award and the Technical Achievement Award.

For full information, go to <http://www.2007gldc.com>

Nominations need to reach the Awards Committee no later than 5 PM, August 17. They may be e-mailed or sent by US Mail. The addresses are on the nomination forms. If you know of a deserving nominee, please go to the Convention web site and print out or complete the nominating form. -AR-

Cleveland Hamfest

Sep 23, 2007

Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Road

Talk-In: 146.73 MHz (PL 110.9)

Contact: William Beckman, N8LXY

Hamfest Association of Cleveland, Inc.

Phone: 800-CLE-FEST

www.hac.org

Letter From the Editor

by Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ

At the last Trustees meeting we were having a discussion about the newsletter and I raised my hand to ask a question and, lo and behold, here I am! Well, it didn't actually happen quite that way, but we were in need of a new editor, so, having some experience in doing this in a previous life, I volunteered. I was editor of the *RaRa RAG* (Rochester, NY Amateur Radio Assn.) for 5 years back in the 80's and that was long before desktop publishing and Adobe PDF files. I did have a computer back then, a TRS-80 Model 3, that I used for typing and editing the stories I received and print them out for typesetting by the printer. Our printer, a retired ham from Kodak, had the equipment in his basement to electronically typeset the articles and would print out "gallies" that would be pasted onto master sheets and then photographed to make the metal-offset plates that were used on his printing press. This was the same basic method that I used in high school Journalism 20 years earlier, except our printer used a Linotype machine which spit out pieces of lead with the type on one edge that were lined-up or "put to bed" in a one or two page-sized container that fit in the printing press. The procedure is a lot different today with desktop publishing software and high-speed copiers and/or printers. And the end product is just as good, sometimes even better.

As I get my feet wet, you might start to see some changes in the *Newsletter*. But my first issue is basically getting (re-) acquainted with Microsoft Publisher. I do believe strongly that the *Spirit* should primarily contain **club** and **local** news and information and not "filler" from readily-available sources such as the *ARRL Letter* or *Worldradio*. Thus, the number of pages per issue might vary based upon the inputs I get. But I believe that we have enough going on and sufficient talent within the organization to produce a respectable Newsletter each month. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or articles that you may have been thinking about.

On page 5, I've included an excellent editorial from the latest *Weaver's Words*, an e-mail newsletter sent by our ARRL Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE. I believe it has much merit. Whether you agree or disagree, let him know! -AR-

LEARA Field Day Report

by Eric Jensen, N8AUC

Field Day 2007 was held during the weekend of June 23 and 24! Thanks to the efforts of Gary Zimmet WA8TJL and his lovely bride Janet, LEARA once again had a successful Field Day. Our participation was down a little from last year, but sometimes life gets in the way of a good time, and you just have to play the cards you're dealt. We had a good time and a lot of fun anyways. For those of you who weren't paying attention, LEARA's Field Day site was again at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park. The weather couldn't have been nicer, with deep clear blue skies, abundant bright sunshine, and the temperature was a delightfully comfortable 73 degrees!

This year was the year of the Medical problems. Two regular participants were not able to either be there at all, or do much once they were there. Joe, KC8RAN had to miss out due to his medical problem. And yours truly (Eric, N8AUC) was there, but being so soon after surgery, wasn't able to do much. But the folks who were there were treated to some excellent weather and great food, courtesy of Janet who took excellent care of the FD crew, folks who showed up for the club meeting, and visitors as well. Despite being a bit short handed, everything got setup on time, and our stations were ready to go when the 2PM start time arrived. For that extra special ambience, we even had the whine of race car engines wafting in with the breeze from nearby Burke Lakefront Airport.

The total score was 1,586 points. That's down a bit from last year, but we had 3 fewer transmitters running this year. We logged 122 CW contacts, 224 voice contacts and 650 bonus points for copying the ARRL Field Day Bulletin, running stations on emergency power, setting up in a public place, having a public information booth and submitted our entry via the ARRL web applet. CW contacts count 2 points, voice contacts count 1 point, and we get a x2 multiplier for being in the 150w or less category. Chief Operator Gary, WA8TJL says we worked stations in 57 different ARRL sections! We ran a class 2A setup this year, which means we had two simultaneous transmitters running in a field setting on emergency power. So when you go looking in the December issue of QST for the Field Day scores to see how we fared, make sure to look under class 2A.

Tom, N8UAZ got to run 20m CW for the first time this year. Since I couldn't carry anything, he provided the rig and shelter for this station, running a very clean looking Yaesu FT-757GX. From all accounts, he did a good job. He even pulled a "fast one" on me, when he invited me to sit down and operate his rig. You see, Tom is left handed, and I am right handed. Which means that for the CW

paddles to be wired right for him, they're backwards for me. I've been a CW guy for most of my 29 years in ham radio and those of you who know me, know that I'm quite capable of 25 WPM, but backwards paddles turned me back into a raw Novice in extremely short order. Memo to self - always remember to bring your own paddles!

The other station was the venerable Ten Tec Omni VI, owned by Gary WA8TJL. It was used for phone and CW, mainly on 40 meters. Both stations were operated using deep cycle marine batteries for power, and the wire antennas went up quite nicely thanks to the help of long time but seldom seen LEARA member Bob, K8DTS. Bob says now that he's retired we'll be seeing a lot more of him. I sure hope so! Marv, W8AZO was also there to help setup, and generally hang out with the rest of us. Even Dave, WB8APD was there to help and heckle the setup crew a bit. Helen, KC8IKK made an appearance as well, and was really getting into HF operations after some expert tutoring from Gary. In fact, when it was time for the club meeting and dinner, we literally had to pry her away from the rig! She certainly was enjoying herself! Sara, KC8KSU got in some operating time as well.

And lest we forget, huge thanks go out to John, KC8FOC for running our public information booth and serving as tour guide for our Field Day site. We did have a significant number of visitors cruise by the site. The most notable and inquisitive of which were a couple from Seattle, Washington who were in town that weekend for a wedding, and decided to walk the bike trail through the Lakefront State Park. They couldn't believe how nice our lakefront area was, and they were pretty fascinated by everything that was going on in the area. Nice job, John!

The club meeting went well, and we had about 25 people for dinner and the meeting. Door prizes were as abundant as the sunshine, and very few people left empty handed, including Bryan, N8OOF, who developed an incredible fascination with a wind-up flashlight, which lasted until somebody hit the siren button of an ODNR Park Ranger's cruiser that stopped by to give the kids a guided tour and everyone just about jumped out of their shoes.

Remember, Field Day is always held during the 4th full weekend in June, and it's a genuine good time. So mark you calendars now for June 28 and 29, 2008 and plan to join us next year when we do it all again! -AR-

Weaver's Words

by Jim Weaver, K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director

Ham radio offers too many Options?

It can be argued that the most major problem facing Amateur Radio is that we have been too successful. We have been too successful at obtaining and developing frequency bands, and in developing and using a wide variety of modes to use in our operating.

To follow this logic, take a moment from reading this e-letter and think of the many operating options we hams have. Think, too, about the wide range of frequency bands from 160M through those that are miniscule in length. To name just a few, there are Morse code, AM, FM, RTTY, a variety of digital modes, FSK, AFSK, variations of TV, facsimile and then we have frequencies that range through much of the wide world of spectra. The bottom line is that each of us, if we wish, has many modes of operation and many frequency choices we can use and enjoy. So, what is wrong with this?

The problem is that in our nearsightedness, we have become extremely fragmented as hams instead of remaining a cohesive group. During the past few decades we have allowed ourselves in many instances to think our personal choices of operating styles, modes and frequency ranges are the only choices "real" amateurs could possibly make. We have, for example, many VHF aficionados who see no value in HF. We have many devotees of cutting-edge digital modes who see no value in CW or AM - the older modes of communication.

There are SSBers who are so infuriated with AMers they would nearly commit murder to clear the bands of the AM clutter. But, it isn't always new mode vs. old mode. Some of our devoted CW ops think broadband digital should be banned because it is nothing more than a nuisance. Yes, indeed, we are equal prejudice individuals.

I could name additional ham-to-ham prejudices, but I think you get the idea.

So, who or what is hurt by these prejudices? Amateur Radio is. These prejudices divide us into splinter groups. We have become VHF hams, digital hams, anti-CW hams, anti-AM hams. We are Con-

testers or anti-Contesters. We are "its my frequency" ragchewers. Instead of pulling together for the benefit of all of hamming, all too many amateurs feel they hold no stake when "the other guy's" idea of ham radio is threatened by attacks from the government or industry. As one example, many HSMM-hams couldn't care less if the FCC proposed abolishing all privileges for Morse code operating. Conversely, many CW ops would do little more than smile if broadband digital was ruled illegal on ham frequencies.

Regardless of the misconception by one "side" or another, all of Amateur Radio loses any time the FCC begins to withdraw privileges -- modes or frequencies -- from another phase. Clearly, I won't now or in the future vote in favor of any proposals to have the FCC "modernize" Amateur Radio (as some hams would view it) by banning AM or by limiting the privileges of Morse or other forms of operation preferred by anyone.

Unfortunately, Amateur Radio has become a marginally functioning, if not nonfunctioning, family in many instances. We find brother ham fighting brother ham, and sister ham bad mouthing sister ham merely because their operating preferences are different. This is no way to develop a winning team whether it is baseball, football, doubles tennis, an army . . . or a strong lobbying (advocacy) team.

Actually, I will correct my initial supposition. We hams don't have too many choices. Worse than this, we have too little maturity in thought to manage the privileges we have been given for our common good.

The real question is, "Why don't we all act like emotionally stable people and work together to our mutual benefit?" Just think what a formidable force for each other's good we would make if we would speak and act in unison. -AR-

Jim can be reached at k8je@arrl.org.

Hamfest Listing

29 Jul 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

19 Aug 2007

50th annual Warren Amateur Radio Association Hamfest
Warren Amateur Radio Association
www.w8vtd.org or www.kc8pvh.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

9 Sep 2007

Findlay Hamfest
Findlay Radio Club
Hancock County Fairgrounds
1017 East Sandusky Street
Findlay, OH
Talk-In: 147.15/.75
Contact:
Dean Calvin, N8RMF
141 Olive Street
Findlay, OH 45840
Phone: 419-423-3402
Email: n8rmf@arrl.net

23 Sep 2007

Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show (www.hac.org)
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Road
Talk-In: 146.73 MHz (PL 110.9)
Contact: William Beckman, N8LXY
Hamfest Association of Cleveland, Inc.
Phone: 800-CLE-FEST

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

28-Jul-2007

Sponsor: WRECS
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ROBERT C GAUSS
(330)562-3328
Email: N8ZB@YAHOO.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: BENTLEYVILLE VIL-LAGE HALL/CHAGRIN FALLS
6253 CHAGRIN RIVER RD
CORNER SOLON RD & RIVER RD
BASEMENT
BENTLEYVILLE, OH 44022

29-Jul-2007

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY
HAMFEST
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM H SHOWERS
(330)872-1929
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: PORTAGE COUNTY
FAIR GROUNDS
STATE RT 44
WALKINS AT 9:00 AM
RANDOLPH, OH 44265

04-Aug-2007

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

04-Aug-2007

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD

(330)297-7979
Email: KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: CENTER OF HOPE
1034 W MAIN ST
RAVENNA, OH 44266

07-Aug-2007

Sponsor: PIONEER AR FELLOWSHIP
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: RONALD D LIEVING
(330)724-5981
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AKRON BAPTIST TEMPLE
2324 MANCHESTER RD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
CHECK-IN AT 6:30 PM
AKRON, OH 44314

19-Aug-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
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
2929 W RIVER RD N
WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)
ELYRIA, OH 44035

25-Aug-2007

Sponsor: CANTON & MASSILLON
ARC'S
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GARY L KLINE
(330)837-2927
Email: WC8W@SSSNET.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: MASSILLON SENIOR CTR
39 LINCOLN WAY WEST
1ST FLOOR
MASSILLON, OH 44647

Upcoming LEARA Club Meetings:

July 31 Picnic & Foxhunt with Mike K8EHP
Aug 28 t.b.d.
Sept 25 Incident Management - Timothy R. Lanese, RPh, MBA,
FASHP
Oct 30 Election
Nov 27 Holiday Party

(Programs subject to change, except for Picnic, Elections and Holiday Party.)

LEARA May Trustees Meeting Minutes

by Bob Winston, W2THU

Board members present: N8AUC, W8AZO, K2RJ, WB8APD, W8TAB, WA8TJL, K8EHP, N8XDO, W2THU, N8NAP, N8OOF:

Excused Board Member: KC8GHX

1. Call to Order by club president Eric N8AUC at 0915
2. Corrections to and Acceptance of Minutes of January 2007 Meeting: N8XDO moved to accept the minutes, seconded by WA8TJL and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Corrections to and Acceptance of Minutes of March 2007 Meeting: K2RJ moved to accept the minutes, seconded by K8EHP and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Election of New Secretary to Replace N8YNR: Deferred to next meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report: WB8APD reported that there is money in the treasury and there are no outstanding bills to pay. W8AZO moved to accept the report, seconded by K2RJ and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Radio Officers' Report: The 444.70MHz repeater is still off the air. W2THU was instructed to revise the access list to Lakewood Center North.
7. Technical Committee Report: N8NAP reported that there has been one meeting since the previous Trustee's meeting. The committee is looking for sites to replace Sunny Acres and for D-Star frequency allocations. N8XDO will search the archives for a letter from Bob Ross at MetroHealth that had authorized LEARA to access all MetroHealth facilities.
8. Program Chair Report: W8TAB reported that programs are arranged for the rest of the year, except August as follows: May=Bull Dog Battery; June=Field Day; July=K8EHP demonstrating foxhunting at the club picnic; September=Tim Lansey-Incident Report; October=Elections plus more?
9. Field Day Committee Report: N8AUC reported that he will turn over Field Day responsibilities to K8EHP and WA8TJL. Gary and his XYL Janet will prepare the food. ODNR was paid \$35.00 to reserve the site for overnight.
10. Great Lakes Convention Committee Report: W2THU passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to assist at the convention site on Saturday, 22 September 2007.
11. Picnic Committee Report: After a very long discussion there was a consensus to continue with the traditional July picnic meeting. K8EHP and N8XDO will put it together. N8XDO agreed to be the chair of the picnic committee. Jim will cook and Mike will bring the supplies, including beverages and ice. W8TAB will transport the grill.

12. Membership Chairman Report: W8AZO reported that we now have 263 members.

13. Any Other Old Business: K8EHP reported that KC8FOC has been putting the zoo station on the air at the Rain-Forest. and that the zoo people are very enthusiastic. W8TAB wants to help but would like to go to the station with someone who is knowledgeable.

Training Committee: N8XDO said he was going to get a room at college but it fell through. N8XDO and WA8TJL will teach a ham radio class in the fall.

14. Motion Made Online to Retain the D*Star Equipment Donation: K2RJ moved and N8OOF seconded a motion to rescind the previous meeting's resolution that authorized the club to return the D-Star radio donation. This motion passed 10 to 0 with 1 abstention.

15. Motions Made Online by WB8APD: WB8APD moved and W2THU seconded a motion to terminate LEARA's two autopatches. This motion failed 9 to 1 with 1 abstention.

WB8APD moved and W8AZO seconded a motion to terminate LEARA's 6 meter repeater. This motion failed 8 to 2 with 1 abstention.

WB8APD moved and W2THU seconded a motion to terminate the 444.7MHz repeater. This motion failed 9 to 1 with 1 abstention.

16. Selection of Temporary Newsletter Editor to replace KC8RAN: N8OOF agreed to edit the May Newsletter, while K2RJ said he will edit subsequent editions.

17. Reimburse KC8MNW for Paper and Ink to Print Club Newsletter for the Past 5 Years: K2RJ moved and W2THU seconded to reimburse KC8MNW. This motion passed unanimously.

18. 501(c)(3) Committee Donations: N8NAP suggested that LEARA form a committee to solicit donations and grants now that we have achieved 501(c)(3) status. After discussion, it was decided that LEARA needs an overall plan as to LEARA's needs. As suggested many times in the past by W8TAB, LEARA needs some goals. The consensus is to form a *Strategic Planning Committee*, with W8TAB as chair and N8OOF, N8AUC, W2THU, K2RJ and K8EHP as members.

19. Email Voting – List Server Issues: N8NAP has concerns regarding voting on line. He was referred to the club's SOP.

20. New Business: None

21. Adjournment: W8AZO moved and K2RJ seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1230. -AR-

From the Membership Chairman

by Marv Grossman, W8AZO

Congratulations to the following upgrade:

Mark Woodworth **KD8KHU**, from Tech+ to General.

And warm welcome to the following new members:

Kenneth Rothman **WD8ILB**

Stuart Kleiner **KC8ZBO**

Steven Fox **KC8WAA**

Helen Bell **KC8IKK**

-AR-

Public Service Events:

August 5 Cleveland Triathlon

August 18, 19 MS 150 Bike Tour

G.L Convention DX Forums

During the 2007 Great Lakes Division Convention, many of the seminars will be geared towards the new upcoming DXers (and old DXers) as well as other amateur radio interests. Seminars will open with guest speakers Bob Heil, K9EID and Chip Margelli, K7JA from Heil Sound. DX Seminars will be opened and moderated by Tedd, KB8NW (Editor of the OPDX) with guest speakers:

Bernie McClenny, W3UR, editor of *The Daily DX and Weekly DX* and *QST's* "How's DX?" column. He will give a talk on the "History of DX - From the beginning to today".

Don Karvonen, K8MFO - Ohio's number one DXer, Don, who is in the top ten of the ARRL's DXCC Challenge, is expected to give a talk about 6 meter DXing.

John Papay, K8YSE - One of the KH8SI operators who will talk about activating Swains Islands as a brand new DXCC entity.

Bob Allphin, K4UEE - Newly appointed DXAC Chairman, will talk about the DXAC and his recent VU7RG activity.

DX seminars will end with a question and answer panel consisting of KB8NW, K8YSE, K4UEE, K8MFO, K4ZLE, W3UR and possibly others. Seminars will close with Tim Duffy, K3LR, an expert on Antennas/Contesting, who will talk about his K3LR Multi-Multi Contest Station. -AR-

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN

Thursday Club Net

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

We are including monthly reports of the activity on the club net in the newsletter starting with this issue in order to recognize those who take the time to check in and keep the net active and alive.

June check-ins:

K8AD Dale(1), K8SAS Steve(3), KA8VIT Bill(1), KB8MHZ Lilly(2), KC8FQV Mark(3), KC8TJH Jeannie(3), KD8AKA Dave (1), KD8FAC Dave(2), KD8FPQ Phil(3), KD8FTS Eddie(3), N8ABD John (1), N8AUC Eric(2), N8CXA Howie (3), N8DJG Don(1), N8OBJ John (1), N8UAZ Tom(2), N8ZXA Craig(1), W2THU Bob(1), W8EBB Matt(2), W8NRA John (1), W8WH Ron(1), WA8TJL, Gary (2).

(22 stations, 40 total check-in's)

Net Controls: KC8RAN, N8AUC, KG8DN(2)

Items of note:

WA8TJL reported the results for this year's Field Day at the Lakefront site. KC8FQV reported he'll have presale tickets available for the Portage County Hamfair, July 29th. N8AUC reported he is recovering ahead of schedule and was planning on visiting the Field Day site,

SSTV Net: "88 at 8!"

The SSTV net is on summer hiatus. Plans are to resume operations in October.

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). It's a good opportunity to be prepared for emergencies or just to upgrade your operating skills. -AR-



ARRL The national association for
AMATEUR RADIO
Great Lakes Division

2007 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 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

GREAT seminars that you asked for with your votes:

- Bob Heil K9EID and Chip Margelli K7ID, Heil Sound
- Bob WA6EZV & Dick WB4SUV on ARDF
- Antennas by Tim Duffy K3LR
- Jim Sanford WB4GCS, AMSAT
- 3 hour's of DX seminars hosted by Tedd KB8NW featuring John K8YSE, Bernie W3UR and many others

Wouff Hong ceremony after the banquet
Hospitality room courtesy of CARS, NODXA & LEARA
Card checking - DXCC , WAS, VUCC Low Bands & VHF

Ticket Information <http://www.2007gldc.com/>

full ticket:	\$50.00 save \$12.00 advance sales only
full ticket for those with a room:	\$45.00 save \$17.00 advance sales only
banquet only:	\$37.00 advance sales only
seminars only:	\$25.00 advance - \$30 at the door
(assigned tables for groups of 8 at banquet)	

SCHEDULE

11:30 / 11:55 Opening of Convention

12:00 / 12:55 Seminars by Bob Heil K9EID and Chip Margelli K7JA, Heil Sound

Salon 1-2

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

KB8NW: Open DX seminars & introductions (10 min.) *
W3UR: history of DX from the beginning to today (40 min.)
K8MFO: 6 meter DX-ing (30 min.)
K8YSE—KH8SI: Swains Island DXpedition (30 min.)
K4UEE—VU7RG DX pedition & DXAC (45 min.)
Question & answer panel: till 3:55
KB8NW moderating, K8YSE, K4UEE, K8MFO, K4ZLE, W3UR

Salon 3

1:00/1:55: Emergency communications.
2:00/2:55: ARDF- Bob Frey WA6EZV & Dick Arnett, WB4SUV
3:00/3:55: AMSAT Jim Sanford WB4GCS, Eagle Proj. Mgr. & 2007 ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement Award Winner.

4:00 / 4:55 Seminar - "The K3LR Multi Multi Station" by Tim Duffy K3LR.

5:00 / 5:55 Jim, K8JE: Great Lakes Division Awards Ceremony

6:00 / 7:00 Pre-Banquet Social Gathering

7:00 to — Grand Banquet - Speaker: Joel Harrison W5ZN, President ARRL

An Initiation Ceremony for *The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong* will commence after the Banquet!

Bonus Article for Members Who Subscribe to Internet Delivery

Still Time to Write Your Congressman! Our Letter-Writing Campaign Showing Success by Jim Weaver, K8JE

We haven't won the war, yet, but our letter writing campaign on HR 462 is showing success. Success, of course, can be judged in many ways. The ultimate in success in this instance is to have a Congressman/woman pony up and co-sponsor the bill. The next level is to receive a reply to your letter that demonstrates the Congressman read, understood and supports the basic premise that licensed radio services -- including Amateur Radio -- must be protected from callous QRM from unlicensed services (Part 15).

I haven't seen that any of our Division's Congressmen have become co-signers, yet, but feedback from Janet Worthington of Chwat & Company is there are a few who are considering becoming co-sponsors. In addition to these Representatives, others are replying to Chwat and to Division members with quite intelli-

gent comments that show they are pro-Amateur Radio. This is all good, of course.

Even the Representatives who reply with "bonehead" letters help us.

They help when you share their replies with Chwat and me. In these situations, Janet Worthington and John Chwat are able to forearm themselves with the knowledge they need in making calls to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill most effectively. They know before they walk into the offices just what form of information will likely be most effective in bringing our legislators on board with us.

In terms of tennis scoring, this means -- advantage, Amateur Radio.

To the many of you who haven't yet written to your US Representative on behalf of HR 462 . . . why not? Even if you take a pessimistic point of view, there is nothing to lose by writing and their certainly is potentially a lot to gain. -AR-

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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) [Temporarily off-line for repair]
(.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.

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| GENERAL: NBRY | • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz (KA-NODE) |
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