



The Spirit of '76 and '88



October

Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2018

Ken Kane, KG8DN, Editor

**Annual Meeting of the Corporation
October 30, 2018, at
VITTORIO'S in WICKLIFFE**

Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM



**Vittorio's Buon Appetito
29664 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092**

The October 30, 2018 LEARA meeting will be at Vittorio's Restaurant, located at 29664 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

As usual, dinner will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the club meeting.

Online voting for the trustee board closes midnight **Sunday, October 28**. Voting by **hardcopy ballot** (see pp. 8-9) closes at **7:30 PM** at the meeting night on location.

The cost for dinner will be \$20 per person.

Advance **reservations** are required.

Reservations may be made on the club website at <http://www.leara.org>, or by calling Marv Grossman (W8AZO) at **440-248-0031**.

**See Candidate Photos
and Biographies in the
September Issue**

**Program for October 30th Meeting
Test and Tune Night
with KD8TWG, N8BDK, N8OOF**



Time to get your radio and maybe even that iffy coax cable checked out! In addition to the annual ballot-counting event, our first club meeting at Vittorio's in Wickliffe will include **Testing and Tuning by Dave KD8TWG, Brian N8BDK and Bryan N8OOF**.

Equipment they plan to bring includes a signal generator, frequency counter, deviation meter, hi-pot tester, and time domain reflectometer. **You get to bring your own equipment!**

Dinner at Vittorio's will be served **family style**, and will include:

- Chicken Parmigiana
- Penne Pasta Marinara
- Garlic Roasted Potato
- Green Bean Almondine

Salad, bread, water, coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included.

Alcoholic beverages and dessert items can be purchased separately.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs or concerns.

Reservations must be submitted by Sunday, October 28th. We hope to see you there.

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David Foran, WB8APD, SK. It is with sadness that I report that Dave Foran, WB8APD, passed away Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Dave was one of the earliest members of LEARA. He served on the Board of Trustees and as LEARA's Treasurer from early-on until November of 2015 when he resigned due to health issues. At the November 2015 Trustees meeting, the Board recognized Dave's long years of service to LEARA and the ham radio community in general by awarding him Trustee Emeritus. David's full obituary may be found at <https://www.brunners.com/obituaries/David-Foran/#!/Obituary> Further remembrances and photos are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Prez Says by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



The September meeting was at **Mahle's Restaurant & Lounge** in Westlake. As usual, the food and service were very good. I heard several folks praise the salmon and the prime rib. For the program we had Ohio Section ARRL Emergency Coordinator **Stan Broadway, N8BHL**. He spoke about the ARES Connect System and other ARES happenings Statewide.

The October meeting will be at **Vittorio's Buon Appetito**, 29664 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe. This is seven-tenths of a mile east of the former location of Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) and on the same side of the street. This month's program will be Test & Tune night. **Dave Andrzejewski, KD8TWG, Brian Kiepura, N8BDK, and I** will be providing a variety of professional test equipment to check your radio and see if it is performing as it should. This meeting will also be the **annual meeting and election of Trustees** for LEARA. The Bios / Resumes of those running were published in the September newsletter. You should be receiving an email in the next few days with a link to the online voting site. If you prefer, you may use the paper ballot on page nine. Full details are on pages eight and nine. I'm up for reelection and would appreciate your vote.

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, P.O. Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823.

LEARA is an **ARRL**-affiliated club. When you join or renew the **ARRL**, **LEARA** benefits monetarily if you do so through the club. Send **ARRL** Applications/renewals to LEARA, P.O. Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823. Make the check payable to **LEARA**, not the **ARRL**.

Membership Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month (except December and June) at a Cleveland-area restaurant to be announced each month in the newsletter. The LEARA newsletter usually arrives near the middle of the month. Locations for dinner may vary and often require a reservation. Those interested in dinner should arrive around 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all interested persons. You may attend without eating.

Trustees' Meetings are on the second Saturday of odd numbered months. Meetings are open to all current members of LEARA. **Locations are subject to change.** Trustees meet at one of the Cuyahoga County Public Library branches. Contact a trustee or check the website at www.leara.org for details.

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**Prez
cont.**

Last month as I was writing this column Hurricane Florence was battering North and South Carolina. This month as I'm writing, I'm seeing TV reports of the devastation that Hurricane Michael has caused in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and even up into Virginia. I really feel sorry for those poor people impacted by these storms. It will be months, maybe years, before those areas will be back to normal.

Last month in this column, I also talked about the solar power system Eric Jessen, N8AUC, purchased from Harbor Freight. I decided to take different path to meet my need for alternative power. I purchased a Predator 3500 watt portable inverter generator from Harbor Freight. If you are familiar with the Honda line of super quiet inverter generators, this is very similar to the Honda EU3000i, but at about one-third the cost. I picked this generator because it will provide sufficient power to run the essential items; the sump pump, furnace, and refrigerator, with some power left over for some lights and the internet gateway/router, while still being economical to buy and operate. **Until next month**, talk on the radio, and use the repeaters. Come out and see us at a meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Bryan Torok, N8OOF

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 2pm ARES® at CCPL in Independence	22	23 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	24	25 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76 9 pm LEARA DIGITAL '88	26	27
					October	
28 LEARA Online Ballot Deadline Midnight tonight!	29 Hardcopy ballot deadline is <u>Tuesday</u> at 7:30 PM at the meeting site... see pp. 8-9.	30 LEARA Annual Meeting of the Corporation at Vittorio's in Wickliffe	31	1 SKYWARN Spotter Training American Red Cross, East 37th Street, Cleveland 6:00 to 8:30 PM	2	3
					November	
4	5	6 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	7 <i>(Skywarn nets are on hia- tus until March except for weather emergencies.)</i>	8 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76 9 pm LEARA DIGITAL '88	9	10
11	12	13 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	14	15 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76 9 pm LEARA DIGITAL '88	16	17
18	19	20 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	21	22 Thanksgiving Day (no net tonight)	23	24
25	26	27 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN Holiday Party at Teamz Rest.	28	29 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76 9 pm LEARA DIGITAL '88	30	



LEARA "On The Air" Club Net Information by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

October 2018 Newsletter Net Report

The Thursday Club Net is held 8PM on our 146.760 (or 146.880 backup) MHz (- 600

kHz offset, PL 110.9) repeater. There will be no net held on Thanksgiving evening this year.

Checkins for the month of September

Checkins for September 2018					
AC8JR	Andy	KD8ACO	David	N8OOF	Bryan
K2WJS	Bill	KD8AJZ	Rich	N8UPZ	Bill
K8EHP	Mike	KD8FTS	Eddie	W3RJR	Bob
K8JTK	Jeff	KD8YDG	Bill	W8IE	Ed
K8RJH	Ron	KE8CED	Robert	W8LIV	Andrew
K8SAS	Steve	KE8KEB	Joe	W8ZHN	Jim
K88NB	John	KK8ZZ	Bob	WB8ROK	Ed
KB8VXE	Carl	N8AGM	Tom		
KC8FQV	Mark	N8JIW	Don		

Remember if you missed a net, check out the web page for a recap of the trivia and discussion questions.

For November and December, the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule		
10/25/18	David	KD8ACO
11/01/18	Andrew	W8LIV
11/08/18	Bill	K2WJS
11/15/18	Carl	KB8VXE
11/22/18	Thanksgiving	No Net
11/29/18	Eric	N8AUC
12/06/18	Ken	KG8DN
12/13/18	Steve	K8SAS
12/20/18	David	KD8ACO
12/27/18	Andrew	W8LIV

The Digital Communications Net is held every Thursday on LEARA's 146.880 (-600 kHz offset, PL 110.9) repeater at 9PM.

The Wednesday Skywarn Practice Net

Skywarn season runs from March through September. The Skywarn practice nets are on hiatus until March. Skywarn nets are held on LEARA's 146.760 MHz repeater.

Should the National Weather Service issue a severe weather alert, a Skywarn net will be started on the 146.760 repeater.

Be sure to visit the web page at

www.ccskywarn.org

for more information and training sessions.

Thursday Net NCOs

K2WJS	BILL	KG8DN	KEN
K8SAS	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
KB8VXE	CARL	W8LIV	ANDREW
KD8ACO	DAVID		

Do you know K2??? How about ??UPZ? Do you recognize the voice. Have you met them in person? What about N8OOF? Every one of us has a unique voice. A great way to learn who these voices belong to is to be a net controller! Not only do you learn their voice but when you see them face to face at a meeting you remember the "whole" person. Consider being a net controller.

We can always use more LEARA Members to become Net Control Operators (NCOs). It's not that difficult to do. It's a GREAT way to learn the voices and call signs of the members of the club as well as the visitors of the ham community. Why not give the NCO slot a try? It's an easy to learn job that is very important in emergencies. Your help is really needed!

We look forward to your participation!

Carl, KB8VXE, email: kb8vxe@arri.net

The next ARES meeting is 2PM Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System.

See website for more information...

Go to www.ccares.us.

Sunshine report

We are sad to announce that Dave Foran (WB8APD) passed Wednesday 10/10. Dave was a very early member of LEARA and Elmer to many. We will miss him.

Condolences go to Tom Cramer N8AGM whose mother passed the end of September. We are glad to hear that Fritz Hemrich (K8WLF) is feeling better and back on the air.

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

10/20/2018 | [Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest](#)

Location: Muskegon, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services

Website: <http://mcecs.net/Download/HamfestFlyer2018.pdf>

[Learn More](#)

10/28/2018 | [Massillon Hamfest](#)

Location: Massillon, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.org>

[Learn More](#)

11/03/2018 | [GARC HAMFEST](#)

Location: Georgetown, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://garcoho.net>

[Learn More](#)

11/04/2018 | [WACOM 2018 HAMFEST](#)

Location: Canonsburg, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Washington Amateur Communications

Website: <http://www.wacomarc.org/hamfest.html>

[Learn More](#)

11/17/2018 | [Central Division Convention \(Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo\)](#)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

[Learn More](#)

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

10/21/2018 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross

Location: American Red Cross

Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

10/28/2018 | [Massillon OH 44646](#)

Sponsor: Massillon ARC Hamfest

Location: Massillon Boys & Girls Club

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

11/11/2018 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

11/18/2018 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross

Location: American Red Cross

Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

At Mahle's on September 25, 2018
Stan Broadway, N8BHL
ARES® "Connect" & Ohio ARRL



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LEARA Remembers Dave Foran, WB8APD (SK)



Dave Foran, WB8APD

I met Dave when I joined LEARA in 1979. He was already treasurer for life and a Board member. He volunteered for everything and always completed his task. I remember him on the roof of the old Sunny Acres Hospital, helping to swap out an antenna for the LEARA 2 meter repeater in the 1980s and again,

maybe 20 years later, on the roof of my office building helping to install the D-Star repeater and antenna in downtown Cleveland.

It was rare, if ever, for Dave to miss a LEARA dinner meeting or a Board meeting. He would participate in every public service event, and there were many of them supported by LEARA, often riding the course on his motorcycle. I often heard stories about how they printed the LEARA Newsletter in WB8APD's basement on some sort of printing press.

In later years I found myself visiting Dave's QTH in Willoughby where I found that his immaculate basement not only housed an enviable ham shack but several PC stations and servers from which he ran HAMNET.

I remember Dave as being a warm and caring person. It was fun to be in his presence. He was a "do it now" person. On the LEARA Board he had little patience for long discussion, always wanting to get the job done. When the Board held its annual officer elections, he always moved that the entire slate of officers just be re-elected rather than go through the tedious procedure of voting on each office one by one.

Simply put, Dave was a very generous and great guy! May he rest in peace.

73, Bob Winston W2THU



LEARA Remembers Dave Foran, WB8APD (SK)



December 2007 at Gilmour

"I remember Dave's motorcycle mobile and his hardware installations. Dave was an early member of LEARA." ~ Carl (KB8VXE)

"Dave got me started on D-Star through his repeater near my home." ~ Bill (N8UPZ)

"I met Dave in 1994. He started the Ham-net bulletin board." ~ Ed (W8JE)

"One of my favorite club members since he helped me in 2004 and beyond when I served on the board. He will be sadly missed." ~ Tom (W8TAB)

"I've known Dave since I joined LEARA in 1991. he installed a tower at Gilmour and gave us our FM antenna." ~ Ken (KG8DN)



Obituary in News-Herald:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-herald/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=190463256>

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given to all members in good standing of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (LEARA): The annual meeting of the Corporation will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018, at Vittorio's Restaurant, 29664 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092, at approximately 7:30 PM, following dinner. The agenda for the meeting includes the Election of Trustees and such other business as may be presented. Details about dinner and the remainder of the program are on the front page of this Newsletter.

An **OFFICIAL 2018 BALLOT** is provided both online and on the next page. You may choose to vote using **either this ballot on the next page** or using the **electronic online ballot** at VotingPlace. If you choose to use **Voting Place** to cast a secure electronic ballot, you must do so **no later than midnight on Sunday, October 28, 2018**. If this hardcopy ballot is used, please enclose it in a sealed envelope with your **name and call sign marked on the outside of the ballot envelope**. Hardcopy ballots in envelopes must be in the hands of the election committee by 7:30 PM on October 30, 2018, or they will not be counted in the election.

Ballots cast online at VotingPlace will be tallied after the online deadline midnight Sunday, October 28th. On the meeting night prior to 7:30 PM, the Tellers appointed by the Election Committee will sort all hardcopy envelopes provided on time. They will combine the envelope callsigns with the online voters' callsigns and exclude any duplicate submissions. Envelopes will be opened in the presence of witnesses. Ballots will be separated without examination, except envelopes with more than one ballot will be put aside and not counted. Elections will be closed at 7:30 PM. Tabulation of votes will then begin. Ballots with more than three (3) candidates marked, including write-ins, will not be counted. After all tabulations are verified, the results will be presented to the attendees. They will also be published in the next Newsletter. Arrival at the meeting before 7:30 PM is recommended.



Voting ONLINE at *VotingPlace*:

About a week before the election, that is, on or before Tuesday, October 23, 2018, you will receive a password by email to use in casting your ballot electronically. If you have problems with your ballot, contact Jeff Kopcak: K8JTK@leara.org.
Online voting closes midnight Sunday, October 28, 2018.

Voting with PAPER BALLOT: All paper ballots are due no later than 7:30 PM EDT at VITTORIO's Restaurant on Tuesday, Oct. 30st.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER BALLOT

It is important to read these instructions before voting.
Violation of the instructions will result in voiding of any ballot(s)
involved in the violation.

1. ONE (1) ballot only per member.
2. Vote for one, two, or three candidates.
No more than three (3) candidates per ballot, including write-ins.
3. Fold ballot so selections cannot be seen and seal in an envelope.
ONE (1) BALLOT ONLY PER ENVELOPE.
4. For convenience, you are encouraged to include your 2019 dues payment of \$25.
5. **Sign the outside of the envelope with voter's name AND call sign.**
6. Mail ballot; MUST be received at the LEARA P.O. Box by Monday, October 29, 2018,

— OR —

Sealed ballots may be brought to the October meeting (by anyone) and delivered to the Election Committee PRIOR to 7:30 PM.

- Envelopes will be accepted only if signer is recognized as a roster-listed member. Ballots from non-members or whose source is unclear will not be counted.
- Ballots in those envelopes containing more than one ballot will not be counted.
- Ballots improperly or unclearly marked will not be counted.
- **Please return this entire page.**

Vote for not more than three (3) by marking an "X" in the space to the left of the call sign(s). A **write-in alternative replacing a name** may be added in the blank space to the right.

For TRUSTEE (3-year term) of the Association			
<input type="checkbox"/>	W8AZO	Marv Grossman	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	K8RJH	Ron Hollas	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	K8SAS	Steve Spisak	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	KD8FTS	Eddie Stevens	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	N8OOF	Bryan Torok	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	KE8ZZ	Ed Zorn	_____

**ARRL, FCC Discussing Issue of Uncertified
Imported VHF/UHF Transceivers**
from www.arrl.org

10/03/2018 — ARRL has taken a minor exception to the wording of a September 24 [FCC Enforcement Advisory](#) pertaining to the importation, marketing and sale of VHF and UHF transceivers and is in discussion with FCC personnel to resolve the matter. The *Enforcement Advisory* was in response to the importation into the US of certain radio products that are not FCC certified for use in any radio service but identified as Amateur Radio equipment.

"While much of this equipment is actually usable on Amateur bands, the radios are also capable of operation on non-amateur frequencies allocated to radio services that require the use of equipment that has been FCC-certified," ARRL said. "Such equipment is being marketed principally to the general public via mass e-marketers and not to Amateur Radio licensees." ARRL said the upshot is that the general public has been purchasing these radios in large quantities, and they are being used on the air by unlicensed individuals."

"Radio amateurs have complained of increased, unlicensed use of amateur allocations by people who are clearly unlicensed and unfamiliar with Amateur radio operating protocols," ARRL said. But while it supports the general tenor and intent of the Enforcement Advisory, ARRL said it disagrees with the FCC on one point. "In several places, the *Enforcement Advisory* makes the point that 'anyone importing, advertising or selling such noncompliant devices should stop immediately, and anyone owning such devices should not use them,'" ARRL pointed out. "The Advisory broadly prohibits the 'use' of such radios, but our view is that there is no such prohibition relative to licensed Amateur Radio use — entirely within amateur allocations — of a radio that may be capable of operation in non-amateur spectrum, as long as it is not actually used to *transmit* in non-amateur spectrum." ARRL has had extensive discussions about this issue with FCC Wireless Bureau and Enforcement Bureau staff, and those discussions are ongoing.

"It is important to protect the flexibility of the Amateur Service as essentially an experimental radio service, but **it is also very important to stop the unlawful importation and marketing of illegal radios in the United States** and the use of those radios by unlicensed persons," ARRL maintained. "We'll keep our members informed as our discussions with FCC on this subject continue." (end)

LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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VOICE REPEATERS:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 146.76/R- | • Highland Hills (Requires 110.9 Hz tone) |
| 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+ | • Macedonia (Requires 131.8 Hz tone) |
| 444.70/R+ | • Lakewood <i>System Fusion</i> Digital Repeater |

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