



The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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SKYWARN Spotter Training Featuring NWS's Gary Garnet March 25, 2008 Dimitri's Dinner Meeting

Although there may still be towering piles of snow on the ground from our latest (at least as of the Newsletter deadline!) winter storm, the calendar fast-forwarded to Spring last week and its time to talk about tornados and other severe weather events that begin to occur when the warmer Gulf air starts to collide with the waning Arctic blasts and Alberta Clippers.

Gary Garnet, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the NWS Cleveland Regional Weather Station will again be teaching us the latest techniques to observe *wall clouds* and to determine whether or not the cloud movement we are seeing is *rotation*, as well as estimating wind velocity, hailstone size and inches-per-hour of rainfall. This is definitely the "must attend meeting of the year!"

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 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 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).

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 11:00 A.M. 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 and make your reservation through the club's website. -AR-

Is this your last Newsletter?

LEARA Dues are now past due and payable and the grace period expires March 31st. Dues are now officially \$25 and may be paid at the meeting. Don't miss out... pay up!

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The Prez Says

by Eric Jensen, N8AUC



Global Warming - Phooey! Dagnabbit, I have a waist high drift of global warming across most of my driveway right now! And I'm 6' 3" tall, so waist high is a LOT of global warming in my driveway. Simply amazing. And wouldn't you know, right smack dab in the middle of it all, my snow blower died. I even had it serviced before winter set in, so it's not like I neglected it or anything. We haven't had that much snow at the west

side presidential shack, er I mean palace, in a LONG time. Oh well - at least all my antennas are still in the air. That's something to be grateful for.

Every month, as I write this column, I often wonder if anyone really reads this. And every now and then, I get reminded that the answer is a resounding yes. If you remember, last month we were congratulating Jeff, K8JTK for his upgrade to general. You may also remember that I encouraged him to go ahead and get his Extra Class license. Strike while the iron is hot, and all that sort of thing. Well, I got another email from Jeff. Apparently, the encouragement printed here motivated him to go and do it. So congrats go out AGAIN to Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK who has now earned his Extra Class License! Way to go, Jeff!

If you missed the last LEARA meeting, you didn't miss much, fortunately. It was the meeting we had set aside to deal with some bylaws changes. Things were remarkably civil once dinner was finished and we got down to business. I really don't like having to deal with bylaws changes. But I have to admit, these were some worthwhile changes. If you weren't there, you can read about them elsewhere in this issue.

For this month though, you don't want to miss the LEARA meeting. This month is the annual Skywarn Spotter Training session, and our speaker is Gary Garnet, who is the warning coordination meteorologist at the Cleveland NWS office. Gary always puts on a good program, and it is definitely worth attending. I can't recommend this strongly enough. If you want to participate in the Skywarn program, the first step is to attend spotter training. I've been going to spotter training at least once a year for the last 15 years, and I al-

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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 \$25.00. **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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ways learn something new each time. More importantly, this is one of our highest attendance meetings of the year. IF you want a good seat, I'd really recommend you come early and enjoy dinner with us. Give Marv W8AZO a call at the number listed on the cover page to make your dinner reservations. Please do it no later than the day before the meeting. The good folks at Dimitri's need a count so they can have enough food prepared for us, which is why we have to ask for reservations for dinner. See you all at Dimitri's on the 25th! Until then,

73 de N8AUC (da prez) -AR-

Upcoming Public Service Events:

March 22—TNT Spring Break-out 5K & 1 Mile Runs— *Sara Torok (216) 368-2765 (D) or (440) 871-5456 (E) kc8ksu@yahoo.com.*

May 17—Gay Alliance Walk/Run (*Jeff Garvas, N8NYR*)

May 24, 25—Westlake Soccer Tournament (*Eric, N8AUC*)

August 3—Cleveland Triathlon (*Tom Kimball, KA8BZB*)

August 16, 17—Pedal to the Point (*Jeff Garvas, N8NYR*)

Upcoming LEARA Club Meetings:

March 25—Gary Garnet - SkyWarn

April 29—TBD

May 27—Jeff Garvas, N8NYR - IRLP

June 21, 22—Field Day

July 29—PICNIC

August 26—TBD



LEARA is an Affiliated Club of the ARRL. If LEARA members join or renew their ARRL membership through the club, the LEARA treasury gets to “pocket” a portion of your dues. Another neat way to support your local club!

By-Law Proposals Pass

by Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ

Three LEARA By-Laws proposals that were debated and voted upon at the February meeting were approved by the membership.

The first proposal was to remove the specific amount of club dues from the By-Laws and replace it with wording that requires any change in dues to be brought before the membership at our September meeting and voted upon. It also codified the recommended dues increase to \$25 recommended by the Trustees last Fall and allowed for prorating of dues for certain members joining in mid-year.

The second proposal was meant to remove the specific requirement to send ballots via the U.S. Postal System and would allow ballots to be sent by other means such as e-mail or web-based systems.

The third proposal allows for no election to be held if there are insufficient nominations received to exceed the number of Trustee vacancies. At the meeting where nominations are officially closed, however (normally July or August), the membership may vote to hold an election anyway.

The updated by-laws may be viewed and downloaded from the LEARA website, www.leara.org. -AR-



Trustee Bryan Torok, N8OOF reads his By-Laws motion.

Public Service:

TNT Spring Breakout March 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

By Sara Torok, KC8KSU

We need hams to provide communications/safety coverage for "TNT Spring Break-out 5K & 1 mile" runs to benefit Team in Training (TNT)--one of the fundraising arms of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

PURPOSE: To insure the safety of an estimated 200-300 runners/walkers by monitoring key points on the course, directing runners, and reporting any emergencies.

TIME: Registration starts at 7 am. Hams to be on site for assignments at 8:30 am. First Start is at 9 am. Even slow walkers—and all hams—should be done by 10:30!

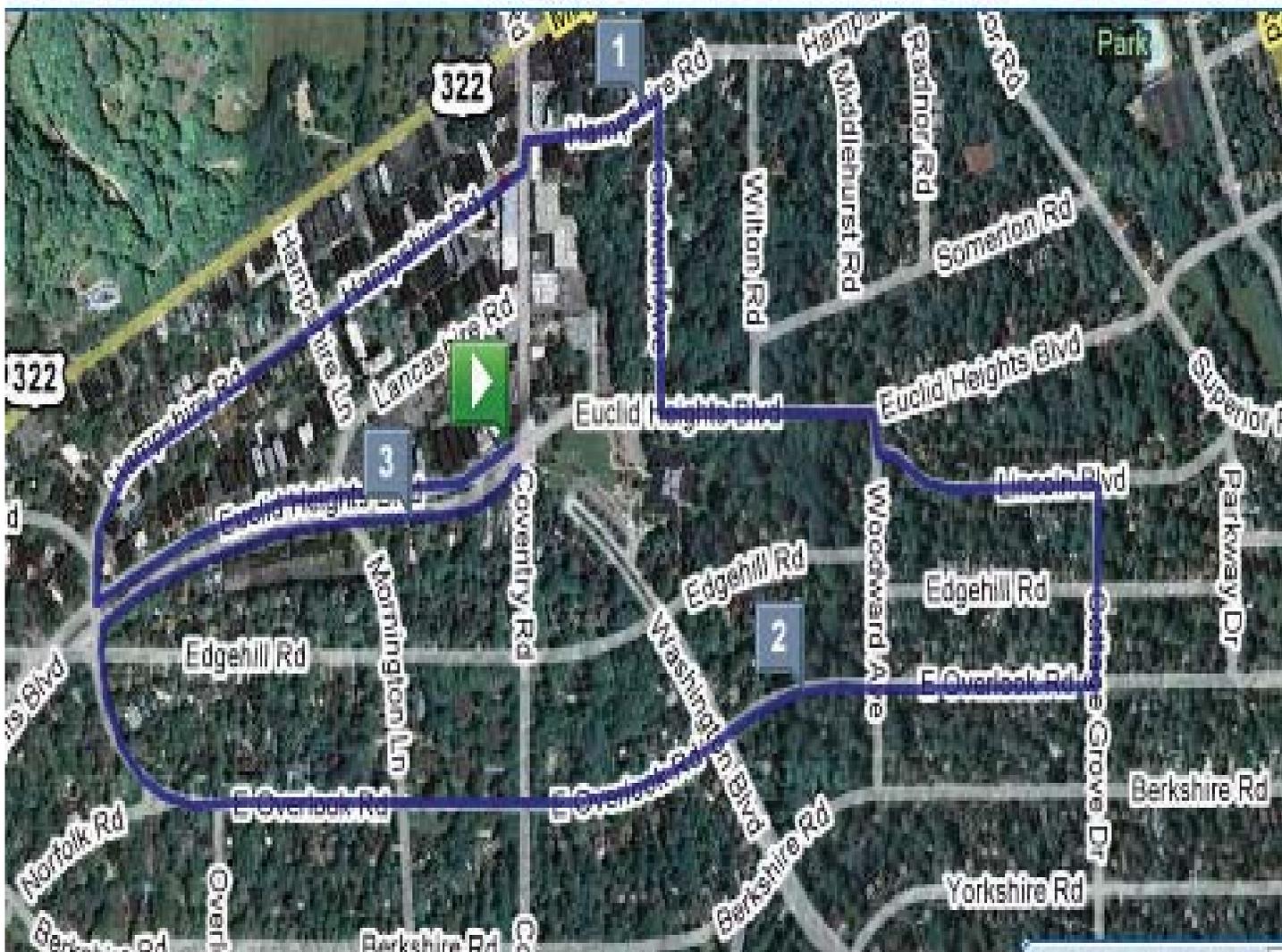
LOCATION: Start/finish is at Peace Park, at the south end of the Coventry shopping district in Cleveland

Heights (southeast corner of Euclid Hts Blvd & Coventry Rd., at the site of the old Coventry Elementary School). Hams will meet in the parking lot at north end Washington Blvd in the park.

DETAILS: <http://www.champracing.org/springbreakoutrun.html>

COURSE MAP, 5K: <http://www.mapmyrun.com/run/united-states/oh/cleveland-hts/1051699805>
1 mile: TBD

CONTACT: Sara Torok, kc8ksu@yahoo.com, 216-368-2756 days, or 440-871-5456 evenings. Please let us know if you have UHF capability, either mobile or HT. -AR-



LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by Joe Prokop, KC8RAN

SSTV Net: "88 at 8! Returns"

Got any blizzard pictures (or post-blizzard flooding) to share? Go somewhere sunny and warm over the winter and want to brag? Well if you do, join us at 8:00 on '88 on the slow scan net.

While we use and recommend MMSSTV (because it's free and we kinda sorta got that one figured out!), any SSTV program can be used. We will even help anyone new to this mode of operation get started to the best of our abilities.

If you don't know where to get pictures, and your personal photo library doesn't have anything you can send, check out the Internet. We found such sights as crazy signs, spoons bent artfully into figures, Hubble pictures of distant galaxies, and hands painted into various animals. Just keep it at The PG level; kids may be viewing! So if you want to give it a shot, join us on Saturdays at 8 on '88!

Skywarn nets have returned on Wednesday night on '76 at 8:00. Contact Don, KJ5KB, who will most likely be at the club meeting this month or on the nets if you want to help out with net control duties there.

Thursday 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.

Since the club net is a practice and informal net, we want to recognize those who take the time to check in and keep the net active and alive.

For the months of February, the following had checked into the net as reported by net controls:

WA8TJL Gary, N8UPZ Bill, KC8FQV Mark, KJ5KB Don, K8TJM Terry, KG8DN Ken, W8EBB Matt (congrats on passing your Extra!), KB8MHZ Lilly, W8STU Stu, WA4WGA Ray, N8UPZ Tom, KD8FTS Eddie, K8ECL Gene, W2THU Bob, N8OBJ John, KC8TJH Jeanne

Net Controls: KC8RAN, KD8ACO, W2THU, KD8GN, N8AUC, K8TJM

This will be my last net report. The demands of real life dictate that I step aside from these duties for a while. I still hope to be on the nets occasionally so I hope to hear (or see you) on one of the nets.

73 de Joe KC8RAN -AR SK-

Weaver's Words excerpts

by James Weaver, K8JE

FCC Travel cut back—

Don't expect to see Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, at many hamfests this year. The FCC has clamped down on the amount of travel its employees, including Hollingsworth, can make to events sponsored by organizations it regulates. The only event in the GLD that I know Riley can be expected to attend this year is the Dayton Hamvention(R). The number of hams who attend the Hamvention each year makes his travel to it very cost effective.

One word of caution: Do not misinterpret this recent cutback as indicating a decrease in effort to regulate against improper and illegal action. As relatively slow as the wheels of the FCC mill turn, they will continue to grind very fine. The lists of FCC action taken against bad actors on the Amateur Radio bands will continue to demonstrate that FCC rules and regulations are being enforced. This enforcement action includes measures taken against pirate operation, inadvertent radiation into the ham bands and illegal activities of licensed amateurs.

Family members as ARRL members—

Questions occasionally arise over how members of the immediate family of an ARRL member can join the League -- as family members. The answer is pretty simple. Any spouse or child(ren) of an ARRL member may join ARRL for \$8 per year provided the spouse or children(ren) live with the member. The point that has raised questions relates to when these family members may join ARRL.

The fact is that a family member may join ARRL at any time throughout the year. However, the term of the family membership will be tied to the term of the "senior" member. For example, assume that dad's membership term ends in April and that his son joins as a family member in July. The son's family membership will end in April along with Dad's (or Mom's).

For the first year of his membership, the dues paid for the son will pay for 10 months. After this first year, the son's membership will begin and end at the same time as Dad's. The family, in fact, will receive only one statement regardless of the number of family members.

Although a couple of details are a little different, family members of Life Members may also join at the Family rate. It would be best to telephone Membership at ARRL HQ at 1-860-594-0303 to discuss the details of these memberships. Each member of a family membership receives the same services as does a single member with one exception. Only one copy of QST is sent to a household under the Family plan. -AR-

Hamfest Listing

20 Apr 2008

**54th Annual Hamfest, Electronics,
and Computer Show**
Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.cfarc.org/>
Munroe Falls, OH 44262
Phone: 330-688-2013
Email: w8tts@w8tts.com

11 May 2008

**1st Annual Bucyrus Hamfest & Com-
puter Show**
Talk-In: 147.165 (PL 88.5)
Contact: Kenneth Cook, W8DZN
5726 Timpson Road
Caledonia, OH 43314
Phone: 419-834-0887
Email: w8dzn@arrl.net
Bucyrus, OH Crawford County Fair-
grounds Youth Building

16-18 May 2008

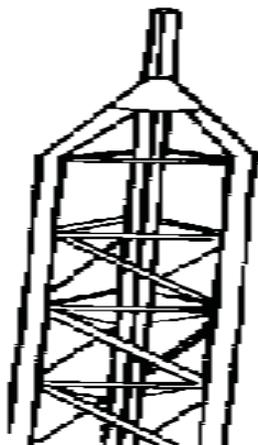
DAYTON HAMVENTION!!!
www.hamvention.org

30-31 May 2008

Rochester, NY Hamfest
www.rochesterhamfest.com

**1 Jun 2008 Breezshooters ARC Ham-
fest and Computer Show**

<http://www.breezshooters.net>
Talk-In: 147.300 (no tone)
Contact: Robert W. Benna, N3LWP
1010 Willow Drive Pittsburgh, PA
15237-2225
Phone: 412-366-0488
Fax: 412-366-0486
Email: n3lwp@verizon.net
Butler, PA, Butler Farm Show-
grounds, Route 68, (next to Roe Air-
port)



Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

20-Mar-2008

Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY
ARA
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES T VIELE
(330)534-1394
Email: W8JV@YAHOO.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: YOUNGSTOWN
STATE UNIVERSITY WOOD ST
- FACILITIES BUILDING
FOR DIRECTIONS CLICK ON:
WWW.MVARA.ORG
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44501

23-Mar-2008

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

25-Mar-2008

Sponsor: CUYAHOGA FALLS
ARC
Time: 7:00PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: BRUCE M FERRY
(330)929-2766
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: CUYAHOGA FALLS
HIGH SCHOOL
2300 4TH ST
HTTP://VE.AK8B.US
CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44221

05-Apr-2008

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY
ARS, INC
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins al-
lowed)
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

05-Apr-2008

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

06-Apr-2008

Sponsor: NOTACON VE TEAM
Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DENNIS R BOONE
(517)202-5611
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HOLIDAY INN SELECT
CITY CENTRE
1111 LAKESIDE AVE E
ROOM TO BE DETERMINED
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

12-Apr-2008

Sponsor: SUMMIT CO AMERICAN
RED CROSS
Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: BRUCE M FERRY
(330)929-2766
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
501 W MARKET ST
HTTP://WWW.AK8B.US/VE
AKRON, OH 44303

16-Apr-2008

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS,
INC
Time: 7:00PM (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

February Meeting Pictures

By Bob Leskovec, K8DTS



If You Miss a LEARA Meeting, You Miss a Lot!

Newsbriefs from the ARRL

FCC Slams Pennsylvania Ham with Forfeiture Order (Mar 10, 2008) -- On March 6, the FCC announced that it has issued a Forfeiture Order in the amount of \$4300 to Ronald Mondgock, KA3OMZ, of Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, "for willfully and repeatedly violating Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), by operating radio transmitting equipment on the frequencies 439.850 MHz and 147.560 MHz without a license." Section 301 states a federal license is required to "operate any apparatus for the transmission of energy or communications or signals by radio." Mondgock's Amateur Radio license expired in December 2005.

FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Correspondence Posted (Mar 7, 2008) -- The FCC has posted new Amateur Radio enforcement correspondence on its "Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions" Web page. Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth sent a Warning Notice to Amanda F. Spenlinhauer, KB1CQX. Hollingsworth also sent a letter inquiring about interference from a Part 15 device to a licensee in Holmen, Wisconsin, and a Warning Notice concerning interference on 10 meters from an unlicensed station, Harmony, North Carolina. Two cases were opened by the Commission regarding unlicensed trans-

missions on non-amateur frequencies by amateur licensees in Zebulon and Pikeville, North Carolina. The Appalachian Power Company in Charleston, West Virginia also received a letter from the FCC regarding radio frequency interference from power line hardware to an Amateur Radio licensee. Direct all questions concerning the Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions Web postings via e-mail only to Riley Hollingsworth in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division.

Nominations Invited for 2008 Young Ham of the Year Award (Mar 4, 2008 [REVISED Mar 5, 2008 13:35 ET]) -- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Amateur Radio Newline Young Ham of the Year (YHOTY) Award. The award honors a licensee 18 years old or younger who has used ham radio to significantly contribute to the benefit of the Amateur Radio Service, to the state of the communications art, to the community or the nation. Any FCC licensed radio amateur, age 18 or younger, residing in the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii), Canada or Puerto Rico is eligible to be nominated for this award. Nominations and supporting materials must be submitted before May 30, 2008 on an official application. **-AR-**

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VOICE REPEATERS:

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| <p>53.230/R-
146.76/R-
146.88/R- <i>IRLP</i>
224.90/R-
444.40/R+
444.70/R+</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>(.76, .88, .90 and .70 offer emergency and member-only autopatch lines.)</p> |
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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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| <p>GENERAL: NBRY
NBRYX
LEARA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz (KA-NODE) • 145.07 MHz ⇔ 223.70 MHz Gateway • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz PBBS |
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