



The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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Engineering the Grand Opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in 1995

Presented by Ed Miller, K8EHA

Tuesday, August 25, LEARA Dimitri's Dinner Meeting

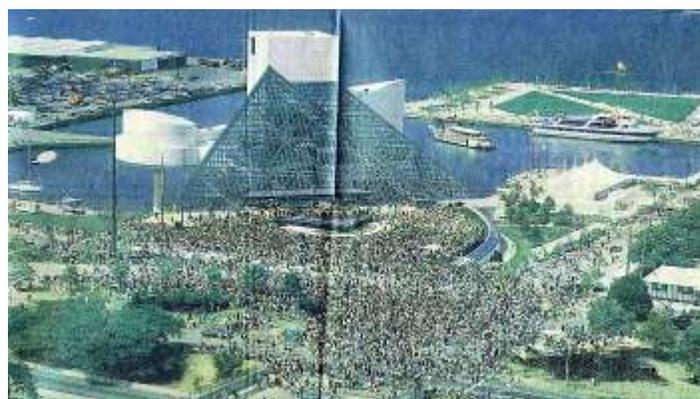
This month we welcome back broadcast consultant and fellow ham (K8EHA) Ed Miller, CPBE. Ed has prepared a program recounting the intense pre-planning and coordination of all local, national and international broadcast coverage activities leading up to and including the Grand Opening ceremonies of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland over Labor Day weekend in 1995.

As Ed puts it, "It was an opportunity of a lifetime." He was named Broadcast Consultant to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and served as "Executive-on-Loan" from his full-time duties as Director of Engineering at WEWS-TV5.

Ed will detail managing 1500 media personnel, staging 22 KU trucks, 150 news related vehicles, multiple 18-wheeler production vans, multiple broadcast venues, complete editing facilities, 600 DID phone lines, on-location GTE cell site, 4 million watts of portable generator power, miles of fiber optic cabling, 40 radio stations, media representatives from 15 foreign countries, frequency coordination for the HBO live concert at old Municipal Stadium and the Cleveland Air Show at Burke Lakefront, and much more, --all at the same time. You are in for an action-packed evening!

"More than 10,000 people jammed Key Plaza and the surrounding area to watch celebrities, politicians, and other VIPs cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum ..." --went the caption on this old Plain Dealer newspaper picture from Labor Day weekend in 1995.

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 at 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 ser-



vice 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-

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The Prez Says

by Alex Manuk, WD8JMM



Thanks to all of you who came out and helped us celebrate (again!) LEARA's 40th birthday at the picnic in July. It was great to see some folks who we usually only see at the picnic meeting. Mike, K8EHP once again provided a pair of well-hidden foxes for our hunting pleasure, the food was great, the conversation was stimulating, and everyone had a good time.

Speaking of the picnic; Our sous-chef, Jim, N8XDO has decided to hang up his spatula and tongs. Jim has been the cook at our picnics for many years now, and I think it's time for he and Carol to take a break and enjoy the next picnic, rather than working it. So, anyone who'd like to volunteer to head up next year's LEARA picnic, please let us know.

For our meeting in August, we return to Dimitri's for dinner and what promises to be a very interesting program. Those of you who attended May's meeting remember our talk on 'NFL Game-Day Frequency Coordination'. Ed Miller, K8EHA, will be returning to the podium to describe for us what it was like to coordinate the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Ed's engineering of the opening won him the Governor's Citation from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Come on out, have dinner, and listen to Ed tell his story of the trials and tribulations of setting up the Rock Hall.

Last October, LEARA's membership voted to amend the bylaws in such a way that when the incumbent Trustees run unopposed, they are elected by acclamation. This year's nomination deadline has passed without the election committee receiving any nominations, so there will be no election of Trustees this year. The five currently eligible trustees will be re-seated for another three-year term.

Finally, at the July trustees meeting, it was decided to enable IRLP on the 88 machine 24 hours a day. Those modifications are now complete.

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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.

New House Bills 261 and 262 Introduced into Ohio House

by Frank Piper, KI8GW
ARRL Ohio Section Manager

On August 6, legislation was introduced to the Ohio House of Representatives that may affect our mobile use of Amateur Radio. House Bill 261 and House Bill 262, introduced by Michael DeBose (D-Cleveland) are titled as follows:

HB 261: "To amend section 4510.01 and to enact section 4511.204 of the Revised Code to prohibit driving a vehicle while text messaging or typing on a mobile communication device and to establish the violation as a secondary traffic offense."

HB 262: "To amend section 4510.01 and to enact section 4511.204 of the Revised Code to prohibit driving a vehicle while talking, text messaging, or typing on a mobile communication device and to establish the violation as a secondary traffic offense."

In both bills, the definition of a "mobile communication device" is stated as follows:

"As used in this section, "mobile communication device" includes any of the following:

- (1) A wireless telephone;
- (2) A text-messaging device;
- (3) A personal digital assistant;
- (4) A computer;
- (5) Any other substantially similar wireless device that is designed or used to communicate voice, text, or data."

While there are exclusions for Emergency Personnel, Vehicles, etc. there are no clear exclusions for Amateur Radio as the introduced bill is written.

Section Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP, have already started dialog on getting a game plan together on how to approach this. -AR-

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Except during net operations, IRLP is now available during the overnight hours as well. So, next time you're suffering from insomnia, fire up the rig and try connecting to Australia or the Far East, where it'll be their day time.

73 for now, and I hope to see you at August's meeting! -AR-

Call for Nominations for Division Awards

By Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
ARRL Great Lakes Division

The following Great Lakes Division awards are open for nominations. Successful nominees will receive their awards at the Great Lakes Division Symposium in Findlay, OH, September 12, 2009. Warm up your keyboards and nominate your favorite candidates!

GEORGE S. WILSON III W4OYI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Radio Amateur in the Great Lakes Division whose lifetime achievement record merits recognition for outstanding contribution to the Amateur Radio Service. He or she is active on the air and in Amateur Radio organizations. The Wilson recipient is an all-around Amateur whose lifetime activities, attitudes, and achievements might serve as an example to others. At the time of nomination, nominees must either have been licensed Radio Amateurs for at least 30 years and/or be at least 50 years of age. Emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and Activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge via Amateur Radio, and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to work responsibilities and family life.

This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director. The recipient must be a current ARRL member.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

The Radio Amateur in the Great Lakes Division whose outstanding record in the year preceding nomination merits recognition for contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. The Amateur of the Year, is an all-around Amateur, whose activities, attitudes and achievements may serve as a guiding example to others. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to work responsibilities and family life. The

Amateur of the Year exemplifies the "Amateur's Code."

In selecting

the award recipient, emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interest and activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio. The recipient must be a current ARRL member.

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Radio Amateur(s) in the Great Lakes Division whose technical excellence exemplifies "continuation of the Amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement

Division Awards

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of the radio art" and whose attitude exemplifies the highest dedication to service to others and to science rather than self. Particular value will be placed on evidence of continuing contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. Groups of two or more Amateurs may be nominated for a joint award in this category.

Technical achievement may be demonstrated through activities such as the following: publications, research and development, creativity in hardware, software and firmware systems design and implementation, technical instruction, application of advanced technology to public service communications. This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director. The recipient(s) must be a current ARRL member.

DX ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The radio amateur(s) in the Great Lakes Division who has dedicated time, talent and service to DXing. The award is given especially in recognition of an exemplary lifetime DX record. Recipients are active on the air and in DX Amateur Radio organizations. The DX achievement recipient is also an all-around Amateur whose lifetime, ethical DX activities, good operating practices and notable achievements of the recipient might be viewed as examples to follow by others. At the time of nomination, nominees must either have been licensed Radio Amateurs for at least 20 years and/or be at least 50 years of age. Emphasis is placed on DX totals (Honor Roll, DXCC Challenge, etc), DXpeditions served on, Elmering/Mentoring other DXers plus other outstanding DX related accomplishments. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to work responsibilities, and to civic and family life. This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director. The recipient(s) must be a current ARRL member.

AMATEUR RADIO YOUTH AWARD

Presented to a young radio amateur in the Great Lakes Division 18 years of age or younger in recognition of a record of outstanding contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. This record consists of activities and achievements in Amateur Radio, which may include support of the community through Amateur Radio, ability to recruit fellow students into Amateur Radio, scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities. The Young Amateur of the Year is enthusiastic and shows potential for leadership and further achievement. This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director.

CW Error in Pittsburgh

Via NPR

Every night since March 1929, a bright, red beacon has flashed on the Pittsburgh skyline. The beacon sits atop the historic Grant Building and, in international Morse code, spells the city's name. At least, that's what it's supposed to do. While waiting to see this year's Fourth of July fireworks with friends, graduate student Tom Stepleton noticed something strange about the beacon: the letter "k." But the "k" wasn't the only problem in the message. There were three errors, says Stepleton. Instead of "Pittsburgh," the beacon spelled "Pitetsbkrhh."

The beacon hasn't always been wrong. Stepleton himself can vouch for it being correct as recently as two years ago. When asked how the code could have gone so wrong, Stepleton says time is the likely culprit. "If the system is still using 1930s-era technology, the actual generation of the dots and dashes is probably electro-mechanical," he says. And that means the electrical contacts that create the beacon's blink can be tarnished or moved out of place over time. Stepleton returned a couple weeks after the mis-spelling had been reported on YouTube for another look at the beacon to see if the message had changed. Indeed, it had: Instead of "Pitetsbkrhh," it read "Tpebtsaurgh." A representative of the building owner reported that the device producing the incorrect code has been sent in for repair. But there is no word yet when the beacon will once again spell P-I-T-T-S-B-U-R-G-H. **-AR-**

JOSEPH J. PHILLIPS JR K8QOE NEWSLETTER AWARD

Presented to the best of three submissions, one from each section (chosen by the sections). This year's award will not be presented in respect to Joe Phillips, SK. The first presentation of the renamed newsletter award will be at the 2011 Great Lakes Division Convention. The recipient newsletter must be published by a current ARRL Affiliated Club.

All nominations must include the name, call and address of the nominee and of the nominator(s), as well as a one or two page statement of support. Email all nominations to the Great Lakes Division Awards Committee, Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA, Chair, <ki4la@arrl.org>, or mail to Gary at 3056 Hergott Drive, Edgewood KY 41017. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, August 26th, 5:00 pm. Nominations need to adequately present the qualifications of the potential recipient, but need not be unduly long. Awards will be presented on September 12, 2009, at the Great Lakes Division Symposium in Findlay, Ohio. See <<http://greatlakes.arrl.org>> for convention details. **-AR-**

July LEARA Trustees Minutes

(11 July 2009 at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library in Parma, Ohio)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Trustees in attendance were: WD8JMM, W8AZO, N8AUC, W2THU, N8NAP, KD8ACO, KC8FOC, K8JTK, K8EHP, N8XDO and WB8APD.

Trustees excused: N8OOF, N8YNR and K2RJ.

1. Call to Order – WD8JMM called the meeting to order at 0910.
2. Corrections to and Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes were accepted with a correction to minute no. 7, where the phrase “turned over to ARES later on” was corrected to read “used by ARES later on.”
3. Treasurer’s Report - WB8APD reported the club’s bank balance.
4. Membership Report - W8AZO reported that the club gained 3 new members or renewals for a grand total of 217 active members.
5. Programs for 2009 – K8EHP will arrange a foxhunt for this month’s picnic meeting. It was also reported that W8TAB is arranging a program about social networking and that a person who works for the NFL may present a program about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
6. Technical Committee Report (including “hanging” IRLP reflector) – WD8JMM reported that the power failed at the 146.88 site so he reset “everything.” N8AUC said that WD8EDS was told not to connect to IRLP reflectors and walk away. N8NAP stated that the Trustees had already agreed to keep the IRLP available 24 hours per day on 146.88 but that this policy had not yet been implemented. None of the Trustees recalled such a policy, so W2THU moved and W8AZO seconded a motion to do so. This motion passed with 10 in favor and 1 opposed.
7. Status of 146.76 repeater site search - N8AUC reported that there had been no movement to get on the county tower. The discussion then shifted to obtaining space on top of the new Ahuja Medical Center building which is under construction in close proximity to the present site. It appears it will be tall enough. This is part of the University Hospital System. W2THU stated that he has a contact at UH who is interested in getting ham radio aboard. N8AUC said that the county is aware that in order to obtain Homeland Security funds that they need to work with ham radio.
8. Comprehensive Plan for LEARA’s Goals - WD8JMM stated that the R in LEARA is for radio and not repeater. What kind of organization do we want to be? Alex asked us to think about that as we continue this discussion.
9. Preliminary Field Day Results - N8AUC reported that we operated class 3A, the biggest category, a GOTA

station and KC8RAN operated the satellite station which worked one pass. The club had 63 CW contacts and 233 on phone for a total of 1,788 points which Eric will submit to the ARRL. Gary, WA8TJL reported that his wife, Janet, had a heart attack shortly after helping out at LEARA Field Day, but that she is doing well. The Board members individually expressed their concern and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

10. Need for New Sunshine Person to Replace Don, N8DJG ? – W8AZO reported that Don Raith is now set up in the assisted living residence in Aurora, Ohio. So, KC8FOC agreed to be the Sunshine Person by acclamation of the Board.
11. LEARA QSL card status – N8AUC or WB8APD reported that nothing has been done yet.
12. Election Committee Report – W8AZO reported that we need candidates to run for trustee. Even though it was advertised in the newsletter, Ron will be instructed to do so again.
13. July Picnic Plans – N8XDO reported that there will be a LEARA birthday cake.
14. Renewal of LCARA RC-850 Lease Agreement – WD8JMM reported that the president of LCARA, Bill N8IJG, contacted Alex about renewing our verbal agreement with the Lake County group. This time, the two clubs will draw up a written agreement for LEARA to use the LCARA controller. WB8APD said he would approach Bill about purchasing the controller.
15. Need for UPS for 146.88 Repeater – WD8JMM reported that the UPS would supply the DSL/Modem, the computer and the controller. The current battery that backs-up the RC-850 controller needs to be evaluated.
16. New Website Status – K8JTK said that he tried to get a content management system on our existing Expedient website. Expedient is moving our website to a new platform and Jeff is getting help from some of our trustees regarding how content is written and just getting it going.
17. Any Other Old Business – There was no old business.
18. New Business – KD8ACO has a flyer for the 40th anniversary of NASA-Glenn Apollo moonwalk. W2THU reported that he has a list of equipment from the estate of W8HQM (not a LEARA member).
19. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 1059.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Winston W2THU
Secretary

-AR-

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by David Noeth, KD8ACO

Wednesday Skywarn Practice Net

Skywarn practice nets have returned 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. Everyone is welcome! 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 eighty-four (84) check-ins. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Bill AC8CO, David AD8WS, Ron K2RJ, Randy K8CLE, Gene K8ECL, Mike K8EHP, Tom K8PPZ, Steve K8SAS, Fritz K8WLF, Tom KA8BZB, John KA8GZA, Greg KB8PEC, Carl KB8VXE, Jeff KC8FNK, Mark KC8FQV, Helen KC8IKK, Joe KC8RAN, Tony KC8SXX, Jean KC8TJH, David KD8ACO, Eddie KD8FTS, Don KD8ICR, Ray KD8LLE, Ken KG8DN, Mike KG8MTG, Eric N8AUC, Howie N8CXA, Raye N8NAP, Tom N8UAZ, Bill N8UPZ, Ed NC8ED, Matt W8DEC, Matt W8EBB, Ray W8SLZ, Stuart W8STU, Ray WA4WGA, Gary WA8TJL, Cliff WA8ZAZ, and John WG8H.

Net Control Stations: David KD8ACO, Bob W2THU, Don KD8ICR, Eric N8AUC, and Ken KG8DN.

Upcoming NCS assignments are:

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| 8/13/09 | Bob | W2THU |
| 8/20/09 | Don | KD8ICR |
| 8/27/09 | Eric | N8AUC |
| 9/3/09 | Ken | KG8DN |
| 9/10/09 | David | KD8ACO |
| 9/17/09 | Bob | W2THU |
| 9/24/09 | Don | KD8ICR |

The feedback received from members regarding the Thursday Club Net promotion as announced on the net and at the past few membership meetings has been very encouraging. This promotion encourages participation in both the weekly club net, as well as, the monthly LEARA membership meetings. Specifically, any individual who checks into the Thursday Club Net during a given month will be given one extra door prize ticket at the following month's LEARA club meeting. This extra door prize ticket will be given in addition to any other door prize tickets the individual has already been given. Participation in only one net during the preceding month is required. Participation in the monthly meeting is obviously required.

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. Mark your calendar, the SSTV net will resume this fall on the evening of October 3, 2009.

Wanted! Net Control Stations

We now have five Net Control Stations for the Thursday evening LEARA Club Net. There's always room for more stations who would like to give it a try.

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. 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 or send me an email at kd8aco@leara.org. 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

16 Aug 2009 Warren ARA
<http://www.w8vtd.org>
 Talk-In: 146.970
 Contact: Chris Brister, KD8BHR
 5714 Ensign Road West Farmington,
 OH 44491 Phone: 440-548-5616
 Email: kd8bhr1@yahoo.com
 Cortland, OH, Trumbull County
 Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Road

23 Aug 2009 Hamfest and Computer Show—Cambridge ARA
<http://www.w8vp.org>
 Talk-In: 146.850- (PL 91.5)
 Contact:
 Mary Jane Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR
 Email: radicalrhodes@yahoo.com
 Cambridge, OH
 Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
 7033 Glenn Highway
 Sect: Ohio

13 Sep 2009 Butler County ARA
<http://w3udx.org>
 Talk-In: 147.36/96 (PL 131.8)
 Contact: Jim Love, W1JHL
 206 Reiber Road
 Renfrew, PA 16053
 Phone: 724-482-2656
 Email: w1jhl@arrl.net Butler, PA
 Unionville Fire Department Grounds
 Intersection of PA Rte 8 and Unionville Road
 Div: Atlantic
 Sect: Western Pennsylvania

27 Sep 2009 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show
 Hamfest Assn. of Cleveland, Inc.
<http://www.hac.org>
 Talk-In: 146.73 (PL 110.9)
 Contact: William Beckman, N8LXY
 Phone: 800-CLE-FEST
 Email: go to Web site and click on e-mail Berea, OH
 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 164 Eastland Road
 Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

16-Aug-2009
 Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY
 ARA RED CROSS
 Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: CHARLES HALL
 (216)453-3700
 Email: VE@W8HF.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
 2929 W RIVER RD N
 WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)
 ELYRIA, OH 44035

19-Aug-2009
 Sponsor: 20 OVER 9 ARC
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ALLAN AVNET
 (330)549-3051
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: EMA BUILDING
 700 INDUSTRIAL RD
 YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44509

29-Aug-2009
 Sponsor: CANTON & MASSILLON ARC'S
 Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: GARY L KLINE
 (330)837-2927
 Email: WC8W@SSSNET.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MASSILLON SENIOR CENTER
 39 LINCOLN WAY WEST
 1ST FLOOR
 REAR ENTRANCE ONLY

MASSILLON, OH 44647

01-Sep-2009
 Sponsor: CUYAHOGA FALLS ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: BRUCE M FERRY
 (330)929-2766
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
 3512 DARROW RD
[HTTP://WWW.AK8B.US/VE](http://WWW.AK8B.US/VE)
 STOW, OH 44224

05-Sep-2009
 Sponsor: SILVERCREEK ARA
 Time: 9:30AM (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

13-Sep-2009
 Sponsor: CUYAHOGA ARS
 Time: 9:00 AM (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

Welcome New LEARA Member!

Please heartily welcome the following Ham who joined earlier this month.

Mike Gamber—KG8MTG

ESTATE SALE

Items for sale from the estate of KG4PQJ
 Equipment is in Lorain, Ohio

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|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heathkit SB220 | \$600 | Yaesu FT901DM | \$450 |
| Kenwood FT940 | \$75 | Kenwood PS50 | \$129 |
| Kenwood MC60 | \$75 | TenTec Desk Mic | \$89 |
| Kenwood TS940 | \$700 | TenTec Jupiter | \$900 |
| MFJ VersaTuner | \$250 | Ameritron ATR20 | \$425 |
| COM IC706 | \$650 | Kenwood TS440S | \$600 |

Contact Keisha Riley @ 954-274-8088





LEARA Picnic Pix
*You miss one meeting...
You miss a Lot!*



Weaver's Words

By Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
ARRL Great Lakes Division

Ohio QSO Party

The Ohio QSO Party (OQP) will be August 22. The emphasis in the Party is for out-of-state amateurs to contact Ohio amateurs. Ohio amateurs may contact other Ohio amateurs as well as out-of-state amateurs. Contacts may be made on 80 meters through 10 meters excluding the WARC bands. Entries are open to single operators as well as multiple operators. The OQP being as 12 noon and ends at 12 midnight EDT. Entry categories include DX, US outside Ohio and inside Ohio, low-power, high-power and QRP, fixed and mobile, and single and multiple operations. For further details on the rules as well as logging requirements, see www.ohqp.org. Winners in the 13 scoring categories in 2008 and prior Parties are also available at this site. The OQP has been sponsored by the Mad River RC for several years.

When is it Inappropriate for Amateurs to Provide Communication?

ARRL is asked frequently if it is proper for amateurs to provide communication support to many, varied activities. Many questions appear to be related to ideas that have arisen following Hurricane Katrina and more recent emergency and disaster situations. "Is it OK for my hospital to get its nurses licensed as hams so they can use ham radio in emergencies?" is just one example of these questions. Actually, this question appears to be relatively simple to answer. But, is it? As a result of confusing

situations and fine lines hams face these days, we on the ARRL Board instructed President Joel Harrison, W5ZN to appoint a special committee to study the issue. The committee is tasked with recommending examples of appropriate and inappropriate activities within 30 days. After being reviewed by the Board, guidelines to help each of us understand what according to FCC which activities are proper for us to support and which are improper, and why.

Monthly OO Activity Report

For many years, FCC did not provide feedback to ARRL on Official Observer reports it received. This has changed. Because of legal constraints, the feedback isn't very detailed, but it is being given. In June there were a total of 692 Official Observers (OOs) in the US. During June, ARRL received 10 recommendations for hams to begin the process to become OOs. OOs are still needed in parts of the Great Lakes Division as well as the country. If you are interested in becoming an OO, please contact your Section Manager, your Official Observer Coordinator or another League official. A few of the situations OOs reported in June include:

- Complaints about activities on or near 14.275 MHz; especially about the language used.
 - Reports from Michigan regarding unlicensed hunters using 2 meter simplex frequencies. Information has been forwarded to the FCC.
 - Reports of boot-legged calls.
 - A report of "numbers stations" (Spanish speaking stations transmitting numbers) on 30 meters. Another report was of transmissions of 5 letter code groups.
- No official actions were added to the FCC listing during June.

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VOICE REPEATERS:

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| 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) IRLP Node 4282 |
| 224.90/R- | • Lakewood (141.3 Hz tone) |
| 444.40/R+ | • Highland Hills (131.8 Hz tone) |
| 444.70/R+ | • Lakewood (131.8 Hz tone) |
- (.76, .88, .90 and .70 offer emergency and member-only autopatch lines.)

PACKET NODES:

CLE1 145.01 MHz: CLE5 145.05 MHz: CLEV220 223.70 MHz

These nodes are part of the Cleveland Net Cluster in K8EIW's backbone system.

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| GENERAL: NBRY | • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz (KA-NODE) |
| NBRYX | • 145.07 MHz ⇔ 223.70 MHz Gateway |
| LEARA | • 145.07 MHz & 223.70 MHz PBBS |

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