



The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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Annual Corporate Meeting, Elections, Technical Updates and General Q&A At October 27, 2009 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 the new east-side repeater site, the new 76 repeater IRLP on the 88 Lakewood repeater and the vision of the club as we respond to the myriad of changes that have already happened in Amateur Radio and plan for the future.

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 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-

LEARA Trustee Nominees

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

John Bush, KG8YZ
Dave Foran, WB8APD
Marv Grossman, W8AZO
Ken Kane, KG8DN
Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN
Kelly Manuk, KC8UIX
Dave Noeth, KD8ACO
Bill Pinnicks, KC8AWR
Bryan Torok, N800F
Bob Winston, W2THU

Italics indicate incumbents running for re-election.

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!

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| Alex Manuk President | WD8JMM 216-459-8523 |
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| Al Severson | AB8P (SK) |
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| Bryan Torok Radio Officer | N8OOF 440-871-5456 |

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The Prez Says

by Alex Manuk, WD8JMM



After 40 years (give or take), LEARA doesn't have a presence on 146.76. It's almost like the end of an era. On September 22nd, a work party disassembled and removed the 76 machine from its long-time home atop Sunny Acres Hospital. The hospital building has been vacant for several years, and it's finally become time for demolition. I'd like to thank those who participated in the removal of the equipment (from the penthouse, without the assistance of an elevator – WOW).

Our next goal is finalizing plans for the repeater's new home. Those plans are slowly coming together and if things go as we're all hoping they should, expect to hear .76 back on the air soon, with a better signal and better coverage. Finding a new home for the machine hasn't been easy – with the cellular companies grabbing up all the prime RF real estate, and all the other demands for tower space, it's been a long, tough road. I think we're close to a resolution, though, and it's definitely something to look forward to.

In the meantime, please join us on 146.88 for club activities. I have to confess, it's kinda nice to only have to listen to one machine to catch all the goings on of the organization. The LEARA net has grown quite a bit, and the slow scan net is back on 88 on Saturday evenings, so be sure to check in!

October means it's trustee election time. By the time you read this, you should have received your ballot form in the mail. Again, I urge everyone to read through the biographical information, consider your choices, and then choose the 5 people you feel would best serve the organization for the next three years.

We don't have a scheduled program for the October meeting. There'll be some business to take care of, as always at the annual meeting, and of course, the election results. I'll also open the floor for questions from the membership, so if you're curious about any of the plans or workings of the organization, this is the time to bring 'em up. I hope to see you all on October 27th! 73 -AR-

Editor's note: 76 is back up in "test mode" from a temporary site in the Newbury area. Feel free to use it, although its local receiver is a bit "deaf" until the duplexer is installed.

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.

We've All Forgotten About THIS Type of Social Media

by Karen Malone Wright aka "Communications Goddess"

From her Oct. 1 Blog on www.communicationsgoddess.net:



Tuesday evening I spent the night with a fascinating group of men. They were ham radio buffs who belong to the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (LEARA). I was there to introduce them to social media and the world of Web 2.0. (Truth be told, there were a few women in the room, but generally speaking, the women of

amateur radio in northeast Ohio and everywhere else are greatly outnumbered by men.)

Before I was booked for this program, my internal picture of a ham operator was of an overly devoted older man sitting in a basement with big headphones on, relaying critical information that can get out no other way and straining to hear a message that could be vital to the "war effort." Yeah..as in World Wars I and II. Now I'm ashamed to confess such a fossilized notion!

I've since that learned that as of September 2009, there are more than 800,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the U.S. They have the "amateur" label because the FCC grants a license in return for their promise not to accept compensation for their services.

And while amateur radio does indeed have an impressive history in America and other nations, it continues to play a vital role in today's communications, especially during emergencies. During the recent flooding in the Atlanta area, amateur radio, Twitter and Facebook were each credited with getting critical news updates to residents. I remember seeing a tweet earlier this year that compared the way Iranian protesters used Twitter with how ham radio serves as a reliable resource for news when more traditional media fails, or when it ignores small details that are really important to the people living through a crisis.

I think the comparison is right on the mark, so you can imagine how pleased I was to find that there's a social network just for hams: 73s.org. (73 means "best regards" in amateur radio-speak.) That site is also on Twitter (@73s). I found amateur radio podcasts, all kinds of vids on YouTube and several pages on Facebook. While the members of LEARA may be newcomers to Web 2.0, they clearly have brothers and sisters who are as comfortable

Membership Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2009 and Notice of Proposed By-law Change to be Voted Upon at Annual Meeting

By Bob Winston, W2THU, Secretary

Tom Kimball, KA8BZB, proposed the following amendment to the club's bylaws, which he read aloud:

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| First Reading: | 9/29/09 |
| To be published | October Newsletter |
| To be voted upon | at the annual meeting 10/27/09 |

MOTION: To Amend the LEARA Bylaws as follows:

By deleting, in its entirety, Article VII Section 2 which reads:

"Section 2. Suspension of the By-laws on dues (Article I, Section 4) and election of members (Article I, Section 2) at any meeting shall require unanimous consent of the active members present."

By adding the following sentence at the end of the existing Article I, Section 4:

This dues requirement may be waived by action of the Board of Trustees or the membership at any meeting thereof.

-AR-

online as they are on the air.

And those old-fashioned "cans" in my mind's eye are no more. Like other communications technology, the equipment used by today's hams is smaller than anything that was previously used, and it really gets the job done, sometimes with the help of a computer.

Amateur radio is alive and well. Trust me, that's a good thing. -AR-

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by David Noeth, KD8ACO

During the month of October, all three nets held on the LEARA repeaters are on the air! The weekly LEARA SSTV Net has returned on the 146.880 repeater on Saturday nights at 8:00 PM. The weekly Skywarn Practice Net will continue on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM until October 28, 2009. And finally, the weekly LEARA Club Net is always held at 8:00 PM local time on Thursday nights. Don't forget to check-out the new LEARA Club Net Activity Log found under the "Nets" page (see www.leara.org/nets/leara-club-net-activity-log) on the LEARA website for continually updated information from the LEARA Thursday Night Club Net.

Wednesday Skywarn Practice Net

Skywarn practice nets will continue on the 146.880 (-offset, 110.9 PL) repeater on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM local time until the last week in October (October 28, 2009 to be exact). Everyone is welcome! Skywarn nets may be activated 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 146.880 (- 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 Seventy-two (72) check-ins. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Tom AA8NR, Bill AC8CO, David AD8WS, Ron K2RJ, Andy K8AND, Gene K8ECL, Mike K8EHP, Steve K8SAS, John KA8GZA, Bob KA8WQJ, Carl KB8VXE, Jeff KC8FNK, Mark KC8FQV, Jeannie KC8MNV, Joe KC8RAN, Jean KC8TJH, David KD8ACO, Eddie KD8FTS, Larry KD8LYX, Laura KD8MBJ, Ken KG8DN, Mike KG8MTG, Don KJ5KB, Eric N8AUC, Howie N8CXA, Don N8DJG, Raye N8NAP, Bryan N8OOF, Tom N8UAZ, Bill N8UPZ, Rufus N8VSZ, Laurie VA3LL, Bob W2THU, Clyde W8CGB, Matt W8DEC, Stu W8STU, Gary WA8TJL, Dave WB8APD and Alex WD8JMM.

Net Control Stations: Ken KG8DN, David KD8ACO, and Bob W2THU.

Upcoming NCS assignments are:

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| 10/15/09 | Ken | KG8DN |
| 10/22/09 | Bob | W2THU |
| 10/29/09 | Eric | N8AUC |
| 11/5/09 | Ken | KG8DN |
| 11/12/09 | Bob | W2THU |

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. 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 now have four 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-

Hamfest Listing

1 Nov 2009 Massillon A R Cl
<http://www.marcradio.org>
 Talk-In: 147.18/78
 Contact: Dan Anastis, N8DZM
 Phone: 330-478-6149
 Email: ddann@sbcglobal.net
 Massillon Boys and Girls Club Complex
 730 Duncan Street SW

7 Nov 2009 Grant A R C
<http://www.garcchio.net/>
 Talk-In: 146.730- (tone will be off)
 Contact:
 Rodney Crawford, WD8CTX
 Phone: 937-446-2338
 Email: wd8ctx@juno.com
 Georgetown, OH, ABCAP Building
 406 West Plum Street

14-15 Nov 2009 Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo)
 Allen County A R Technical Society
<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>
 Talk-In: 146.880(-)
 Contact: James D. Boyer, KB9IH
 Phone: 260-579-2196
 Email:
chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com
 Fort Wayne, IN
 Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
 4000 Parnell Avenue

Welcome New Members!

Donna Wheeler, W8DMP (ex KC8ZKJ)

Paul Wheeler, W8PJW (ex KC8ZNE)
Painesville

Joe Oney, KB8OYS
Lakewood

Rocco Pollutro, KD8JKM
Highland Heights

Ravishankar Balaji, KD8MAG
Cleveland

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

18-Oct-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

20-Oct-2009
 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

21-Oct-2009
 Sponsor: 20 OVER 9 ARC
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ALLAN AVNET
 (330)549-3051
 Email: AB8AA@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: EMA BUILDING
 700 INDUSTRIAL RD
 YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44509

23-Oct-2009
 Sponsor: WRECS
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROBERT C GAUSS
 (330)562-3328
 Email: 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

01-Nov-2009
 Sponsor: MASSILLON HAMFEST
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: GARY L KLINE
 (330)837-2927
 Email: WC8W@SSSNET.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MASSILLON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
 730 DUNCAN ST SW
 MASSILLON, OH 44647

08-Nov-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

15-Nov-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-Nov-2009
 Sponsor: MAHONING VALLEY ARA
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: JAMES T VIELE
 (330)534-1394
 Email: W8JV@YAHOO.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY
 WOOD ST - FACILITIES BUILDING
 FOR DIRECTIONS CLICK ON:
WWW.MVARA.ORG
 YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44501

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Trustees Present: WB8APD, K8EHP, K2RJ, KD8ACO, N8AUC, N8NAP, N8XDO, KC8FOC, WD8JMM, WA8TJL, K8JTK, W8AZO N8OOF, N8YNR, and W2THU

Guests Present: KA8BZB, KC8UIX and KB8VBR

1. The meeting was called to order by WD8JMM at 0908.

2. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous trustee's meeting were accepted after one correction. (Minute No. 6 - WD8EDS corrected to W8EDS) The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report - WB8APD reported that all submitted bills are paid and the balance in the club bank account is sufficient.

4. Membership Report - W8AZO reported that we have one new member since his last report and the total membership is now 218.

5. Programs for 2009 - KD8ACO suggested that we have a meeting on CW which is still a very popular mode. The consensus was a definite yes as it was pointed out that the R in LEARA stands for radio and not repeater. N8AUC also suggested that we invite our new ARRL Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper. W2THU will follow up.

6. Technical Committee Report - K2RJ reported that he and K8SGX have been working on the new 146.76 repeater at K8QOT's site in Newbury. They have been tweaking levels, audio and the like. The repeater is actually operational at this temporary location, but the transmitter antenna is too low for good coverage. WB8APD will install a UPS at the 148.88 repeater site.

7. Status of 146.76 repeater site- N8AUC reported that most of the radio equipment, antennas and cabinets were removed from Sunny Acres this past Tuesday because the building is being torn down. A small work crew spent most of the day bringing the gear down without benefit of the elevator. K8QOT supplied his trailer. WB8APD has the RLC-3. N8NAP wants the logbook to be preserved. The necessary procedures required before we can install 146.76 at its new location are well underway and Eric is hopeful that LEARA can reinstall it shortly.

8. LEARA's Elmer Program - KD8ACO reports that the club website attracted a potential ham who was mentored by David, resulting in his passing the Tech exam. David queried if we should give a free membership to him and others that we elmer. N8YNR so moved but

KA8BZB pointed out that the bylaws should be consulted first, specifically Article 7, section 2. N8YNR rescinded his motion. KD8ACO said that the broader question is can we do more to attract new hams? N8OOF responded that he had suggested some time ago that LEARA send 3 issues of our Newsletter to new hams. W8AZO said that he did do that with no results. WA8TJL said that we need to attract non hams by soliciting in technical journals, etc. W2THU will look into getting a list of new hams in our area from ARRL.

9. Need for 2nd phone line on 146.88 - WB8APD moved and K2RJ seconded that LEARA remove one of the 2 phone lines at the 146.88 site because only one line is needed for control purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Status of the 6 meter repeater - WB8APD moved that the club should ask the membership to approve terminating the 6 meter repeater and releasing the frequency pair to the Ohio Area Repeater Council. [LEARA bylaws do not allow the Board to unilaterally shut down a repeater.] N8NAP objected because he wants to keep a 6 meter repeater on the air in this area. K2RJ disagrees because no one has been using it. W8AZO said that no one has complained since this repeater was temporarily removed from service. W2THU announced that he has reversed his longstanding policy of objecting to surrendering repeater frequencies in this instance. The motion passed 13 to 2 and must be brought to the membership.

11. Cleveland Hamfest LEARA Participation - W2THU circulated a sign up sheet for the LEARA table and WD8JMM asked for further volunteers to handle the talk in station, which has been our club's traditional service to the Hamfest Association of Cleveland, which sponsors this event.



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!

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12. Election Committee Report and Election SOP – WD8JMM reported that two of the three members of the election committee had to resign pursuant to the Standard Operating Procedures which does not allow a person running for the Board to be on this committee. This leaves WA8TJL as the sole member of the committee. N8OOF moved and W8AZO seconded that we remove provision 3 (D)(b) from the SOP thus allowing us to send out the ballot without a membership roster. The point is to save postage since the roster is available on line. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Holiday Party Dinner – N8XDO will contact Dimitri's Restaurant regarding the menu in due time.

14. 444.40 MHz Repeater Relocation – Since the 444.40 repeater is now removed from Sunny Acres and the Board had already approved moving it to N8YNR's QTH, this will now be done. N8OOF offered his homebrew controller to get it back on the air.

15. LEARA Packer Radio Involvement – W8AZO reminded us that LEARA owns the packet equipment that was at Sunny Acres (CLE1 on 145.01 MHz). He moved and N8AUC seconded that we move it to K8QOT's site. N8NAP opposed the motion which passed 14 to 1.

[Note: at 1055 N8YNR had to leave the meeting]

16. Website – There was a spontaneous round of applause for K8JTK's excellent effort in creating the new LEARA website. WD8JMM stated that he wants to appoint a committee to promote LEARA and he appointed KC8FOC as chair. The committee will create handouts, etc

17. Awards for Service to the Club – WD8JMM wants to hand out award certificates at the annual meeting in November. Alex said he will try to decide who will be recognized. W2THU agreed with the concept.

18. Bylaws – N8NAP was assured that the bylaws as posted on the website are the current and official version. K2RJ said that any minutes of the membership meeting need not be further approved by the Board, but should be accepted by the Board for the record. KA8BZB said that this should be on the agenda of the annual meeting.

19. Meeting Minutes Archives – N8NAP questioned where the minutes are archived. It was pointed out that all of the minutes are in the club secretary's possession. W2THU also pointed out that they are published in the Newsletter which can be found on the club website. They

are also archived in a computer file readily accessible by the Trustees.

20. 501(C)(3) Donations Received Report – N8NAP questioned if we should be acknowledging donors and WD8JMM said that we can do this on a case by case basis. N8NAP said that he was thinking of the club receiving free tower space. KC8FOC said that this should be part of his new promotional committee.

21. New Business – A) KA8BZB passed out written proposals for bylaw changes. In response, WD8JMM appointed Tom chair of the Bylaw Revision Committee. N8AUC expressed frustration with spending so much time amending the bylaws. WD8JMM, K2RJ and W2THU stated similar views.

B) WD8JMM read a letter of understanding between the Lake County Amateur Radio Association and LEARA renewing for one additional year LEARA's possession of LCARA's Advanced Computer Control RC 850 controller. The letter has been signed by the presidents of the respective clubs. WD8JMM told us that LCARA does not want to sell the controller to LEARA at this time.

C) KD8ACO said that the LEARA net, which operated on 146.88 this past Thursday, set a new milestone in that 8 trustees checked in. W2THU stated that there were 24 check-ins, including a VA3 and that the first round had 10 check-ins.

22. Motion to Adjourn – K2RJ moved and W8AZO seconded the motion to adjourn at 1140. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Winston W2THU
Recording Secretary

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76 Repeater Update

As has been previously reported, the 76 repeater went off the air and its replacement is being readied for its new location, a tower a few hundred yards north of the old "Sunny Acres" hospital. In the meantime, as the repeater is undergoing final modifications and adjustment, it is on-the-air from a relatively high site in the Newbury area. Coverage, of course, is quite different and although it is able to use the existing voting receivers, the receive system is still degraded until the duplexer is installed. The old duplexer has been tested and may have been installed by the time you read this, greatly improving the receive coverage. *Ron, K2RJ* -AR-

Great Lakes Division Award Winners

Major awards are presented to deserving members in the Great Lakes Division on alternate years. The growing tradition of presenting these awards at the GLD conventions was continued in Findlay on September 12.

The awards and winning nominations are:

The George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI, Award

Presented to James "Mike" Wagoner, KB4VKS of Covington, KY for continued lifetime excellence as a radio amateur as a roll model and helper for other amateurs. In his service to other amateurs and the public he exemplified the spirit of former GLD Director and ARRL President George Wilson, III, W4OYI.

The Amateur of the Year Award

Presented to James J. Aylward, KC8PD of Ravenna, OH for outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio.

DX Achievement Award

Presented to Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW of Strongsville, OH for his exemplary record of lifetime achievement in promoting DX operations, and for dedicating his time, talents and service to the art and science of Amateur Radio.

The Young Radio Amateur of the Year Award

Presented to Joseph J. Lipa, N8OY of Saline, MI. The award was in recognition demonstrating the spirit of Amateur Radio through guiding other young people into Amateur Radio and through his accomplishments in aca-

ademic, extracurricular and community life. Joe comes from a ham family.

Director's award for Outstanding Achievement

Presented to Thomas J. Mansfield, Jr., KG4TND of Lexington Kentucky for outstanding achievement in managing an ARES unit in the face of external difficulties. A Vice Director's award was presented to Bill Kelsey, N8ET for his effort in organizing the Symposium. -AR-

WRC 11 (or 12?)

The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) will hold World Radio Conference 2011 in 2012,. One of ARRL's aims is to work with other member societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) to get representative agencies at the WRC to agree to a new 500 kHz ham band.

ARRL recently filed comments with the FCC, asking the Commission to support the 500 kHz band. The US is represented at WRC treaty conferences by the US Department of State. The US delegation will include Federal workers from several departments and experts from non-governmental groups. -AR-

September Meeting Prize Winners

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| WB8APD | Floating Lantern | |
| K8DTS | Precision Pliers | |
| KD8ACO | VOM | |
| KC8AWR | Bench Brush | |
| WA8SAJ | 50-50 (\$ 12.00) | -AR- |

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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 K8E1W'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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