



The Spirit of '76 and '88



MARCH

Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2010

SKYWARN Spotter Training Featuring NWS's Gary Garnet Tuesday, March 30, Dimitri's Dinner Meeting

The snow piles are *finally* melted, the sun has been shining and we're now able to fix those "temporary" mid-winter repairs made to our antennas without the risk of frostbite! Even though our winter was considered as *severe*, now is the time we start planning for the real thing—spring thunderstorms that spawn high winds, hail, tornados and floods.

Gary Garnet, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the NWS Cleveland Regional Weather Station will again be teaching us the latest techniques to observe *wall clouds* and to determine whether or not the cloud movement we are seeing is *rotation*, as well as estimating wind velocity, hailstone size and inches-per-hour of rainfall. There are changes this year in how the NWS rates the size of hail and wants it reported, so it is important to keep up with the latest information.

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-

DUES NOTICE!

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

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The Prez Says

by Alex Manuk, WD8JMM



I may be a week early, but it appears that spring has sprung around Northeast Ohio. There are children out riding bicycles (dodging snowpiles, but still), I've seen several devoted motorcyclists, the dog-walkers have slowed down to enjoy the warmer weather, and sure enough, the weather forecast includes the possibility of thunderstorms.

The timing is perfect for our annual Skywarn presentation. This month's program will be as interesting as always – no matter how many

times you've seen it, you always learn something new. Gary Garnet and the crew at the National Weather Service can always be counted on to be informative and entertaining, so make plans to join us for 'Skywarn Training' on March 30th. You'll want to reserve your spot early – there's always a huge crowd for this one.

February's program was a blast. Bill, WB9LBI, made a very convincing argument for anyone who hasn't tried CW to dust off the key and get busy. While the subject matter has been around for a very long time, Bill put a fresh spin on it, got a few laughs, and at least one confirmed 'non-cw' operator has confessed to me he felt the inclination to go home and dig out the code tapes again. It was a great time!

With spring comes a number of new tasks – cleaning up the yard, preparing the garden, putting the snow blower away (a rite of passage I just can't WAIT for – but it's like washing the car, the minute I do that, we'll have 6" of slush in the driveway). It's not too early to start planning the public service schedule. LEARA provides many opportunities for public service. It's our chance to give back a little for the use of the spectrum we're allotted, and it's a great way to make sure you're prepared in the event of a real emergency.

The Cleveland Marathon takes place in April, the Kidney Foundation Walk is in June this year, the Triathlon is in July, Pedal to the Point is in August, and September brings the River Run. Each event's organizers count on amateur participation to assure a safe and healthy event, so be sure to get your name 'on the list' when it comes time for volunteering.

Well, that's all I've got for this month. I hope to see you all at the Skywarn session on the 30th! -AR-

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 Editor Needed

Your Editor is going to retire at the end of this year and has plans to move to Florida. He would like to transition out of the editorship of the *Spirit* by the November issue. The Trustees are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this challenge. If you are interested, contact Ron, K2RJ, or any of the Trustees. -AR-

Picnic Coordinator Opportunity

Jim Ozello, N8XDO, is looking for someone who would be willing to take over his long-time job of club Picnic Coordinator. Basically, the job entails buying and transporting the groceries needed to supply the July picnic. If you would be willing to take this on, please contact Jim or any Trustee. -AR-

Sunshine Available!

Our Sunshine coordinator John Radney, KC8FOC, reminds the membership that if you know of any member who is in the hospital, sick at home, or is suffering from some other cause, please communicate this to him. He wants to make sure that our members are not alone in their times of need. You may contact John at (216) 469-4361 or email kc8foc@leara.org.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR LEARA BADGE?

If you never received your badge, or if you wish to change your badge due to a change in call letters, or if you need to replace a lost badge then please notify Bob W2THU via email: w2thu@arrl.net. First time badges are free. Lost and upgraded badges cost \$5.00

76 Repeater Update

The approval to move the repeater to the tower site very near to the old hospital site as been received and preparations are underway to hire a steeplejack, prepare the antenna system and move the repeater to the site. There's yet a lot that needs to be done, and the Trustees and Technical Committee are committed to getting things done right, so it might be another month or 2 before it all happens. In the meantime, please feel free to use the repeater from its temporary location near Newbury. Ron, K2RJ -AR

Wanted: Operating and Shack Pictures

Your Editor has received a suggestion that instead of just pictures of people taken at meetings, we solicit pictures of member's shack, mobile station or operating events. I'd like to see a varying array of pictures in the *Spirit*, so let's see if we can get an issue or two of different pictures. Please send them by email to editor@leara.org and I'll try to use all I can get! Please help me by reducing the size of the picture before you send it, if you can. If you don't have a clue how to do it, don't worry, just send it and your ol' editor can take care of it...!

Great Lakes Division Director Request

The Great Lakes Division is seeking a computer programmer who is willing to donate effort to develop or modify a program that can be used to personalize and print letters from stored files. Some files would be on the local computer; others would be available on line. We have a program that will perform the necessary functions on a limited basis. It will be very helpful if this program can be upgraded to provide increased flexibility or if a replacement program is written.

If you would like to learn more about this project, please let me know when I can call you. We are an equal opportunity beggar.

Jim Weaver, K8JE , k8je@arrl.org.

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information

by David Noeth, KD8ACO

Until the end of May, all three nets held on the LEARA repeaters are on the air! The weekly Skywarn Practice Net has returned to the 146.76 repeater on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM. The 146.88 repeater is home to both the weekly LEARA Club Net, which is always held at 8:00 PM local time on Thursday nights, and the weekly LEARA SSTV Net on Saturday nights at 8:00 PM. Participation in each and every net is greatly appreciated.

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 146.880 (-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 Night Club Net had a total of fifty-eight (58) check-ins from thirty (30) different stations. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Tom AA8NR, Bill AC8CO, David AD8WS, Mike K8EHP, George K8GIL, Jeff K8JTK, Steve K8SAS, Fritz K8WLF, John KA8GZA, Greg KB8PEC, Leone KB8VBR, Carl KB8VXE, Ray KC8FMG, Jeannie KC8MNW, Jeanne KC8TJH, David KD8ACO, Laura KD8MBJ, Ricky KD8MGF, Ken KG8DN, Mike KG8MTG, Don KJ5KB, Fred N8AHS, Eric N8AUC, Don N8DJG, John N8OBJ, Tom N8UAZ, Bill N8UPZ, Bob W2THU, Ray W8SLZ, and Stu W8STU.

Net Control Stations: David KD8ACO, Ken KG8DN, Bill AC8CO, and Bob W2THU.

Upcoming NCS assignments are:

3/18/10	Ken	KG8DN
3/25/10	Bill	AC8CO
4/1/10	Bob	W2THU
4/8/10	David	KD8ACO
4/15/10	Eric	N8AUC
4/22/10	Ken	KG8DN
4/29/10	Bill	AC8CO

The feedback received from members regarding the Thursday Club Net promotion 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 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-

Hamfest Listing

21 Mar 2010 Hamfest and Computer Fair

Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA)

<http://tmrahamradio.org>

Talk-In: 147.27+

Contact: Brian Harrington, WD8MXR

4463 Holly Hill Drive

Toledo, OH 43614

Phone: 419-385-5624

Email:

brian.harrington@utoledo.edu

Perrysburg, OH

Owens Community College

30335 Oregon Road

10 Apr 2010 Hamfest, Radio, Electronics & Computer Show

Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.jacksoncountyarc.org>

Talk-In: 146.79 (PL 167.9)

Contact: Don Barnhart, KD8HHG

31 Anna Marie Drive

Londonderry, OH 45647

Phone: 740-887-3533

Email: kd8hhg@yahoo.com

Jackson, OH

Jackson County YMCA

594 East Main Street

18 Apr 2010 56th Annual Hamfest, Electronics, and Computer Show

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.cfarec.org/hamfest2010.html>

Talk-In: 147.27

Contact: Ted Sarah, W8TTS

239 Bermont Avenue

Munroe Falls, OH 44262

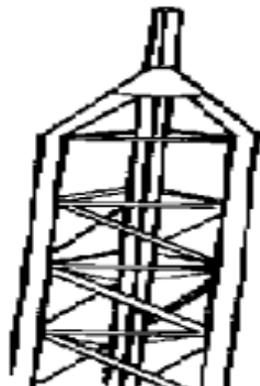
Phone: 330-688-2013

Email: w8tts@w8tts.com

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Emidio & Sons Party Center

48 East Bath Road



Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

21-Mar-2010

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

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ELYRIA, OH 44035

28-Mar-2010

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

03-Apr-2010

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY

ARS, INC

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins al-

lowed)

Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD

(330)297-7979

Email: AYLWARD-

JIM@AOL.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: CENTER OF HOPE

1034 W MAIN ST

RAVENNA, OH 44266

03-Apr-2010

Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARA

Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins al-

lowed)

Contact: SCOTT FARNHAM

(440)256-0320

Email: SCOTTFARN-

HAM@ROADRUNNER.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: KIRTLAND LIBRARY

9267 CHILLICOTHE RD

ROUTE 306

1.7 MI S OF I-90

KIRTLAND, OH 44094

10-Apr-2010

Sponsor: CUYAHOGA FALLS ARC

Time: 12:30PM (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

18-Apr-2010

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

21-Apr-2010

Sponsor: 20 OVER 9 ARC

Time: 7:00 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

24-Apr-2010

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: YOUNGSTOWN STATE

UNIVERSITY

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(March 13, 2010 at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library in Parma, Ohio)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

Guest: KA8BZB

1. Call to Order – WD8JMM called the meeting to order at 0904
2. Corrections to and Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting - After correcting Minute No. 16 (deletion of everything after K8QOT) the January 2010 minutes were unanimously accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report - WB8APD reported the amount of funds in the bank.
4. Membership Report - W8AZO reported 183 paid members plus 39 delinquent members.
5. Nomination of Election Committee - WD8JMM asked for volunteers, noting that the following trustees' terms expire this year: N8NAP, N8XDO, N8YNR, WA8TJL and WD8JMM. The committee selected includes K2RJ, KC8FOC and W8AZO.
6. Programs for 2010 – N8AUC volunteered to be temporary chair pending further input from W8TAB. W2THU reported that he had asked David Goodman, WA8UIT to give a program on tracking down RFI interference. He will try to line David up for the April or May meeting. He will also ask our Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper, KI8GW to present a program later this year.
7. Technical Committee Report – WB8APD and WD8JMM reported that the IRLP on the 146.88 repeater is fixed. The computer was not rebooting when there was a loss of power. This was corrected in the BIOS. Also, a connector in the UPS needed to be re-crimped after a new battery was installed. N8OOF and N8YNR reported no progress in installing the 440.40 MHz repeater at Jeff's QTH due to competing projects.
8. Status of 146.76 repeater - N8AUC reported that all approvals from existing users to install on the tower have been made thanks to K2RJ's work regarding possible intermod and other co-location issues. The next step is to hire a steeplejack. N8AUC moved, seconded by N8OOF that LEARA pay up to \$500 for the steeplejack. This motion passed unanimously. N8AUC moved, WB8APD seconded that LEARA purchase a new controller for the 146.76 repeater up to \$400.00. This mo-

tion also passed unanimously.

9. Amateur Radio Class Summary – WA8TJL reported that two individuals attended the LEARA classes. One was already licensed and the other completed the course which consisted of 6 sessions. We are waiting to hear if he took and passed the FCC exam. WA8TJL discovered that this person learned of the class through flyers in the public library.
10. Ham Radio Exhibit for Library Display Cases, etc – N8OOF reported nothing yet, but N8YNR suggested that we put an article in the Newsletter inviting anyone who builds such a display and arranges to get it installed in a public library should receive a free year's membership to LEARA. Later, N8NAP moved and K2RJ seconded that LEARA would award up to 3 people free membership for achieving this goal. This motion passed 13 to 2.
11. Need to Finalize Electronic Balloting – WB8APD talked to the vendor (votingplace.net) that KC8UIX found and thinks we should go with them. The cost is \$80.00 without support and \$160.00 with support. WB8APD moved and K2RJ seconded that the club purchase the electronic balloting services of votingplace.net, including the support services, and report progress by the July Trustee's meeting. The motion passed 13 to 1 with 1 abstention.
12. Sale of RLC-3 – There was one response on eBay from somebody who asked for photos. N8OOF will take photos and email to N8NAP and N8YNR. N8OOF suggested a reserve of \$1,000.00. N8XDO moved and K2RJ seconded a motion allowing N8OOF to sell the RLC-3 on eBay. This motion passed unanimously.
13. Field Day and LEARA QSL cards– N8AUC reported that Cleveland Lakefront State Park is available for Field Day weekend and that he will submit a timely application. He asked that anybody setting up their own station stay all weekend because our FD classification is dependent on the actual number of stations we are running. Also, the QSL cards are designed and Eric will email a jpeg to the Trustee's list.
14. Return of LEARA 6 meter frequency pair to Ohio Area Repeater Council.- WB8APD stated that the LEARA 6 meter repeater has been off the air for over a year and we need to ask the membership for approval to

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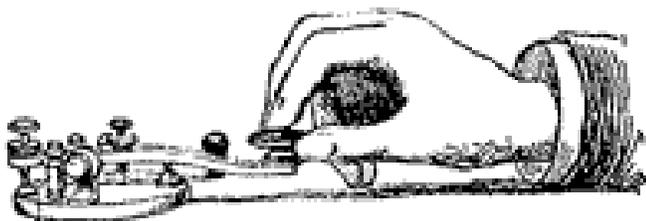
terminate this repeater. N8AUC moved and K8EHP seconded a motion that the Board ask the membership to approve decommissioning the 6 meter repeater, as required by our bylaws, and further to surrender the frequency pair to the OARC. This motion passed unanimously.

15. Old Business – N8NAP reported that he contacted the license trustee of PCARS regarding interference to our 146.88 repeater. He also sent a message to the OARC. Raye was asked to copy N8AUC on these messages. Raye also asked Eric if LEARA was supporting WIST this year and Eric said no. K8JTK reported that all LEARA programs are posted on our website.

16. New Business – K2RJ announced that he is retiring at the end of this year and moving to Florida so his services as Newsletter editor will terminate with the November 2010 issue. N8XDO will not do the heavy work for the picnic anymore. We need someone to take over the function of purchasing and hauling all the items to the picnic grounds and cleaning up at the end of the evening. Jim can still supervise and help with the transition. KC8FOC brought in samples of greeting cards that he has been sending to members and their families in his capacity as Sunshine chair. He requested that members email him with any information regarding illness or death. KA8BZB requested permission to use the 146.88 repeater for the Triathlon this year. Tom also stated that the bylaws as published are not up to date and that the SOP are not available to the membership. K2RJ recommended that the bylaws have a cover page certifying they are the latest version. W2THU said he would make the necessary corrections. N8YNR said he could see the SOP on the website via his laptop computer at the meeting.

16. Motion to Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert M. Winston W2THU
 Recording Secretary
 -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!



New Editor Needed- The Real Reason?

No, not really! He was “just visiting” the new Los Angeles jail being built downtown to troubleshoot some communications issues. They had an old arrival photo setup from the old jail set up and we just couldn’t resist! But the newsletter was put together while on this trip, as have many others from exotic locations such as Point Mugu Naval Base and San Clemente Island. Fortunately, modern high-speed internet connections in hotels and a good notebook computer make it relatively easy to put together an issue from wherever your editor might find himself during the middle of any month. -AR-

Special Call to Action: Ham Radio Bill in U.S. House of Representatives

You may recall that the US Senate passed bill S. 1755 unanimously and sent it to the US House of Representative for further action. This bill is the first step toward overriding CC&Rs that prevent so many amateurs from installing antennas on their own property. There seems to be little doubt that S. 1755 will be adopted by the US House of Representative provided the House Committee on Energy and Commerce forwards it to the floor of the House for a vote.

Here is where you come in. We need every member possible to send two fax messages in support of the bill. One message is to Committee Chairman Henry Waxman and the other is to Committee Minority leader Joe Burton urging them to release the bill from Committee. In this strategy, we are not asking you to write to your Representative at this time. Our intent is to get the bill out of committee.

I strongly believe our goal will be accomplished provided every ARRL member who can get to a fax machine will help us fill the offices of the Committee leaders with fax messages.

Please copy the following message, add your personal information and make any other changes you may wish, and send the two faxes within the coming day or two.

The fax number for Chairman Waxman is: 202-225-2525
The fax number for Congressman Barton is: 202-225-1919

Dear Chairman Waxman and Ranking Member Barton:

As one of more than 680,000 Amateur Radio licensees throughout the United States, I urge your support for passage of S.1755, the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act," which is pending in your Committee. This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio communications in emergencies and disaster relief.

S. 1755, a bipartisan bill sponsored by both Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins, passed without opposition in the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on November 4, 2009. On December 14 it passed by unanimous consent on the Senate floor. It was referred to your Committee on the following day.

This bill promotes and encourages the valuable public service, disaster relief, and emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, by undertaking a study of the uses of Amateur Radio for emergency and disaster relief communications, by identifying unnecessary or unreasonable impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such unreasonable restrictions so as to expand the uses of Amateur Radio communications in Homeland Security planning and response.

Please pass S.1755 and send it to the House floor and to President Obama for signature.

LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

- 40 Years of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969 -

VOICE REPEATERS:

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| 146.76/R- | • Newbury (<i>Temporary QTH</i>) (Requires 110.9 Hz tone) |
| 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) |

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.

INTERNET:

- www.leara.org
- To subscribe via e-mail, send a message to: spirit76-request@leara.org
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