



The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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Relationship Networking: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

Presented by Karen Malone Wright

Tuesday, September 29, LEARA Dimitri's Dinner Meeting

Millions of people are applying technology to communicate and build relationships with people they may never meet face-to-face. But the device that's being used isn't a radio -- it's a computer...or maybe a mobile phone. Online networking, social media and a brand new Internet are changing the way we talk with each other, and it's no passing fad.

Karen Malone Wright, president of ODYSSEY Creative Communications Consulting will introduce you to the world of Linked in, Facebook, Twitter and more. Karen presents workshops and provides one-on-one and group coaching in social media and online communications strategies. Her blog, Communications Goddess (www.communicationsgoddess.net) is gaining popularity among people interested in Web 2.0 and the evolving ways we communicate now.

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 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).

BREAKING NEWS

76 Repeater Move Begins

By the time you read this, the 76 repeater will be off the air and its replacement being readied for its new location, a tower a few hundred yards north of the old "Sunny Acres" hospital. Tri-C, the new property owners, notified us that power to the building would be terminated as of October 1. The new repeater, being built by LEARA's first President Bill Hess, K8SGX, only needs the duplexer and antennas from the old system to go operational after the details for taking occupancy of the new site are finalized. Until 76 again becomes operational, all nets and activities will be moved to the 88 repeater. There will be more details forthcoming at the club meeting. -AR-



**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



In my last column, I mistakenly stated that there would be no election of Trustees this year. At the August meeting, a motion was made and carried to suspend that portion of the Bylaws regarding the deadline for nominations. Maybe I should give a little background here. In past years (for as long as I can remember), at the July membership meeting, a motion is made to extend the nominating deadline through the end of the August membership meeting. That motion, and its vote, are virtually a formality, which allows the

election committee additional time to recruit and nominate candidates for Trustee.

Unfortunately, we forgot to do that at the August meeting. Therefore, to continue to accept nominations as we have in the past, through August, the emergency vote was necessary.

The upshot of all that is that my earlier column is now incorrect, we have several nominees for Trustee, and we will be having an election in October.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find the biographical information of the candidates for Trustee. Please look the information over, and consider carefully which five candidates would be best able to serve the organization as Trustees for the next three years. Ballots will be mailed out in early October – please exercise your right to vote!

The August meeting was quite educational and entertaining. Thanks again to Bob Leskovec, K8DTS for arranging our speaker. Ed Miller, K8EHA, put on a beautiful program describing the joys and headaches of coordinating the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. If you missed Ed's program, you missed a real treat.

September's program promises to be another adventure in education. Karen Malone Wright and Claudia Timmerman will give us an introduction to the world of LinkedIn, FaceBook, and Twitter. If you don't know what those are, ask your kids! Social networking and Web 2.0 are the buzzwords of the new information age, and while it's not ham radio, there are forces at work here that

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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**.

Cleveland Triathlon a Success

by Tom Kimball, KA8BZB

Pacific Sports and United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland would like to thank all of the hams who volunteered to come out for the Triathlon on August 2nd. The event was a big success, and they are



reporting that they raised approximately \$140,000 for UCP. In addition, I would like to extend my personal thanks for an excellent job. In addition to hams from LEARA, we had several from the Cuyahoga County ARES® who also came out.

Those who volunteered were (and I hope I got you all - if I missed anyone, let me know and I'll make it up to you): David KD8ACO, Dave WB8APD, Marv W8AZO, Matt W8DEC, Ken KG8DN, Brad KD8DWK, Tom AC8EH, Mike K8EHP, Eddie KD8FTS, Alex WD8JMM, Mark WD8KHU, Carl W8KRF, Sara KC8KSU, Mary KC8LYC, Bob N8QXF, Bruce KC8RKS, Bob W8RLM, Kelly KC8UIX, Leone KB8VBR, Carl KB8VXE, Jim N8XDO, Ed KE8ZZ.

There was one significant incident when two bikes came together near Edgewater Park. Hams were first on the scene, correctly assessed the situation and obtained appropriate medical assistance. We arranged for his transportation to a local medical facility and also arranged for the transportation of his bike back to the finish area where it was released to his family (he'll be fine and says he'll be back next year - he was grateful for our presence and our quick response.)

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the amateur community needs to understand and work with. Come on out for a good dinner and some insight into the new ways people are staying in touch. That's all I have for now - hope to see you on the 29th!
-AR-

LEARA.ORG Website Gets Makeover

By Jeffrey Kopcak, K8JTK

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association is proud to announce the NEW [leara.org](http://www.leara.org) website. The new website features a fresh new look and new content!

Some of the new features include a Calendar of Events -- so you don't miss a LEARA event, IRLP usage and Frequently Asked Questions, a wide range of ham radio links, and detailed information about LEARA's meetings, repeaters, and nets.

Another brand new feature is the "LEARA Weekly Net Activity Log" written by Dave - KD8ACO. It includes announcements, trivia questions, check-ins, and upcoming net controllers for the Thursday night net. There is also a "news feeds" section so you can keep up with the latest ham radio news right from our website.

The new website is running the *Joomla!* Content Management System (CMS) platform. The template is a standard template that has been modified to include LEARA logos and pictures.

I would like to thank the following people for their help in contributing to this project in some way when called upon: Ron - K2RJ, Jeff - N8YNR, Eric - N8AUC (as Trustee and Cuyahoga County EC), Bob - W2THU, Dave - WB8APD; those who run nets on our repeaters: Dave - KD8ACO, John - N8OBJ, Don - KJ5KB; and finally our web server provider Expedient.

Head on over to the NEW LEARA website by pointing your browser to: <http://www.leara.org/>

Comments can be left via the website. -AR-

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

The following members have been nominated for Trustee and will appear on October's Ballot:

John Bush, KG8YZ	Kelly Manuk, KC8UIX
<i>Dave Foran, WB8APD</i>	<i>Dave Noeth, KD8ACO</i>
<i>Marv Grossman, W8AZO</i>	Bill Pinnicks, KC8AWR
Ken Kane, KG8DN	<i>Bryan Torok, N8OOF</i>
Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN	<i>Bob Winston, W2THU</i>

Italics indicate incumbents running for re-election.
Candidate biographies appear later in this newsletter.

River Run Marathon Report

by Eric Jessen, N8AUC

Usually, just after labor day each year, a group of hams gathers in the pre-dawn gloom in an empty, darkened parking lot somewhere in suburbia. HT's at the ready, batteries fully charged, they huddle around the trunk of a parked car collecting t-shirts, maps and course assignments. This is how the annual Cleveland Clinic Sports Health River Run begins for a group of LEARA members each year. And on Sunday, September 13th, a group of 10 LEARA members proudly carried on the tradition, by gathering in the K-mart parking lot at Bagley and Engle Road in Middleburg Heights just before sunrise for the 2009 version of River Run.

River Run is a half marathon that runs through the scenic Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks, beginning at Wallace Lake in Berea, and ending 13.1 miles later near the Memorial Ball Fields in Rocky River, just south of the intersection of Hilliard and Wooster Roads. In past years, there was an inline skate race as well, which was the thrill portion of the event! The fastest skaters would complete the course in slightly over 20 minutes. For those challenged by math, they were traveling at approximately 39 MPH on roller blades! The inline skate event was replaced this year, by what I like to call a Kamikaze 5K run. Why call it that? Well, the walkers started shortly after 7AM, and the half marathon runners started northbound at 8AM. But the Kamikaze 5K runners started from the finish line headed southbound at 8AM, straight into the path of the oncoming half marathon runners! Fortunately, most of the 5K runners and walkers were done before the half marathon runners got that far north! Jim - N8XDO kept everything straight for us at the 5K turnaround point.

LEARA member Ed Zorn, KE8ZZ staffed the starting line, and called out the beginning of the race as usual. It just wouldn't be River Run without Ed at the starting line! Tom Kimball, KA8BZB did his usual fine job finding and following "tail end Charlie" to make sure they finished safely. El Presidente himself, Alex WD8JMM - with family in tow - kept folks from getting lost near the non-metropark loop. Leone, KB8VBR kept everybody going in the right direction at the Barrett Road split. Gary, AF8A did double duty manning the water stop at the 6 mile marker and keeping the mid-course rescue squad in sight, just in case they were needed. Everybody else kept a close eye on the rest of the course and the runners from the water stops located roughly every 2 miles along the route.

The weather was just perfect! At race start, it was partly sunny with a temperature in the mid 50s. By the end of

License Class Starts Nov. 10th at Fairview Hospital

by Carl Rimmer, W8RKF

I am announcing a *Technician Class* which will be held on *Tuesdays* starting *November 10, 2009* at *7PM*. There will be 8 two-hour sessions. The location will be the *Fairview Hospital* on Lorain Road in Fairview. There is room for 25 participants. More detailed information will be sent and posted on the website as the date approaches.

Let's get the word out to your friends, family, and associates who have shown an interest in becoming hams. Please email me at w8krf@w8krf.net if you are interested. There will be no cost except the price of the ARRL Technician Class manual. The deadline for sign ups will be October 31, 2009. I could also use some assistance with the class so if you can help, please let me know. -AR-

the event the sky was a nice clear blue, with bright sunshine, and a temperature of about 75. This year's race was entirely uneventful, as no participants required any physical assistance. Just a confused fisherman who started his fishing before dawn, and was totally unaware that the rangers closed the metroparks to vehicle traffic while he was off drowning worms. When he tried to leave, he was spotted driving along the race course, and had to be stopped, and escorted off by the Metroparks Rangers.

Tom escorted "tail end Charlie" across the finish line at about 11:15AM. After the event, some of the crew gathered near the finish line for a post-race snack, courtesy of Cleveland Clinic Sports Health and Hermes Sports. Pizza Pan provided the pizza, which is the breakfast of champions and many undergrad college students! To go with the pizza, there were bagels, fruit, coffee, bottled water, and Mitchell's Ice cream Shoppe provided dessert. After all, Leone needed his ice cream fix!

A sincere thanks, and a hearty "well done" are in order for the following hams, who made up this year's River Run Radio Team: Ed - KE8ZZ, Tom - KA8BZB, Karl - KB8VXE, Alex - WD8JMM, Gary - AF8A, Jim - N8XDO, Leone - KB8VBR, Curtis - KC8UQX, David - AD8WS and Eric - N8AUC.

Also a special thank you to the NASA - Glenn ARC for the use of their 2M repeater, which covers the depths of the Rocky River Metropark Valley like a well made glove. AR-

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2009 IN PARMA, OHIO

A quorum of members was present. Larry, N8MGU moved and Bryan, N8OOF seconded the following motion:

That the membership of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association suspend its rules – specifically that portion of the Association's bylaws contained in Article II, Section 4 which specifies the deadline by which nominations can be made and accepted, and extends that deadline until the end of the August meeting as though the Board of Trustees had passed such a motion in accordance with the provisions of that Bylaw in a timely manner.

Gary, WA8TJL moved and Bryan, N8OOF seconded a motion to:

modify the above motion by adding that the membership also suspend that portion of the bylaws that requires nominations to be made in writing.

There being no further discussion, President Alex, WD8JMM called the question on the original motion and the motion to modify in one vote. Both motions passed with all members voting in favor except for one vote against.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Winston, W2THU
Secretary
-AR-

BIOGRAPHIES AND POSITIONS FOR LEARA TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

John Bush, KG8YZ (formerly KB8QHS)

"Ham it up!" is not what a comedian does; it is what all amateurs do worldwide and here in Cleveland. I grew up around amateur radio as my dad was licensed as W9BUE and later (after WW II) W4KQK. I received my license in 1992 after being Elmered by WE8T and others at Picker International. I joined LEARA shortly afterward.

Besides previously being a board member, I have been in several Pedal-to-the-Point radio/medical operations and a triathlon and more than a few Ohio Mid-winter Rallies and WIST radio support functions.

Whether you are a long-term DX'er or a new Technician, I believe LEARA has a place for you. LEARA is an excellent example of an active radio club: programs and activities include -- besides the aforementioned public service events -- amateur SSTV (amateur slow-scan TV),

the operation of antennas and doughnuts, maintenance of a quality repeater network in the Cleveland area, CEI communications, Skywarn instructions and active nets, and an excellent newsletter, *The Spirit of '76 and '88*, etc. What does all this mean?

1) LEARA is an active club that needs an active membership and a proactive board of Directors. 2) Over the years, the club has created a following to its meetings because of its programs and I wish to aid in continuing this. 3) The club is now at another crossroads of maintaining itself and I wish to bring my experience with me to continue LEARA's direction. Being elected to the board will allow me to make use of my experiences in keeping LEARA as a top-notch volunteer organization for both the ham community and the community at-large.

Kelly S. Manuk, KC8UIX

I've been a technician class ham since 2002 and became a member of LEARA shortly after. Since then I've been active in the club by attending trustees meetings, participating in public service events and Field Day. I look forward to the opportunity to assist the board of trustees in the day to day functions of the club.

Bill Pinnicks, KC8AWR

I have been a ham since 1995. I have been an active member of LEARA ever since I became a ham. I am a certified SKYWARN weather spotter and have participated in countless LEARA service events over my time with LEARA. I also organize the bi-weekly "Breakfast With the Hams" at the Bedford I-Hop. Since my move to Medina County, I have not been to as many club meetings as I would like, but I am still an active "drive time" voice on 76. I would like to become more active with LEARA by becoming a trustee.

Ken Kane, KG8DN

I became a professed Brother of Holy Cross at Notre Dame in August of 1959, and in 1987 began teaching physics at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills. When I moved to Geauga County in 1990, Finley Stay (WD8ARM) introduced me to ham radio through LEARA.

Shortly after earning my "ticket" I began developing the Gilmour Academy Amateur Radio Club, supported by countless colleagues and generous LEARA members. We received the vanity club call ND8GA in 2002, and by prior arrangement our students contacted the International Space Station by ham radio in January of 2004.

Since 1993 I have held an advanced, then as of 2003 an extra class, license as KG8DN. I have greatly enjoyed my continuing membership in LEARA and my participation as a ham in teaching and public service.

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by David Noeth, KD8ACO

The new LEARA website includes the LEARA Club Net Activity Log found under the "Nets" page (see www.leara.org/nets/leara-club-net-activity-log). This activity log is updated weekly with new information from the LEARA Thursday Night Club Net. So, if you get pulled away from the net or are not able to participate, then check-out the LEARA Club Net Activity Log to see what you missed.

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 fifty-six (56) check-ins. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Bill AC8CO, David AD8WS, Gene K8ECL, Mike K8EHP, Steve K8SAS, John KA8GZA, Bob KA8WQJ, Jeff KC8FNK, Mark KC8FQV, Lilly KC8MHZ, Tony KC8SXX, Jean KC8TJH, David KD8ACO, Ed KE8ZZ, Ken KG8DN, Mike KG8MTG, Eric N8AUC, Don N8DJG, Raye N8NAP, Tom N8UAZ, Bill N8UPZ, Jeff N8YNR, Ernie W8AJZ, Matt W8EBB, and Gary WA8TJL.

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

Upcoming NCS assignments are:

9/17/09	Bob	W2THU
9/24/09	Don	KD8ICR
10/1/09	Eric	N8AUC
10/8/09	David	KD8ACO
10/15/09	Ken	KG8DN

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!

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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!

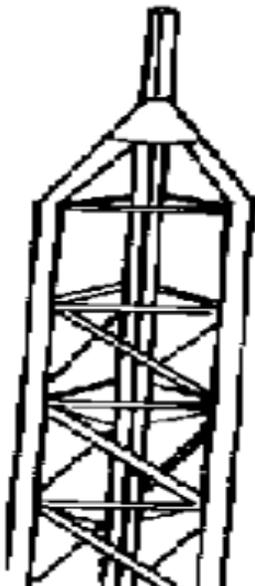
Hamfest Listing

26 Sep 2009 34th Annual Elmira International HamFest/ComputerFest Amateur Radio Association of the Southern Tier
<http://www.ARAST.org>
Talk-In: 147.36+ & 146.70- (no tones)
Contact: Elliott Blauvelt, N2OJM
Phone: 607-739-5626
Email: 2009HamFest@ARAST.org
Horseheads, NY
Chemung County Fairgrounds

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

4 Oct 2009 Western New York Section Convention (Greater Buffalo Hamfest)
Lancaster Amateur Radio Club
<http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net>
Talk-In: 147.255 (PL 107.2)
Contact: Luke Calianno, N2GDU
Phone: 716-481-5747
Email: luke48@gmail.com
Ismailia Shrine Center
1600 Southwestern Blvd.
(Route 20) West Seneca, NY



Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

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
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

20-Sep-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

26-Sep-2009

Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY ARA
Time: 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES T VIELE
(330)534-1394
Email: W8JV@YAHOO.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HUBBARD PUBLIC LIBRARY
436 W LIBERTY ST
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED
WWW.MVARA.ORG
HUBBARD, OH 44425

27-Sep-2009

Sponsor: HAMFEST ASSOC OF CLEVELAND
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JON G ANHOLD
Email: N8USK@HAC.ORG
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: BEREA ROOM- UNDER BEREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
7 BEREA COMMONS
HTTP://HAC.ORG/VE
BEREA, OH 44017

27-Sep-2009

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

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David D. Noeth, KD8ACO

I have enjoyed a lifelong interest in electronics and radio, earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering from Case. For the past 27 years, I have been active in the development of industrial automation and control systems as a consulting engineer through my own company. I have been an active member of LEARA for as long as I have been licensed. Most recently, I upgraded to an Extra Class Amateur Radio License in July 2008, keeping my original call sign.

During my membership in LEARA, I have been active in Field Day (the GOTA station in 2009), numerous public service events, monthly club meetings, bi-monthly Trustees meetings, Elmering, local hamfests, and as a Net Control Station for the weekly club net. In addition, 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. The Thursday night club net information is also updated weekly in the LEARA Club Net Activity Log on the new LEARA website.

If selected by the membership of LEARA to continue to represent them as a Trustee, I plan on continuing to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas 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 and the hobby. I am committed to keeping LEARA the premier organization that it is.

Bryan A. Torok, N8OOF

Resides in Bay Village, lifetime resident of the Cleveland area. Sergeant in the Cleveland Police Department and State Certified Emergency Medical Technician since 1981. Married to Sara, KC8KSU.

Interested in electronics and radio since early teen years. Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology. Graduated with honors (summa cum laude) from Cleveland State University in 1998.

Licensed Amateur Radio Operator since 1991
Member of LEARA since 1991; Radio Officer since 1993; Trustee since 1994; Chaired or served on the Election Committee 10 of the last 12 years (1998 through 2009). Participated in Test and Tune and served as

Homebrew Night Judge several years. Newsletter Editor, August 1999 to 2005. Also functioned as reporter, columnist, and photographer. As Trustee rarely misses a meeting, also attends most membership meetings. Drafted LEARA's current Articles of Incorporation, leading to LEARA obtaining 501(c)(3) status.

Over the years, Bryan has participated in almost every public service event LEARA does, although not all in any one year. Chaired the Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament several years.

Member of ARRL, South Shore Amateur Radio Society, Skywarn (as a spotter), Ohio Area Repeater Council, NRA, LEAA and FOP. Owner of the 444.350 repeater. Other activities include fox (hidden transmitter) hunting and amateur rocketry.

"I feel participation in LEARA to be very important. Over the years I have worked to make the running of the organization more open and transparent and to encourage the average member to get involved. I want to encourage and assist the LEARA membership to become more informed and involved not only in public service, but also in the management of the organization itself. In these challenging times, I want to continue on the Board to help LEARA grow and prosper. Thank you for your support."

Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN

My first license arrived in November 1967 so I have been involved with Ham Radio for 42 years holding Novice, General, Advanced and currently hold the Amateur Extra Class. My Father W8ZEQ/SK and his Ham friends taught me about MF and HF operations and I have worked 160 through 10 Meters. My introduction to VHF operations was learning how to convert commercial transceivers to 2 Meters and have watched the evolution from vacuum tubes to the microelectronics that we operate today.

My educational background includes an Associate in Applied Sciences Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from LCCC and a Bachelors of Science in Electronics Technology from CSU.

As a former trustee of LEARA for 15 years, I decided to actively participate in my son's (Todd KC8UNS) pursuit of his Eagle Scout rank and help care for my aging father. I have also served as a former officer of Lorain County Amateur Radio Assn. My wife is Gail, WD8EHL. With the assistance of W2THU, I pursued a PRB-1 lawsuit in Federal Court to maintain our civil rights to erect ham antennas.

Working for 3 different contractors at NASA, I have worked on industrial control systems for Operations and Maintenance for over 17 years.

I believe that amateur radio organizations, such as LEARA should support community and government programs like SKYWARN, Community Events and ARES

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I enjoy HF CW & phone and am active on VHF 2 M and 1-1/4 M. My hobbies are collecting antique radios and telegraph keys, photography and videography, sailing and bicycling.

Marv Grossman, W8AZO

Marv Grossman, W8AZO is a charter member of LEARA.

He has participated actively in the organization since its beginning, including, but not limited to being instrumental in obtaining & constructing the '76 site, working on all of the club's repeaters at one time or another, setting up the original SkyWarn station at NWS, participating in public-service events and the club newsletter for many years.

Having been Chief of Police of Warrensville Township (now Highland Hills) for over 18 years and working for Antenna Specialists/Allen Telecom for 36 years, Marv is now happily retired. Although still working part-time as bailiff/deputy clerk of Highland Hills Mayor's Court, there is more than ample time available to keep the computerized LEARA membership records up-to-date.

A Trustee for most of LEARA's existence, Marv will continue to serve the organization if re-elected.

Dave Foran, WB8APD

Dave has been a LEARA member since Feb 1971, making him the 2nd longest continuous member of LEARA. He has been involved in all the major changes over the years to 76 and 88. He is currently the treasure. He has missed very few trustees meetings and the regular club meetings and those misses have been predicated by his other activities at the local high school. He has tried to make himself available to visit the sites when there is a problem. He was instrumental in providing hardware for the IRLP on 88 and making trips to tweak as necessary. Was webmaster for www.leara.org, for a number of years and maintains the LEARA mailing lists and keeping things running in the back ground while leaving net operations and Skywarn to others. Over the years was the printer of the LEARA news letter as the club's offset press was at his home. I intend to continue to serve

LEARA to the best of my ability if/when re-elected.

Robert M. Winston W2THU

I have been licensed continuously since 1957, presently holding an Extra Class ticket. My undergraduate and graduate degrees are in electrical engineering and I have taught math, electronic technology and law at the university level. I joined LEARA shortly after moving to Cleveland in 1979, becoming a Board member around 1987 and serving in that capacity as club secretary, vice-president and president.

I believe that a LEARA Trustee should be an active LEARA member. In that respect, I am presently the recording secretary, a net control operator, a participant in the mailing process for the newsletter, a regular volunteer at the LEARA table at the Cleveland Hamfest and other assignments that might need my legal background.

Professionally, I am a practicing attorney with offices in downtown Cleveland. I concentrate my practice in the areas of personal injury, social security disability, personal bankruptcy and probate law. I also represent amateur radio operators who have been denied their right to erect a radio tower on their own property. Fortunately, we have won tower cases in the Ohio Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, which have impacted significantly in allowing hams in this area to obtain tower permits without having to go to court.

I am also active in the American Radio Relay League, where I hold two appointments as Volunteer Counsel and as the Assistant Section Manager for Northeast Ohio. As such, I have been on the ham radio club talk circuit for many years, lecturing on ham radio and the law and ARRL matters at hamfests and radio clubs in Northern Ohio.

I have always enjoyed participating in club activities and I am proud that LEARA is one of the largest clubs in Ohio with extensive VHF and UHF repeater systems, including the IRLP. My vision for the club is to continue to attract new members, especially young people who are sorely needed in our hobby.



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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- <i>IRLP</i> | • 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 |
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