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LEARA meeting at Dimitri's on Tuesday, September 28th to feature Bill Fraedrich, WB9LBI, on HAM RADIO TRAFFIC NETS and MESSAGE HANDLING

For nine decades, long before there was anything like email or texting, hams were passing messages by radio via specialized nets. Every day, hundreds if not thousands of messages are moved efficiently throughout the USA and Canada by means of **amateur radio traffic nets**.

Bill Fraedrich, WB9LBI, a Summit County amateur widely known for his CW and SSB traffic handling skills, returns to LEARA to share his vast experience in traffic handling.

"This is a skill that every emergency communicator should master," he asserts. In all of his presentations, Bill is not content with just telling us about the subject — on Tuesday, September 28 at the meeting he will DEMONSTRATE how it is done.

Bring your HT ALONG to participate!

Bill Fraedrich, WB9LBI, a frequent participant as the "CW Liaison" for various traffic nets, has been involved in traffic handling on the National Traffic System since the early 1970s. He is one of the few people you could meet who was paid full-time to handle messages as an Army MARS station operator in Germany. There, while operating the station, Bill set up phone patches to connect the troops with their families back home, and sent message traffic, among his many duties at the station..

The dinner and meeting are at our usual place, Dimitri's Restaurant, at 1830 Snow Road, Parma, Ohio (in the Mid-Town Shopping Center just West of Broadview Road).

LOOKING AHEAD...

OCTOBER IS ELECTION MONTH!
SEE PAGES 6-9 FOR CANDIDATE BIOS,
AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010



Photo by Tom Parkinson, KB8UUZ

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, coffee or iced tea, 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.

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The Prez Says

by Alex Manuk, WD8JMM



September! It's my favorite month for a whole bunch of reasons. The weather is cooling off, it's football season again, the kids are back in school, which makes my wife a much happier (less stressed) person, and we're all settling into the fall routine.

It's the time of year when we start spending more time indoors, looking for something to occupy the time we were spending doing yard work. Before you dust off the mouse and head for Facebook, let me suggest a more personal way to spend the evening. Fire up the radio and make a few contacts!

Most of us have radio gear set up at home, even if it's only a 2 meter rig with a mag mount on the dryer. Get on one of the LEARA machines, give a call or two, and have a conversation with a fellow member. If you've got HF capabilities, this winter promises to be an interesting mix of propagation conditions. The sunspot cycle is on the rise, but the lower HF bands should still prove very productive in the evening hours. And, for you 'hard core' guys with the LONG long wires, 160 will be getting busy again. I know it takes a bit more effort to connect via radio, but I promise, Farmville will still be there when you're done rag chewing.

By the time you read this, the 76 antennas should be installed and ready for the big move. Thanks to everyone who helped get all the materials ready for the installation, and special thanks to Wayne Vondrak, our favorite steeplejack. That reminds me, if you've got antenna work that needs doing, and you don't want to climb yourself, consider calling on Wayne – he's been a great help to us over the years, and I highly recommend his services.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are bios of the trustee nominees. Please take the time to read through them and carefully select the 5 individuals you feel will best serve the club over the next three years.

And last but not least, September's meeting program is a topic very near to my heart – Traffic Handling! No, I don't mean standing in the street and waving your arms, I mean messages via ham radio – our own version of Western Union. The National Traffic System has been around almost as long as ham radio, and has a lot of its very own quirks, but that's what makes it FUN! If you've never tried traffic, come to September's meeting prepared to GET interested. If you have – you'll still enjoy the program; our speaker is Bill, WB9LBI, who did such a great job with the CW talk earlier in the year. I'm really looking forward to Bill's presentation, and, as always, a great dinner at Dimitri's. See you there!

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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.

LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information *by David Noeth, KD8ACO*

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest Net Control Station for the Thursday Night Club Net, Matt, W8DEC. Also, don't forget to check-out the 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, including past trivia questions and answers.

Reminder: The Skywarn Wednesday Evening Practice Net continues through October 27, 2010. Member participation in each and every net is greatly appreciated.

Wanted: Net Control Stations for the SSTV Net are needed, in order to resume this net in October. Please get in contact with me at kd8aco@leara.org, if you are interested in putting the LEARA Saturday SSTV Net "On The Air" again this fall.

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 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 seventy-two (72) check-ins from thirty-eight (38) different stations. The following were reported by our net control stations to have participated:

Bill AC8CO, David AD8WS, Ron K2RJ, Mike K8EHP, Steve K8SAS, Fritz K8WLF, John KA8GZA, Bill KA8VIT, Alan KB8KHW, Leone KB8VBR, Mark KC8FQV, Jeannie KC8MNV, Jeanne KC8TJH, Eddie KD8FTS, Laura KD8MBJ, John KD8MUF, Dave KD8MXE, George KD8NBZ, Mark KD8OLG, Steve KD8OLH, Phil KD8OOQ, Bob KE8UV, Ken KG8DN, Mike KG8MTG, Tyler KJ4HNN, Don KJ5KB, Eric N8AUC, Raye N8NAP, John N8OBJ,

Bill N8UPZ, Bob W2THU, Ernie W8AJZ, Matt W8DEC, Eddie W8EDS, Paul W8PL, Ray W8SLZ, John WA8LGM, and Gary WA8TJL.

Net Control Stations: Ken KG8DN, Bob W2THU, Eric N8AUC, and Matt W8DEC.

Upcoming NCS assignments are:

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| 9/23/10 | Eric | N8AUC |
| 9/30/10 | David | KD8ACO |
| 10/7/10 | Ken | KG8DN |
| 10/14/10 | Bob | W2THU |
| 10/21/10 | Bill | AC8CO |
| 10/28/10 | Matt | W8DEC |

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. Net Control Stations for the SSTV Net are needed, in order to resume this net in October.

Wanted! Net Control Stations

We now have six 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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UIT's RFI? Did He Leave YOU wanting more?



David Goodman, WA8UIT, fascinated those club members attending the August 31st LEARA meeting with his wealth of experience and equipment for dealing with Radio Frequency Interference. In fact, there was more presentation than there was meeting time!

"Can we get him back to finish?" was the sense, especially from those "techs" who crowded around Dave as the 9 PM hour approached.

Hosted by close friend and colleague, Bob Winston, W2THU, David first summarized his lengthy career as a professional "sniffer," laced with interesting highlights, then displayed and explained many high-end devices for finding the "fox" under various challenging circumstances.

While Dave was "led" into fox hunting by his own curiosity, as many hobbyists in amateur radio are, his extraordinary skill caused large corporations, and even the Secret Service, to seek him out for some thorny tasks.

Many thanks, Dave, for providing us with an interesting evening! Hope you see you back at LEARA soon.

Is a "Goodman Part II" in the works during 2011? Some think so. If you agree, voice your interest to Bob, W2THU and he'll see what can be arranged. -AR-

Itching to hit 76?

It could be "big" on the air again by the meeting time.

Try it!

Motor Home Shack of Jim Chaloupka, WD8QBQ, in his Liberty Elegant Lady, 45-foot motor Home. His rig includes an Icom 7000 and a Tarheel 100 antenna mounted on the Tarheel "Lift and Lay" mounting base.



Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

(from the ARRL website)

09/26/2010**[Newton Falls OH 44444-1639](#)****Sponsor:** Warren ARA**Location:** Newton Falls Community Center**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**09/26/2010****[Berea OH 44017-2524](#)****Sponsor:** Hamfest Assoc of Cleveland**Location:** Berea Room-Berea Public Library**Time:** 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**10/02/2010****[Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)****Sponsor:** Lake County ARA**Location:** Kirtland Library**Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**10/02/2010****[Ravenna OH 44266-2708](#)****Sponsor:** Portage County ARS, Inc**Location:** Center of Hope**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**10/14/2010****[Cleveland OH 44106-1712](#)****Sponsor:** W8EDU**Location:** Case Western Reserve University**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**10/17/2010****[Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)****Sponsor:** Lorain County ARA Red Cross**Location:** American Red Cross**Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**10/19/2010****[Akron OH 44314-3614](#)****Sponsor:** Pioneer AR Fellowship**Location:** Akron Baptist Temple**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Upcoming Hamfests****09/26/2010****[Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show](#)****Location:** Berea, OH**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland**Website:** <http://www.hac.org>**10/16/2010****[Ohio Section and ARES Conference](#)****Location:** Columbus, OH**Type:** ARRL Convention**Sponsor:** ARRL Ohio Section**Website:** <http://www.arrloho.org>**10/31/2010****[Massillon Amateur Radio Club](#)****Location:** Massillon, OH**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club**Website:** <http://www.marcradio.org>

Todd MacMillan, KC8UNS, son of longtime LEARA member Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN, with a Shuttle crew at Purdue University in July. Todd is at far right with green shirt.



Autobiographical Statements by **New**
and **Incumbent** Candidates
for election to the LEARA Board of
Trustees in October
Listed Alphabetically by Surname

Raye Bayun, N8NAP

Hi I'm Raye, N8NAP. I've held an FCC General Radiotelephone commercial license for 38 years and my Technician license since 1990. Several years ago I upgraded to General and my primary operation is on 6M, 2M, 70CM and 10M FM. I've done experimental work up to 10ghz as well. I retired from a 25 year career as a field service technician, system technologist and program management with Motorola and am now self employed installing, repairing and operating video, audio and lighting at area venues, sound and lighting over 100,000 W, with audiences up to 2000, and live radio broadcasts.

LEARA's been part of my life as well, I've served as both radio officer, trustee and been guest speaker at membership meetings. Current projects include promoting LEARA and ham radio thru the internet, primarily YouTube, various technical projects including IRLP and the 444.4 repeater.

I do consulting on the conversion/ programming commercial Motorola and GE radios to amateur service, broadcast DTV user issues and IRLP user and node interface issues via internet groups. My position is to improve the value of being a LEARA member, better accountability of what LEARA is and make improvements as technology and finances allow.

I strongly encourage the diverse interests of ham radio and would like to see more of our members do presentations at our meetings as well as keep the hobby affordable, get 501c3 donations and encourage our members to use our repeaters.

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR, has been a board member since the 1990's and has served as Secretary. Licensed at 16, he became involved in LEARA due to his involvement in Skywarn and a love of public service events.

He is a "Senior Member of the Technical Staff" in the IT Network & Unified Communications team of Verizon Wireless, since 2004 with a focus on IP Communications. This self-declared geek holds many Cisco Certifications and has a broad IT history.

His job leaves him torn: Kids will use smart phones to access Twitter and keep him employed, but where does that leave ham radio growth?

Jeff's background made him the ideal resource for the IRLP project. Since the UHF machine was hard to access he pushed moving to the .88 controller, where the IRLP exists today and has become incredibly popular. Today, the .40 UHF repeater was just recently moved to his house.

Jeff has re-written bylaws in the 90's, played a role in obtaining 501(c)3 status, and re-ignited the defunct LEARA net twelve years ago. He is a firm believer in integrating Ham Radio with "bleeding edge" technology to make it relevant and practical to the younger crowd, including IRLP, APRS, and the yet to be seen trend.

Jeff is the founder of Ohioans For Concealed Carry, created in 1999, and has been successful in leading a statewide non-profit political organization. Through these efforts he has learned first hand what it takes to pass complex and politically incorrect legislation in Ohio.

Jeff learned from a decade of Ohio politics that you ask for more than you want. It is his position that the ARRL's Ohio legislation is a colossal waste of time -- instead, we should be aggressively seeking protections from local governments, home owner associations, and deed



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restrictions that prevent us from erecting safe and effective towers structures on our property.

Seventeen years ago Jeff volunteered for Pedal To The Point. Today he is a coordinator with the Buckeye Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society overseeing event communications. He averages 60+ hours annually on this event alone.

Jeff contacted the author of a defunct "Computer Aided Dispatch" software project and used P2P to re-ignite the project into a fully fledged APRS enabled dispatch tool. See: <http://bit.ly/cWdoB5>

Since the summer he was licensed Jeff has been devoted to justifying the use of amateur radio through his involvement in hundreds of public service events. He lives in Macedonia with his wife Lori (KC8MYE) and his incredibly adorable practically five year old daughter Jessica on a hill that would make most hams jealous. (so we put .40 on it)



Bill Hess, K8SGX

I am a candidate for the current trustee election because I have a continuing interest in the club being the best it can be and feel it is time for a few different trustees to shed new light on various aspects of the club and its operation.

I was the club's charter president (1969-1972) and while not currently president or a trustee, continue to be involved with some of the club's various technical endeavors which include building the new '76 repeater that is currently on the air. It will be completed and moved to the new location as soon as all the parts are received. I've also worked with others at the '88 site numerous times for various reasons.

On a non-technical note, I wrote and am continuing to update as time progresses, the history of VHF-FM (in the Cleveland Ohio area) that ap-

peared in the club's newsletter on two different occasions.

I've been a ham for more than fifty years and have been involved with constructing and maintaining repeaters for that entire time. I built the first (146.34 input) '76 repeater in 1968 and kept it on the air for many years and am now back in the position of doing that again (of course with the help of others). I enjoy the hands-on technician/builder part of ham radio most. When you build a repeater, others use it and your efforts are realized by many (myself included): when you build something and just use it yourself, it spends much of the time idle.

I am a league member, and have held an Amateur Extra license for more than 30 years but continue to be a VHF-FM'er at heart. I have supported the ARRL spectrum defense fund, have a VE certification, and hold a First Class (now General Radiotelephone) license.

One of the changes I would like to institute is to reduce the number of trustees from the current 15 to 9 or 11. I would also propose a change to the bylaws requiring any trustee that has not held the position of president, vice president, treasurer, license trustee, or secretary, to, after two consecutive terms, be required to sit out one year before being eligible for re-election. This would allow trustee vacancies to be filled by different club members and would possibly reduce the number of those who are trustees in name only.



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

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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.

I recently offered to serve as editor of the LEARA newsletter as Ron (K2RJ) prepares for his move to Florida in January. Ron will be handing over the "reins" sometime this fall.



Alex Manuk, WD8JMM

First licensed as a novice in 1977, I am the original holder of callsign WD8JMM. After about 9 months as a novice licensee, I traveled to the Detroit FCC Field office in the spring of 1978 to test for my General class license. I failed to pass the 13WPM CW requirement at that time, but after passing the written exam, I was issued a Technician license.

I became active on 2 meter FM in Lorain County, and participated in the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society for a few years, until moving to Cleveland in 1981.

Family and work activities kept me from amateur radio until the mid-1980's, when I joined the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. At that time, I upgraded to General after passing the 13WPM exam. I participated in various public service events with CARS, and served the club as secretary for two years. Work and family took me away from radio again for many years, until my interest was re-kindled in 2000. After becoming active on 2 meters again, I joined LEARA in 2002, and began to take part in the club's activities.

During my membership with LEARA, I have served as net control for various public service events, including the Cleveland Marathon, the Cleveland Triathlon, and the Head of the Cuyahoga crew race. I have also served as a trustee from 2003 to 2005, again from 2007 to 2010, as newsletter editor, and as Vice President and, currently, President of the Association.

My current interests in amateur radio include HF and VHF ragchewing, and antennas. I am married to Kelly, KC8UIX, and have 6 children. I am employed at Trust Manufacturing, LLC, as the Purchasing and Materials Manager.

My vision for LEARA as the premier amateur radio club in Cuyahoga County is to serve ALL our membership in catering to their various interests. With the number of members the organization has, there is no reason why LEARA could not support many 'Special Interest Groups' within its ranks. We already have a SSTV net, why not institute a DX net, or an IRLP net, or packet, or RTTY, or PSK? The possibilities are endless, and it would be a very good use of our repeaters.

Thank you for your support in the past, and I look forward to helping guide the organization into the future.



Kelly 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 supporting my husband Alex, WD8JMM. This year, I also helped with the picnic and assisted the trustees with finding and implementing an electronic voting system.

My interest in becoming a trustee is geared toward finding a balance for those of us that just want to be technicians and those of you that enjoy being extras.



Jim Ozello, N8XDO

The ability to assess problems and offer solutions is demonstrated by my experiences in:

LEARA:

Member for 16 years, Amateur Extra License
Trustee for nine years

Vocational Carpentry and Electricity Teacher in
Cleveland Public Schools, 30 years

Member of Teacher's Union Conference Committee, seven years

Judge and Referee in U.S. Rollerskating Association, 11 years

Worked communication in Marathons, Westlake Soccer Tournaments, Breast Cancer Marches, Scull Races and Pedal to the Point

Active in .D.A.R.E.

Personal history

Married 52 years

Five children: an Attorney, Computer Design Team Leader, Civil Engineer, English Teacher, Video Engineer

Retired 12 years

Lived in Garfield Heights for 40 Years

**Gary Zimmert, WA8TJL**

I was first licensed as WN8TJL in 1963 just before my 13th birthday. I soon became fascinated with antennas, and why they would and would not work. I joined a local radio club (The Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8VTD) where I met other young people with similar ideas and interests, and some older experienced hams who always seemed to be able to steer me to the right answer. I still see a few of those people at hamfests.

While serving in the Air Force with NATO communications in the Azores Islands, I passed the amateur radio examination for Portugal (written in Portuguese) and was issued a call sign and became active as CT2BG. I was one of about twelve active hams at that time in the Azores Islands of whom about six spoke English.

I was hired by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1979, and became formally trained and certified on Communications, Navigation Aids, Radar, and Automation systems.

I am currently assigned to the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center, (ZOB ARTCC), as Manager, Technical Operations, dealing with voice and data communications issues in the center's airspace.

Today, I still enjoy and utilize my amateur radio license privileges and actively participate by building and operating HF, VHF, and UHF equipment and antennas, in addition to traditional operating events such as Field Day and ARRL contests. I also support the ARRL as a life member and participate as a volunteer examiner with the ARRL VEC with more than 35 exam sessions to date.

-Amateur Radio Clubs-

Amateur radio clubs serve to bond local radio amateurs by providing the opportunity to gather, share information, experience, and engage in projects and activities that may lead to spark new interests in young and old alike. Our ability to provide a body of people trained in the "Radio Art" who can respond during a time of need is the basis for our very existence.

-LEARA-

I would like to see committees for operating activities such as Field Day organized from general membership meetings to engage and develop more members outside of the group of Trustees. I plan to communicate my observation of these opportunities as they occur.



Making the Duck Quack Ohio S.B. 218

It's an election year. Every office in the Ohio House of Representatives is open for election in November. Some members are term-limited and can't run. Others may choose not to run, while most who can will run. In the meantime, nothing is happening by way of committee hearings or efforts to pass legislation. But, there is a curious event that often happens between the general election and the end of the year when the legislative term is about to expire. It is called the "lame duck" session, and it often results in the passage of a large number of dammed-up bills that have been waiting for attention while more important matters (e.g., elections) were being tended to.

At this point we don't know for sure if there will be a lame duck session in the Ohio General Assembly this year. But, if there is one, we very much want our antenna legislation, H.B. 212 and S.B. 218 to be passed as part of that session. S.B. 218 has already passed the full Senate and been transmitted to the House, where it has been assigned to the Homeland Security Committee. What is now needed is for the Homeland Security Committee to pass the bill on for a floor vote of the entire House of

Representatives. Passage there would result in the bill being transmitted to the governor for signature.

So, how do we make that happen? Remember, it's politics. At the moment, the House of Representatives is controlled by the Democrats.

However, every vote matters, so if you haven't called your representative, regardless of political affiliation, in support of this legislation, now's the time to do that. Four representatives who hold leadership positions are especially important to our effort at the moment. The first is Speaker Armond Budish, who represents the 8th District in Cleveland (Columbus office telephone number 614-466-5441) The other two are Matt Szollosi, Speaker Pro Tempore, who represents the 49th District in Toledo, (466-1418) and Jay Goyal, Majority Whip, who represents the 73rd District in Mansfield (466-5802). Finally the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee, Tracy Heard of Columbus (466-8010).

Those of you who live in any of their districts are especially encouraged to make a call, as soon as possible and encourage your fellow-amateurs to do likewise. Better yet, how about a reminder at your next club meeting?

If we are not successful in getting our legislation passed and signed into law by the end of this year we must start all over again next year. Let's make this our year and get on to more important things, like enjoying the sunspot cycle. It's up to you!

73,

Nick Pittner, K8NAP
State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

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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) |
| 444.70/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.

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