



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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## Vote! And then "Stump the Trustees" General Club Q&A At October 28, 2008 Dimitri's Dinner Meeting

There is no formal program scheduled at this month's Annual Meeting where the ballots will be counted for the Trustee nominees listed below. However, this will be a good opportunity for the Trustees to report in more detail on the status of some of the projects that have been "hanging fire" and to take questions from the members present. Expect reports on the status of IRLP on '88 as well as the new '76 site that needs to be found.

The dinner and meeting are at our usual 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 avail-

able 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](http://www.leara.org) and make your reservation through the club's website. -AR-**

## **DUES NOTICE!**

***LEARA Annual Dues are now due and payable at the rate of \$25. They can be paid at the Annual meeting. Pay your dues... Support your club!***

## October Elections Nominees

David Noeth KD8ACO  
Eric Jessen N8AUC \*  
Mike Cegelski K8EHP \*  
John Radney KC8FOC \*  
Jeff Kopcak K8JTK  
Ron Jakubowski K2RJ \*

*\* indicates an incumbent.*

Candidate biographies are on page xx..

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# The Prez Says

by Eric Jessen, N8AUC



Some people say, "Hamfests are dying". "EBay and the internet are killing them," others chime in. But after attending the 2008 Cleveland Hamfest I have to say that pronouncing the death of hamfests might be a wee bit premature. This year's outdoor flea market was bigger than I remember in the recent past. The indoor stuff was pretty good too. Now if I told you I didn't buy anything at the hamfest, I'd be lying. I didn't find what I thought I was looking for when I got there, but I found other stuff that I'd been wanting, but wasn't on my shopping list when I walked through the gate. I know that sounds kind of weird, but that's what happened. But for me, hamfests have one thing that the internet and EBay will never reproduce. And that's the social aspect. Nothing quite beats personal interaction with people who share a common interest. There are folks I either went to school with, or worked with at one place or another, or just acquaintances from previous activities who I only run into at hamfests. It's nice to connect with folks I haven't seen in a while, and hamfests make this possible. Oh yeah - if you find yourself lacking in the "acquaintances from previous activities" category - see last month's column. I have a solution for that. Now if we can only get some better chow at the Cleveland Hamfest, and maybe an indoor place to sit and shoot the bull, that would be an improvement. But believe me, hamfests ain't dead yet. It was also nice to see many of you wander by the LEARA table. I didn't spend as much time there as I probably should have, but it was nice all the same.

Speaking of the Cleveland Hamfest, you do know it's put on by the Hamfest Association of Cleveland, right? After talking with some old friends of mine who are on the Hamfest Association, I found out that they are looking for a few good folks who enjoy hamfests and would be interested in helping out with the Hamfest Association. About six people or so would do it, I'm told. If you're interested, give me a call and I'll hook you up with the folks at the Hamfest Association. Prior experience is not necessary.

Once again LEARA will be conducting a class intended at helping people

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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 \$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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earn their Technician Class license. Instructors will be Gary WA8TJL, and Jim N8XDO. These guys really know their stuff, and are excellent teachers. The class will be held sometime in the first quarter of 2009. Watch the newsletter for details.

Each Thursday at 8PM, LEARA holds it's weekly club net on the 146.76 repeater. David, KD8ACO is the coordinator for the net, which basically means he schedules folks to be net control stations. The reason I mention it, is that we are looking for new folks who'd like to try their hand at being net control operators. It's a low key net, and easy to run. In fact, one of the reasons we have the net is to train folks in how to be net control operators and give them experience in doing so. Contact David if you'd like to give this a try. Or call me, and I'll have David get in touch with you.

Last but certainly not least, this is October, which means it's election time. I'm not talking about Obama or McCain, I'm talking about positions on the board of trustees for LEARA. Contrary to popular belief, LEARA is NOT a democracy. Never was, isn't now, and probably won't be in the future, either. LEARA is, however run by an elected board of trustees. And the members of this board of trustees are elected by the members. The officers are elected from among those on the board, per the bylaws. If you haven't received it already, you will be soon be receiving your election materials. This includes a self addressed return envelope, the ballot, and your

membership renewal form. Please make sure to vote for the candidates of your choice. If you like the direction the club is going in, say so with your vote. If you don't like the direction the club is going in, say so with your vote. If you want to get rid of me, this is your golden chance, because I'm on the ballot this year. If you don't want to get rid of me, well, say so with your ballot. There is a theme going on here, do you sense it? The idea here is that it is important that you exercise your right as a LEARA member and vote. While you're at it, enclose a check for next year's dues (\$25) in the envelope, and renew your LEARA membership for 2009. What could be more convenient?

Unfortunately, I won't be joining you at Dimitri's this month. Some *grand poobah* at the company I work for decided that October 28 would be a great evening for our annual all-company dinner meeting and video conference. And attendance is not optional. Therefore, since I enjoy eating on a regular basis, living indoors, and occasionally buying some radio toys, I have to go to this thing. They really need to check the LEARA schedule before deciding this stuff! But YOU don't have that problem. So you should go to the annual meeting of the membership at Dimitri's, give Marv, W8AZO, a call and make dinner reservations, and make sure you get your ballot submitted before the 8PM deadline that night. Then hang out and see who wins. I will, however, see you all at the Holiday Party in November!

73 de N8AUC (da prez) -AR-

## Trustee Elections at October Meeting

by Tom Kimball, KA8BZB

Annual LEARA elections will take place at the annual meeting of the association on October 28, 2008. All LEARA members in good standing will receive a ballot by mail about the first week in October. Ballots may be returned by mail (an envelope is provided) or may be delivered to the meeting. Returned ballot envelopes must be signed by the member and contain his/her callsign legibly printed. Specific instructions for voting will be included with the ballot. Renewal notices will also be included.

Candidates are as follows:

**David Noeth KD8ACO**  
**Eric Jessen N8AUC \***  
**Mike Cegelski K8EHP \***  
**John Radney KC8FOC \***  
**Jeff Kopcak K8JTK**  
**Ron Jakubowski K2RJ \***

\* indicates an incumbent.

Candidate biographies start on page xx of this newsletter. They may also be found at [www.leara.org/candidate2008.pdf](http://www.leara.org/candidate2008.pdf).

If you have not received your ballot, contact Tom KA8BZB ([KAeightBZB@att.net](mailto:KAeightBZB@att.net)) or 216 - 371 - 2832) to obtain a replacement in time to vote. -AR-

# TRUSTEE CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

## David Noeth, KD8ACO

I have been a member of LEARA for four years. Although a relative newcomer, I have had a lifelong interest in electronics and radio. Along my life's journey, I have pursued numerous hobbies and interests. Many of these were shared with others in organizations in which I contributed by actively being engaged in a leadership role. I believe it is this combination of interest and experience which has prepared me for the role as a LEARA Trustee.

I received my Technician Class license in July 2004, passed the Element 1 code test in December 2004, and upgraded to a General Class license in July 2005. In July 2008, I upgraded once again to an Extra Class Amateur Radio license keeping my original call sign.

During my membership in LEARA, I have been active in Field Day, numerous public service events, monthly club meetings, and as a Net Control Station for the weekly club net. Most recently, I have assumed the responsibilities as the Net Control Coordinator for LEARA. This position assists with the coordination of the net control assignments for the various nets which take place on the LEARA repeaters. In addition, I also summarize and publish in the monthly LEARA "On The Air" column in the club newsletter items of interest concerning these nets.

If selected by the membership of LEARA to represent them as a Trustee, I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the board. With the ever changing role of Amateur Radio in our society today, I feel the role that LEARA plays, as well as, the activities and opportunities provided by the organization on behalf of the membership are critical to the continued growth and development of the membership.

## J. Eric Jessen, N8AUC

Eric Jessen, N8AUC is a candidate for re-election as a LEARA trustee. First licensed as KA8AKY in 1978, he originally became a member of LEARA in 1979. After a three year period living in St Louis, he rejoined LEARA upon returning to Cleveland in 1985.

Eric holds an Amateur Extra Class license (since 1992) and currently serves as the President and License Trustee for LEARA.

His many accomplishments on behalf of LEARA include: serving as the organizer and recruiter for the Westlake Soccer Tournament and River Run public service events, represented LEARA on the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention Organizing Committee, helped found

LEARA's participation in the annual ARRL Field Day, assisted with organizing and operating LEARA's entry for the 2008 Ohio State Parks on The Air event, helps out with the annual Cleveland Triathlon, and participates in Cuyahoga County Skywarn. He is also part of the team that is bringing IRLP to the 146.88 repeater.

Eric holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, class of 1983. He is married to Robin (KC8AWO), and has three daughters. Eric is currently employed as a Senior Consultant at CGI where he spends far too many hours writing computer software to analyze health insurance data.

## D. Michael (Mike) Cegelski, K8EHP

My name is D. Michael (Mike) Cegelski, Amateur Extra Class licensed continually since 1956 with the callsign K8EHP. I am active on 160 meters (sans 60 meters) through 70 cm, AM, SSB, CW, PSK-31, FM and SSTV. I'm a life member in the ARRL and am a member of other Amateur Radio organizations in the area. I enjoy Field Day and volunteering, especially Public Service events. I've been an active member of LEARA for many years including serving on our Board and as a Vice President. I enjoy serving in these capacities and look forward to your vote which will allow me to continue serving you. I can be reached at k8ehp @ roadrunner.com or (216) 252 - 6640. 73 and TNX.

## John C. Radney Sr., KC8FOC

L.E.A.R.A. Trustee  
License Classification (General)\*\*\*\*  
Amateur since 1996 under the present call KC8FOC  
LEARA member since 1997

Resident of Warrensville since 1976  
Occupation: Realtor/Consultant for Commercial Glass Co./Owner of Radney Security Co. est. 1991  
Father of (4) Grandfather of (7)

Having had the passion for Amateur Radio since 1976 it was 20 years later I became a (HAM).

To me Amateur Radio is a part of my daily life; it opens avenues of conversation that brings a network of friends. I encourage all and especially today's youth that outside of the internet, cell phones, and other electronics' there is

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# TRUSTEE CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

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a World awaiting thus Amateur Radio and how a Wire, or other conductive might serve as an Antenna.

I have enjoyed being a part of LEARA and have contributed to events as Ham Fest, Field Day, Disaster Drills, Marathons, Westlake Soccer, Shaker Hts. Pumpkin patrol. And have even monitored World Crisis as Katrina and others ready to assist if needed.

It is my intention to continue to serve LEARA, and I feel I can do the job most effectively as Trustee, honoring your request. As a Trustee I take the position seriously and it is for the good of the organization I take into consideration on all issues.

## **Jeffrey Kopcak, K8JTK**

My name is Jeffrey Kopcak. My call sign is K8JTK and I live in Westlake. I am a 25 year old student at Cleveland State University. I will be graduating with a degree in Information Systems & Technology in December. My interests include computers, television production, and of course, amateur radio.

I got interested in amateur radio at a young age through my father, Tom N8ETP. I passed both the Novice and Technician exams right before my sophomore year of high school in 1999. I upgraded to General and Extra earlier this year. After I passed my Extra exam, I became a Volunteer Exam Coordinator. I currently help out at the SREL exams in Sandusky and the exams at the Elyria Red Cross.

I have been a member of LEARA since I received my Technician license. I am also a life member of the ARRL. When I started my college career at BGSU in Bowling Green, Ohio, I joined the Wood County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC). I participated in the weekly club net and attended meetings.

In 2005, there was interest to form an ARES group in Wood County. They looked to the WCARC for members and I was one of the founding members of the Wood County ARES group. The formation of the ARES group reignited interest in the hobby again and the WCARC underwent reorganization. I was asked and accepted the responsibilities of the club's website. Though I have returned to Cleveland, I am still active in the WCARC and maintain their website.

I am active in the 3 clubs I belong to. I've participated in public service events including the CVS marathon, Pedal to the Point, and I've done the Westlake Soccer Tournament every year since I've been licensed. I'm on the air often participating in nets including the weekly LEARA net. I have regularly attended LEARA Trustee meetings for the past few years; even when I was home while attending BGSU.

As trustee, I will remain active in LEARA and amateur radio. I sincerely appreciate your vote. Thank you for your time.

## **Ronald J. Jakubowski, K2RJ**

Ron first joined LEARA in 1986 after moving to the area from Rochester, NY, taking a job at Antenna Specialists Co. During his first 11 years in the area he helped with the repeater technical duties and served as a LEARA Trustee and provided several club programs related to antennas and propagation. In 1998, Ron took a job with TX RX Systems near Buffalo, NY and moved out of the area for 7 years but moved back in 2004 when Bird, TX RX's parent company, decided to collocate all RF engineering in Solon. Ron resumed his LEARA activity when he returned and took over the editorship of *The Spirit of 76 and 88*, LEARA's newsletter, about 18 months ago.

Ron's Ham Radio career started in 1963 as K3VXE in Erie, PA and served as Vice-President of the Radio Association of Erie and co-editor of the QUA-RAE, their newsletter and served on the repeater committee. While in Arizona, he was one of the incorporators of the Cochise County Amateur Radio FM Association and served as its chairman. In Rochester, Ron was active in the Rochester Amateur Radio Association as member of the board of directors, Treasurer, Editor of the RARA Rag, vice-president and president. He was also Technical Director of the Rochester Radio Repeater Association and served terms as its vice-chairman and chairman.

He also remains active as a 39-year Member of Army MARS and is on the Chief's Special Staff as Army Reserve Coordinator and is a long-time member of ARRL. He is a graduate of Gannon University of Erie, Pennsylvania, majoring in Electrical Engineering, is active in the IEEE and the Telecommunications Industry Assn. TR-8 Technical Committee and is a Fellow in the Radio Club of America and was just elected to its Board of Directors.

## LEARA "On The Air"

### Club Net Information

by David Noeth, KD8ACO

*The Saturday evening LEARA SSTV net has returned to the 146.88 repeater and is off to a great start! Now is the time to get your SSTV station setup and on the air!*

#### Wednesday Skywarn Practice Net

Skywarn practice nets returned in February 2008 on the 146.760 (- offset, 110.9 PL) repeater and will continue on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM local time until the last week in October (October 29, 2008 to be exact). Everyone is welcome! If you haven't checked in this year or even if you have, why not help out this worthy net by checking in one more time? The 146.880 (- offset, 110.9 PL) repeater is used, when needed, as a backup. Skywarn nets may be activated on one of these repeaters anytime threatening weather is approaching.

#### Thursday Club Net

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association's weekly club net is held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM local time 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. You do not have to be a member of LEARA to participate.

Since the club net is a practice and informal net, LEARA would like to recognize those who take the time to check in and keep the net active and alive. During the past month, the weekly Thursday Club Net had a total of forty-six (46) check-ins. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Jack AA8US, Tom K8CNN, Gene K8ECL, Jeff K8JTK, Steve K8SAS, John KA8GZA, Mark KC8FQV, Jeanne KC8TJH, Joseph KD8AAK, David KD8ACO, Dave KD8AKA, Don KD8ICR, Ken KG8DN, Don KJ5KB, Don N8DJG, Steve N8OHT, Tom N8UAZ, Bill N8UPZ, Matt W8EBB, Stuart W8STU, Gary WA8TJL, and Jim WA8ZHN.

Net Control Stations: David KD8ACO, Bob W2THU, Eric N8AUC, and Jeanne KC8TJH.

#### Upcoming NCS assignments are:

10/16/08	Bob	W2THU
10/23/08	Eric	N8AUC
10/30/08	David	KD8ACO
11/6/08	Ken	KG8DN
11/13/08	Bob	W2THU
11/20/08	Eric	N8AUC
11/27/08	No Net - Thanksgiving Day!	

#### Saturday SSTV Net

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association's weekly slow scan TV net is held every Saturday evening from October through May at 8:00 PM local time on the 146.880 (- offset, 110.9 PL) repeater. The SSTV net resumed on the first weekend in October (October 4, 2008 to be exact) and a total of four (4) stations checked in. Not bad for the fall of 2008 inaugural net. With seven (7) stations checking in on October 11, 2008, the net is off to a great start. Now is the time to get your SSTV station setup and on the air.

The slow scan TV software recommended is MMSSTV. This free software is available online, just Google MMSSTV for a wealth of information. However, any SSTV program can be used. Are you new to this mode of operation? Contact any of the net control stations for assistance getting started! Even if you don't have a slow scan TV setup yet, you're still welcome to check in to the net just to say hello or to ask for more information about this interesting mode.

#### Wanted! Net Control Stations

We are back down to only four Net Control Stations for the Thursday evening LEARA Club Net and only three stations for the Saturday evening SSTV net. Now would be a create time to join the rotation!

Any member of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association can be a net control operator for one or all of the nets held on one of the club's repeaters. Never tried it you say? No problem. Now would be a really good time to start. No lines ... no waiting. It's as easy as getting in touch with me and we'll schedule you into the rotation. If you should have any questions or requests for assistance to get started, just contact me at one of our club meetings or by using any of my contact information in the membership directory. Hope to talk with you "on the air" soon! **-AR-**



***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!***

## Hamfest Listing

**26 Oct 2008 Hamfest and Auction**  
Massillon Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.marcradio.org>

Talk-In: 147.18/78 (PL 110.9)

Contact: Terry Russ, N8ATZ

3420 Briardale Circle NW

Massillon, OH 44646

Phone: 330-837-3091

Email: [truss@sssnet.com](mailto:truss@sssnet.com)

Massillon Boys and Girls Club

730 Duncan Street SW

**25 Jan 2009 Tusco ARC**

<http://noard.com/tuscoarc.htm>

Talk-In: 146.730 (PL 71.9)

Contact: Kyle Quillen, KD8HDJ

Phone: 330-231-6269

Email: [hamfest@tuscoarc.org](mailto:hamfest@tuscoarc.org)

Strasburg, OH

Wallick Auction House

965 North Wooster Avenue

Div: Great Lakes

Sect: Ohio

**15 Feb 2009 Mansfield Mid-Winter**

Hamfest & Computer Show

InterCity Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.w8we.org>

Talk-In: 146.940 (PL 71.9)

Contact: Dean Wrasse, KB8MG

1094 Beal Road

Mansfield, OH 44905

Phone: 419-589-2415

Fax: 419-884-6177

Email: [metal07man@yahoo.com](mailto:metal07man@yahoo.com)

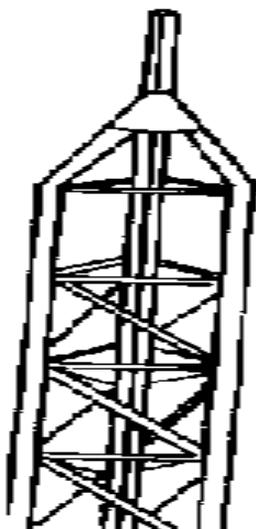
Mansfield, OH

Richland County Fairgrounds

750 North Home Road

Div: Great Lakes

Sect: Ohio



## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

### 21-Oct-2008

Sponsor: PIONEER AR FELLOWSHIP

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RONALD D LIEVING

(330)724-5981

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: AKRON BAPTIST TEMPLE

2324 MANCHESTER RD

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

AKRON, OH 44314

### 25-Oct-2008

Sponsor: WRECS

Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT C GAUSS

(330)562-3328

Email: [N8ZB@YAHOO.COM](mailto:N8ZB@YAHOO.COM)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL/CHAGRIN FALLS

6253 CHAGRIN RIVER RD

CORNER SOLON RD & RIVER RD

BASEMENT

BENTLEYVILLE, OH 44022

### 26-Oct-2008

Sponsor: MASSILLON HAMFEST

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: GARY L KLINE

(330)837-2927

Email: [WC8W@SSSNET.COM](mailto:WC8W@SSSNET.COM)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MASSILLON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

730 DUNCAN ST SW

1 BLOCK S OF SR #21

ON WALNUT ST

MASSILLON, OH 44647

### 11-Nov-2008

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD

(330)297-7979

Email:

[KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG](mailto:KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MAPLEWOOD CAREER OP CENTER

7075 STATE ROUTE 88

RAVENNA, OH 44266

### 16-Nov-2008

Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA RED CROSS

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CHARLES S HALL

(216)433-3036

Email: [VE@W8HF.COM](mailto:VE@W8HF.COM)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS

2929 W RIVER RD N

WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)

ELYRIA, OH 44035

### 20-Nov-2008

Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY ARA

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JAMES T VIELE

(330)534-1394

Email: [W8JV@YAHOO.COM](mailto:W8JV@YAHOO.COM)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY—WOOD ST. FACILITIES BUILDING

FOR DIRECTIONS CLICK ON:

[WWW.MVARA.ORG](http://WWW.MVARA.ORG)

YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44501

### 23-Nov-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

### 02-Dec-2008

Sponsor: CUYAHOGA FALLS ARC

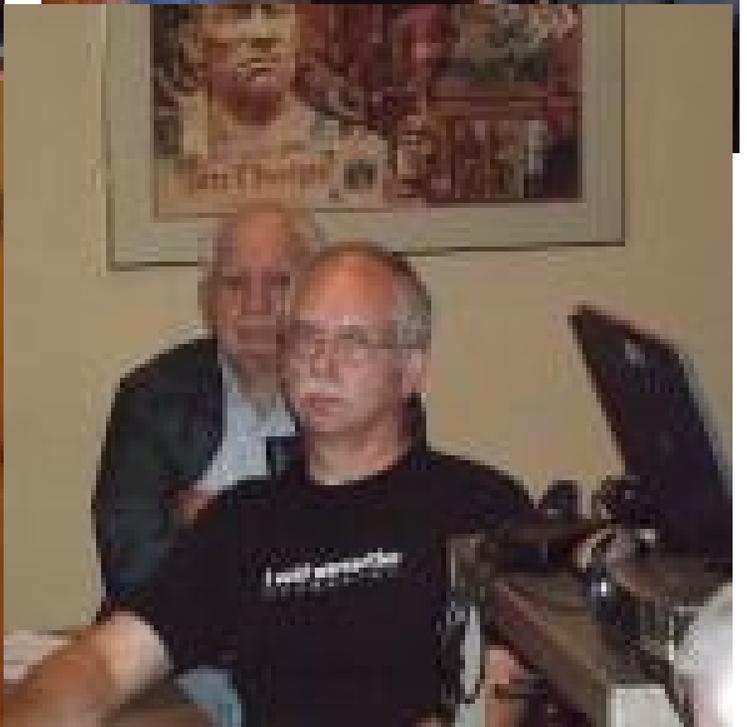
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

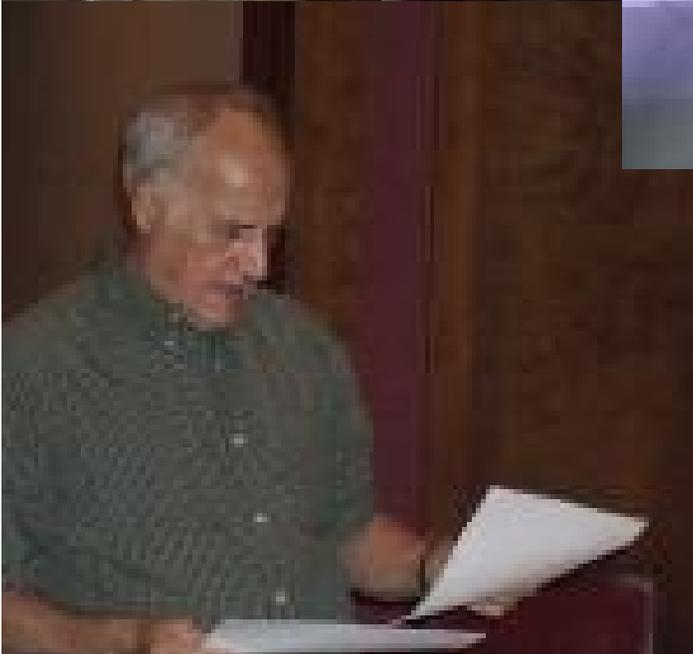
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## Help Scientists Study the Shrikes

by Gregory Lapin, PhD, PE, N9GL  
Via ARRL



For the second year, scientists are asking ham radio operators and VHF monitoring enthusiasts to assist in scientific studies of the Eastern Loggerhead Shrikes. If you live in an eastern state and can tune away from the ham bands for a few minutes a day, you could help scientists study this endangered bird species.

Every year, these birds leave their captive breeding program in Ontario, Canada, but fewer and fewer are returning in the spring. Researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario have placed radio tags on 20 young shrikes. Although the primary purpose of the tags is to determine dispersal patterns -- the movements the birds make immediately after leaving their nests -- scientists also hope that more may be learned about the birds' fall migration journey. Scientists think the birds will fly south to Florida, but they might also overwinter in Tennessee, North Carolina and states just south of there. You can help by tuning in regularly to the tag frequencies, which are between 172-173 MHz. The complete frequency list is published here, along with articles to help you distinguish the pulsed tags from other signals you may hear. Please listen now, as migration is under way; the radio tag batteries will only function for another six weeks. **-AR-**

## ARRL Continuing Education Online Course Registration

Via ARRL

Registration remains open through Sunday, October 26, 2008, for these online course sessions beginning on Friday, November 7, 2008: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Technician License Course (EC-010); Analog Electronics (EC-012), and Digital Electronics (EC-013). Each online course has been developed in segments -- learning units with objectives, informative text, student activities and quizzes.

Courses are interactive, and some include direct communications with a Mentor/Instructor. Students register for a particular session that may be 8, 12 or 16 weeks (depending on the course) and they may access the course at any time of day during the course period, completing lessons and activities at times convenient for their personal schedule. Mentors assist students by answering questions, reviewing assignments and activities, as well as providing helpful feedback. Interaction with mentors is conducted through e-mail; there is no appointed time the student must be present -- allowing complete flexibility for the student to work when and where it is convenient. To learn more, visit the Continuing Education course listing page or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator. **-AR-**

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| 53.230/R-      | • Highland Hills (136.5 Hz tone)   |
| 146.76/R-      | • Highland Hills (Use 110.9 Hz tone for remote inputs in Lakewood, Newbury & Willoughby) |
| 146.88/R- IRLP | • 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)   |
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These nodes are part of the Cleveland Net Cluster in K8EIW's backbone system.

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