



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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**This Month's Dinner Meeting — August 28, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Featuring Yaesu's Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV**  
*"Timor Lorosae DXpedition, 4W/K7BV,*  
*Memories Beyond the Pile-ups"*

This month we have a great program lined-up for our August meeting! Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, Executive Vice President of Yaesu Amateur Radio Sales and Marketing will be traveling to our fair city to personally show us and discuss his professionally prepared video documenting his DXpedition to East Timor in 2000. This 35-minute narrated account with musical background titled *Timor Lorosae DXpedition, 4W/K7BV, Memories Beyond the Pile-ups* is guaranteed to appeal to your non-Ham friends and family, including the XYL and the kids. Besides documenting the radio operation, the video also shows the turmoil of war, the plight of the people of East Timor and the dangers and difficulties of a trip into such a region.

The dinner and meeting are at our usual meeting place, Dimitri's Restaurant, at 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, Ohio (in the Mid-Town Shopping Center, just west of Broadview Road). Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the formal meeting will

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 \$16. 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).

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begin around 7:30. Meetings are open to all interested persons. You may attend without eating, but reservations are required if you do wish to eat. Restaurant service is available

**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. You can also visit [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org) and make your reservation through the club's website. -AR-**

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# The Prez Says

by Eric Jensen, N8AUC



Now you KNOW things are returning to normal. I just got warned by our new newsletter editor that they're about to run just a full page picture of me in place of this column in the newsletter. Funny how these editor guys (and gals) have their own unique sense of humor!

The ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention is coming up FAST! This is being co-sponsored by LEARA, CARS, and NODXA. The lineup of speakers and seminars is nothing short of amazing. The keynote speaker at the banquet will be ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN. The Banquet itself is going to be fantastic, and it's included in the price of a full convention ticket. The menu is now on the website. (Yum!) CARS President Bob Check W8GC, has done an amazing job lining up corporate sponsorship of this event, which has driven ticket prices down to an incredibly low price, which is even lower if you order your tickets online, in advance. For those of you who have attended previous Division Conventions, unless you've been to the Convention website, which is <http://www.2007gldc.com>, you aren't going to believe how low the price has gone. This is WAY cheaper than the one we had in Toledo 2 years ago. And the one two years ago was really a good convention, and a good deal as well. This one promises to be even better.

The convention is being held at the Sheraton Independence, which is at I-77 and Rockside. For those of you who want to treat the XYL to a night at the Sheraton and book a room, the convention price goes down to \$45 per person when you book a room, the Sheraton is giving us a special \$79 rate on a room if you're attending the convention. This promises to be the best Division Convention ever! The deadline for getting advance tickets is September 17, so don't miss out on the best ticket deals. Order your tickets in advance, and save some money. And for those of you who are ARRL members, after the banquet, the time-

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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](http://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**.

## LEARA Dues to Increase

by Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ

The Trustees voted at the July 14th meeting to increase our dues to \$25, effective January 1, 2008. Those joining or renewing up until that date may do so at the current rate, and their membership will be good through the end of 2008. Fellow Trustee Joe Prokop, KC8RAN, has written an excellent article explaining what led to and the need for the increase, and it appears directly below. -AR-

## Why Increase Dues?

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN

In recent months we had some difficulty with the 444.70 machine. It was discovered after taking the equipment apart that the finals had been blown out, along with some supporting circuitry. This repeater, along with the other repeaters LEARA has on the air, are now out of production with many of the parts required for service being unavailable or requiring a large amount of money to purchase. Even if the part can be purchased, the techniques used in construction make the equipment difficult to service.

The events that occurred with the 444.70 machine became a wake-up call to the board. Given our current level of available resources, we may have a lot of difficulty either repairing or replacing a key piece of equipment. Specifically, the 146.76 and 146.88 machines, which are key assets used in many public service activities, including Skywarn, need to be kept on the air.

In addition, there are efforts underway to put the IRLP node on the 146.88 machine to make it more widely available for members to use. A sufficient number of members expressed interest in getting IRLP back into service, that the board appointed a team to get it done. While the team has been able to swap some costs from one area to another, there is always the possibility of additional costs to implement IRLP.

The board has done a very good job of being frugal with the club's money, having made only two really large purchases in recent memory, the 220 repeater

and the RLC3 Controller. In the past, the club had access to surplus and donated equipment from the commercial radio industry. Unfortunately, much of that access has diminished as people have retired or moved on with their lives. Therefore, our options are limited.

After some serious discussion, the board voted to raise the club dues to \$25 per year in order for us to maintain and grow the financial resources required to keep the key repeater systems on the air and available. This increase will not impact anyone who renews their membership before December 31, 2007 or any new members joining us before that date. Starting on January 1, 2008, anyone renewing or joining will do so at the new rate.

Going through the Club archives it seems that the last time we had a dues increase was 1989, when dues went from \$12 to \$18, a 50% increase. We haven't had an increase in 19 years, and this increase is less than 39%.

The board understands this may cause some concern among members, and we expect some push back with this issue. But given the situation and realities we are faced with, there are no other alternatives available to us. We hope you understand the situation, and will remember why the repeaters are there and why we need to keep them running. Amateur radio is a service, and our task as an organization is to provide the resources when required. -AR-

### Upcoming Public Service Events:

#### **September 9 — River Run**

Contact Eric, N8AUC

#### **September 15 — Race For The Cure**

Contact Gerald Steele, K8CMI

#### **September 22 — Aids Task Force "Walk & Roll"**

Contact Eric, N8AUC

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honored, tradition laden, induction ceremony for the Royal Order of the Wouff-Hong will be held. The origins of this are clouded by the mists of antiquity, but they go all the way back to the days of Hiram Percy Maxim himself. You do NOT want to miss it! I'll see YOU at the Division Convention.

July brought the annual LEARA picnic, which is highly traditional as well. We went back to a Metroparks site called Morgan's Hollow. We held a picnic here several years ago, and it was quite nice. Guess what, it still is a nice site. The food was good, the foxhunting was good, the fellowship was good, and the weather was pretty good, too. A little on the humid side, but with enough lemonade and iced tea to drink, even that isn't bad.

Many, many thanks to Jim N8XDO and his lovely bride Carol for taking on the picnic this year. They did an outstanding job! Tom W8TAB and Mike K8EHP helped, too. And I think Jeff N8YNR was having picnic withdrawal symptoms, since he kept offering to help Jim cook the burgers and hot dogs. The picnic also brought us a special event to celebrate. The 50th anniversary of Bob Winston W2THU becoming a ham. That's right W2THU has now been licensed for 50 years. Quite an accomplishment. And his cake was tasty, too!

Speaking of Jeff, he and Lori (KC8MYE) brought their little girl Jessica to the picnic. Now it's been a while since I've seen Jessica, but man has she grown! She's walking, even running which is funny at that age because the diaper gets in the way, and to a certain extent talking. She'll end up being the next "princess of LEARA", you just watch and see, because the current princess, Jessica KD8ACJ, has made her last regular appearance at a club meeting for a while. For those of you who don't know Jessica, she's the daughter of LEARA member David, KD8ACO. Anyways, Jessica is off for college this

month. She will be attending the University of Akron. Hopefully she'll remember us as fondly as we'll remember her. But it's not like we'll never see her again. Akron isn't THAT far away, and you can hit 76 from Akron, so who knows. I know I speak for all of us when I wish Jessica the best of luck in College! Man they grow up fast!

Last but certainly not least, I want to bring to your attention the efforts of our Program Chairman, Tom W8TAB. Tom is the guy who does all the "behind the scenes" legwork to line up our programs and guest speakers at our monthly meetings. This month Tom hit a grand slam homer! He has arranged for Dennis Motzenbacher K7BV from Yaesu to be our guest speaker at our August meeting. And for those of you who have been suffering Dimitri's withdrawal like I have, guess what? The August meeting is back at Dimitri's! So, call Marv at 440-248-0031 and make sure to join us for dinner, and an evening with Yaesu! See you at Dimitri's!!! 73 de N8AUC -AR-

## Bob Winston, W2THU Sharing his 50th year in Amateur Radio at the LEARA Picnic



### 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](http://www.hac.org)

## LEARA Picnic Report

*Edited from various Trustee sources...*

A good time was had by all who attended the LEARA annual picnic in Morgan's Hollow and nobody left hungry! Special thanks go out to Carol and Mike (K8EHP) Cegelski, Tom Kimball, KA8BZB and Jeff Garvas, N8YNR, who helped bring everything together. And a very special thanks to Dr. Bob Hinkle, KK8ZZ, Metroparks Naturalist, who secured the reservation for the picnic area and again to Mike, K8EHP, who conducted the Fox Hunt. Marv counted 33 paid attendees and 3 children. The following are the winners of the door prizes:

Tool set - Ed Zorn KD8ZK  
 Mini tool set - Jim Ozello, N8XDO  
 Handy-finder kit - Bill Pinnicks KC8AWR  
 Handy-Finder-finder kit - Rae Banyun N8NAP  
 Yeasu hat from Dayton - Jessica North KD8ACJ  
 Yeasu hat from Dayton - Mrs. Ed Zorn  
 HT antenna window mount - Fred Heyse N8AHS

Also of note is that Bob Winston W2THU & Bob Leskovec K8DTS are celebrating 50 years in Amateur Radio. Dessert included anniversary cake in their honor. Tom Kimball brought a cake sporting a huge LEARA logo and Jeannie St. Marie brought a cake for W2THU-Bob to share (*see picture at left.*)

Finally, LEARA members Joe Swartz, N8IPA and Jo Ann KB8TGX had a good excuse for missing the picnic— another grandchild born to their son (David, N8IRI ) and daughter-in-law the day after the picnic! The mother's name is Cathy and the baby is named after his two grandfathers, Thomas Joseph. Congratulations! -AR-

## Wanted: Club Photographer

*By Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ*

I would like to find somebody who could take pictures at club meetings, public service events and other club activities that could be included in *The Spirit of '76 and '88*. No formal application is required. Just e-mail low-resolution or down-sampled JPEG files (no larger than 250K per picture) to editor@leara.org. -AR-

## Great Lakes Convention News

### Emergency Operations Speaker Chosen

2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention committee is pleased to announce our Emergency Preparedness speaker at the event will be Dennis Dura, K2DCD !! He is the new ARRL Emergency Preparedness & Response Manager.

Dennis previously had worked professionally for the New Jersey Emergency Management as Deputy State Emergency Coordinator. He was the Assistant State RACES Radio Officer for New Jersey. As well as Chairman, National Weather Service Mt. Holly Forecast Office, Skywarn Advisory Committee. Dennis is also the Assistant Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net. He brings great knowledge of ARES, RACES and SKYWARN to the ARRL Family.

The Convention is a great opportunity to get to meet Dennis K2DCD and hear about his goals and where he sees things headed in the future for Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications. -AR-

## Public Service Opportunities

**The Cleveland AIDS Task Force is having a bike ride on Sept 23rd as part of the summer/fall "Walk + Roll" events.** They are planning on running from MLK to Chester, west in to downtown. North to Burke. East out lakeshore to E. 156th, then back west down lakeshore in to MLK. They're expecting about 300 riders. MLK will be closed to normal vehicle traffic, but the other roads will be open. They're planning rest stop at various scenic and/or historic sites along the way and have tapped NEOMRC for medical support. They're also looking for Amateur Radio support. -AR-

**River Run will be on September 9th**, and for those of you who don't know, it's a half-marathon that winds its way through the Rocky River Metroparks. Volunteers are needed, so please save the date on your calendars, and plan on joining us. -AR-

## Hamfest Listing

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](http://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**

28 Oct 2007

**Massillon Hamfest and Auction**  
**Massillon Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.marcradio.org>  
**Talk-In: 147.180+ (PL 110.9)**  
**Contact:**  
**Terry Russ, N8ATZ**  
**3420 Briardale Circle NW**  
**Massillon, OH 44646**  
**Phone: 330-837-3091**  
**Email: truss@sssnet.com**

10 Nov 2007

**Grant Amateur Radio Club**  
<http://www.garcohio.net>  
**Talk-In: 146.730 -**  
**Contact:**  
**Rodney Crawford, WD8CTX**  
**PO Box 76**  
**Buford, OH 45110**  
**Phone: 937-446-2338**  
**Email: wd8ctx@juno.com**

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

04-Sep-2007

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

08-Sep-2007

Sponsor: SILVERCREEK ARA  
 Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: BARRY J YOUMANS  
 (330)925-1706  
 Email: KI8B@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: RITTMAN PUBLIC  
 LIBRARY  
 49 W OHIO AVE  
 WWW.W8WKY.ORG (HOME  
 PAGE)  
 RITTMAN, OH 44270

09-Sep-2007

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

16-Sep-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

23-Sep-2007

Sponsor: WARREN ARA  
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: WILLIAM H SHOWERS  
 (330)872-1929  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: NEWTON FALLS COM-  
 MUNITY CENTER  
 52 E QUARRY ST  
 REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM!  
 NEWTON FALLS, OH 44444

29-Sep-2007

Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY  
 ARA  
 Time: 10:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: JAMES T VIELE  
 (330)534-1394  
 Email: W8JV@YAHOO.COM  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: HUBBARD PUBLIC LI-  
 BRARY  
 436 W LIBERTY ST  
 PRE-REGISTRATION URGED  
 WWW.MVARA.ORG  
 HUBBARD, OH 44425

### Upcoming LEARA Club Meetings:

- Aug 28 Dennis Motschenbacher, 4A/K7BV, DXpedition to East Timor in 2000.
- 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 July Trustees Meeting Minutes

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN, Secretary

Attendees: K8EHP, N8XDO, W8AZO, KC8GHX, WA8TJL, N8OOF, N8NAP, KC8RAN, N8AUC, N8YNR, WB8APD, K2RJ

Excused: W2THU, W8TAB

Meeting called to order by N8AUC at 0909 EDT.

1. Corrections to, and acceptance of the minutes from the May 12, 2007 Trustees Meeting. Correction to Item #19- Change pronoun "He" to "N8NAP". WB8APD moved to accept minutes with change, seconded by KC8GHX. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Election of Secretary to replace Jeff, N8YNR (deferred from May meeting). Nomination of KC8RAN made by WB8APD, second by K2RJ. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report. Money in the bank, plus checks pending deposit. Field Day expenses to be reimbursed, coming in well under the budgeted amount of \$600.

4. Membership Chair Report: 271 active members

### 5. Program Chair

Status of Picnic: N8XDO reports acquisition of picnic supplies is on track. Current estimate is 50 attendees for planning. Approximately \$150 spent with an estimate of \$100 to be spent. Net control operators to be asked to spread the word that anyone can bring baked goods (KC8RAN to send email to net control group).

### 6. Radio Officers' Reports

444.70 status: Repeater taken down and disassembled. Finals were found to be blown, along with some other peripheral components. Replacement hindered by cost and disassembly required. Current plan is to jumper across the PA, allowing about 25 watts output. Work continues to place repeater back in service.

146.76 time clocks continue to lose time settings after reset. N8AUC has 7AH gel-cell available to use to keep the controller powered.

### 7. Technical Committee Report

IRLP Status: Further investigation required on controller PC options. Technical Committee to convene 7/26 to review options and space available in the cabinet.

D-Star: WB8APD has acquired clear channel 145.35 from the OARC for D-Star testing. WB8APD also reports that the following components are available for testing: RP-2

2M repeater that works with controller the club possesses, antenna and sufficient hard line to connect to the antenna. Still to be secured is a duplexer. Not needed for radio work, but needed for eventual Internet linking is a static IP address.

8. Update: Great Lakes Convention: N8AUC reports ticket prices have been set at \$50 to include all convention activities. The event will take place at the Sheraton Inn Independence. Next committee meeting scheduled for 7/21, with N8AUC and W2THU slated to attend to represent LEARA. July newsletter contains full page information sheet.

9. Dreamhost webhosting service & email (N8YNR) : N8YNR reports we will have access to free hosting as a result of 501c3 status. Motion made by N8OOF, seconded by K2RJ, that (1) KC8GHX look into added space be made available (currently 200M) by Expedient/APK.net and (2) move one of the available domain names to Dreamhost to explore potential benefit of moving website and other hosting services. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Election Committee. N8OOF moved, and N8YNR seconded that we extend the deadline for accepting candidates for the fall election. Motion passed unanimously. Up for re-election this year are W8TAB, N8XDO, N8NAP, N8YNR, WA8TJL. W8TAB's term expires as well, but he indicated he is not going to seek re-election. The club is looking for one candidate to fill W8TAB's slot, plus at least one more.

11. New business: The recent events with repairs for the 444.7 machine and the potential cost of replacement parts indicated club needs to consider improving the account balance in case of future repairs. N8OOF moved, seconded by WB8APD, that the club increase dues to \$20. After discussion, two amendments followed. The first amendment by N8YNR, seconded by N8OOF, increased the new dues amount from \$20 to \$25. Amendment passed 9-3. The second amendment by N8NAP, seconded by N8OOF, would make the increase effective 1/1/08, allowing those who renew or join this year (before 1/1/08) would do so at the current \$18 rate. Amendment passes 8-3. The original motion to increase dues, amended to \$25 and amended to be effective 1/1/08, passed 8-2.

12. N8YNR moved to adjourn, seconded by K8EHP. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 by unanimous vote. -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.  
Dennis Dura, K2DCD, ARRL HQ EPRM  
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!

## Weaver's Words

by Jim Weaver, K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director

### Its now easier than ever to Join and Rejoin ARRL

Joining and rejoining ARRL now take just a few clicks on the Internet. If one goes to <http://www.arrl.org/join.html>, new or renewed memberships take only five minutes. There is even real-time credit card processing and verification. Your card information is kept by a bank. If you pay using the ARRL Visa card, you will not only pay your dues, but US Bank will also kick a small percent of the amount of your dues to ARRL. It's a true win-win situation.

### New EmComm Director on Board

Dennis Dura, K2DCD, is on board as the first ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager. Dura's major responsibilities include addressing the development and implementation of an organizational disaster response plan as well as a continuity operations plan, complete with supporting procedures and training. Integral to these plans are the recommendations of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) report. Dennis brings considerable professional experience in emergency, disaster and support communication with government and private agencies to this new post.

You will be able to get a good look into Mr. Dura's plans for ARRL and ARES at the Great Lakes Division Convention in Cleveland. He will lead the EmComm seminar on September 22. Please see [www.2007gldc.com/](http://www.2007gldc.com/) for information on the Convention.

### How ARRL is Organized

In the last issue of Weaver's Words, I discussed who is ultimately in charge of ARRL. This month, I want to go a little deeper into the ARRL management picture. The purpose of this discussion is to provide a good understanding the ARRL organization and who is responsible for what. ARRL management, when viewed from the top down, can be depicted as:

1. Membership
2. Board of Directors
3. Executive Committee
4. Officers
5. CEO and through him our Staff (HQ, Washington, etc.)

Members elect the Directors. There are 15 Directors; one for each of 15 ARRL Divisions. Directors are the policy makers for ARRL. The Executive Committee and Officers are elected by the Board. They function between Board meetings to ensure policy set by the Board is followed. Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reports to the Board through the President. He is responsible for developing and operating programs and services that implement the policies of the Board. All additional staff members at HQ and elsewhere report to the CEO.

A Division Director reports to the members of his/her Division. However, direct control by members' is limited to voting the Director in or out of office. Directors are elected for three-year terms. They are subject to recall by vote of the members.

While in office, the Director is required to obtain input on Amateur Radio issues from members of the Division he represents. The Director is also charged with obtaining this informa-

tion from other available sources. All information collected is used to reach decisions when voting on changes or additions to ARRL policy.

In summary, the Director of each Division is the person responsible for putting decisions made by the Board in to practice and for all Division-level activities in the Division. No one else (another Director, ARRL Officer or ARRL staff member) has authority over a Division Director so long as the Director follows the League governing documents.

I've not mentioned Section Managers (SMs). SMs are administrators who are responsible for managing the seven ARRL Field programs in their sections. These programs are developed to put Board policy into action. The SM has direct responsibility for ARES, NTS, OO and the other Field Operations. Consequently, requests, suggestions and complaints about these programs should be directed to the SM or to the appropriate member of his staff.

SMs are elected by the members in the Section for two-year terms. They report to the Membership and Volunteer Programs Department at HQ, not to the Division Director.

As an informed membership, each of you should have a decent idea of where to go with questions, suggestions or complaints. This "where" depends on the type of issue. Questions to the Director would include: 1. Why doesn't ARRL develop a particular new program? 2. Why was the Great Lakes Division Convention set for September 22 (Yom Kippur)? 3. Why did I have a problem with a contact with HQ? 4. Why did the Board of Directors establish a particular policy?

SM-oriented questions might include: 1. Why doesn't my EC conduct the type of training I believe is necessary? 2. How do we get PRB-1 enacted into law in our state? 3. How do I become an OO? 4. Who is the Affiliated Club Coordinator?

Questions that should be directed to HQ would include: 1. Why is my published Sweepstakes score different from the score I turned in? 2. Why can't I use Logbook of the World to enter the CQ World Wide contest? 3. Why does my friend a block away from me receive QST a week before I receive it? 4. How do I make a nomination for one of the national ARRL awards? 5. Can I connect my Widget 713 to my Whatzit 600 to operate PSK-31?

Obviously, if an attempted contact fails even though you follow these guidelines, it becomes time to look elsewhere for help. Contact your SM if the issue relates to the Section. Contact your Director about division-level or HQ issues.

I realize it is very simple to think of CEO Sumner as the focal point for all communication, but this is incorrect. Bombarding them with questions, suggestions and complaints that more appropriately should go to someone else merely wastes your time and your dues money by drawing them away from these duties.

I hope this discussion helps many of you understand a little better how ARRL is organized. If you have any questions about this organization, let me -- or your SM -- know. -AR-

## Bonus Articles for Members Who Subscribe to Internet Delivery

### Field Day Thank-You

by Janet Zimmet

Even though I'm not a member of the club, I hope there might be small corner in your newsletter for this.

I would like to send a special thanks to John and Brad for all their help at this years field day.

John was there from the beginning and was a huge help in getting everything unloaded and setting up both Gary's station and the food area.

By 2:00 Sunday, when energy was at the lowest, John and Brad were there to the end, helping to take everything apart, carry it all to the cars and load it up. Gary and I could never have managed on our own, and I am so very grateful for their help and good spirits.

Thank You!

Janet Zimmet, XYL of Gary WA8TJL

### GL Division Scholarships

From Weaver's Words

Winners of Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) scholarships in the Great Lakes Division were announced recently. Congratulations go:

- To Michael Volz, W8KAR, East Lansing, Michigan, recipient of the Rose Ellen Bills Memorial Scholarship (\$2000), and

- To Stephen M. Sciarini, KC8IDJ, Dover, Ohio, recipient of a Radio Club of America Scholarship (\$1000), and recipient of the Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship (\$1000, Sponsored by Mrs. Shirley True Banning.

The FAR is a private foundation headquartered in Washington, DC. It awards 56 scholarships sponsored by 26 clubs annually. Scholarship information is on the FAR website, [www.amateurradio-far.org/](http://www.amateurradio-far.org/).

The ARRL Foundation offers about 60 scholarships, grants and other programs annually. Go to [www.arrlf.org/](http://www.arrlf.org/) to learn about ARRL Foundation awards.

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  - Lakewood (141.3 Hz tone)
  - Highland Hills (131.8 Hz tone)
  - Lakewood (131.8 Hz tone)
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