



# *The Spirit of '76 and '88*

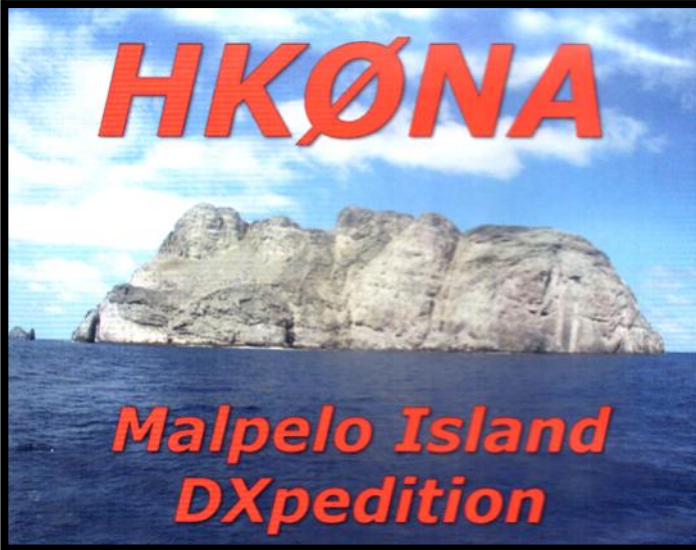


April

Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2019

Ken Kane, KG8DN, Editor



**Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Meeting 7:30 PM**

**At**

***The Pearl of the Orient  
Restaurant***

***19300 Detroit Road  
Rocky River, OH 44116***

**Sometimes** when you can't go on a DXpedition yourself, and you can't get through the pileup from your radio at home, the best way to have the experience is to "go live" ... through a good video!

Eric, N8AUC, will be our host this evening after our family-style dinner as we enjoy the **DXpedition of the Year** from 2011-2012:

**Malpelo Island DXpedition, HK0NA**

The April 30, 2018 LEARA meeting will be at **The Pearl of the Orient Restaurant** located at 19300 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

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

**The cost will be \$21 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.

**Dinner will be served family style, so entrée need NOT be specified when making reservation this month; we need headcount only.**

Starters will include:

Won Ton Soup, Egg Rolls,  
and Sesame Chicken Fingers.

Entrees will include:

- \* Chicken with Cashews
- \* Beef with Broccoli
- \* Vegetarian's' Delight
- \* House Noodles
- \* Young Chow Fried Rice

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, April 28th.**

We hope to see you there.



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
except on months with  
5 Sundays and 5 Tuesdays  
when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
will be sufficient.

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The March meeting was at **FireHouse Grille & Pub** in Willoughby Hills. We had good food and a nice large room for **Jeff Garvas's, N8YNR**, program on digital scanning of public service in our area. The first slide Jeff presented was an image of a fire hose aimed at the audience. It made the point that there was a huge amount of information to be presented in a small amount of time. Jeff also brought some example of the scanners he talked about. At some point, Jeff has plans to release the Power Point slides and possibly make available a video for future reference.

The April meeting will be at the **Pearl of the Orient** in Rocky River. This is a new venue for LEARA, so it will a bit of an adventure. The program will include a video on the Malpelo Island DXpedition presented by Eric Jessen, N8AUC. We've had a couple of similar programs presented at meetings over the last several years and all were very entertaining and well received.

**The Bad and the Ugly:** Since January, in columns and at meetings, I have talked about the future of LEARA's Field Day and Picnic. If you missed those, please look up the January newsletter and read the article. At the March meeting of the Trustees, it was decided that LEARA will not have or support a Field Day site. Members who are interested are encouraged to attend FD at another location. We'll have a list of area FD sites in the May or June newsletter.

**Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS**, is determined that one way or another LEARA will have a picnic for at least one more year. Despite having been the person who made the catering arrangements, he was not able to attend last year and very much wants to attend a catered picnic. However, he can't pull this off entirely on his own. Please contact Eddie at 440-668-7409 or [LEARA@KD8FTS.com](mailto:LEARA@KD8FTS.com). This is a great way to get involved without having the entire responsibility of running the event.

**The Prez Says**

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



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](http://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](http://www.leara.org) for details.

**Prez  
cont.**

**It's our 50<sup>th</sup>!** May 27<sup>th</sup> marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of LEARA, on the last Tuesday of the month. For our May meeting we are trying to round up as many of the original founders and planning to have a special meeting. The meeting will be at Play Arcade so as to have lots of room. Mark your calendar now.

**Editor needed:** Our current newsletter editor, **Ken Kane, KG8DN**, has announced that he intends to not run for reelection to the Trustees in October of this year and also to resign as newsletter editor at that time. Ken has done a terrific job in both capacities and will be missed. His replacement as Trustee will take place in the normal election process and I'm sure we will have several qualified candidates. That leaves finding Ken's replacement as newsletter editor. No experience is required as Ken has offered to mentor his replacement over the coming months. We will provide a copy of the software currently used, but one would be free to use whatever software they like. Also, the editor does not have to be a Trustee. It would be helpful if the new editor can attend Trustee meetings, but that is not mandatory. Any member who is interested may contact Ken or any Trustee for more info.

**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

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## LEARA "On The Air"

### Club Net Information

by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

#### April 2019 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.

#### Checkins for March 2019

AD8AA	Andy	KD8ACD	David	N8AUC	Eric
K2WJS	BILL	KD8AJZ	Rich	N8JIW	Don
K8EHP	Mike	KD8FTS	Eddie	N8OOF	Bryan
K8MIJ	Jim	KD8OVQ	Joe	N8UPZ	Bill
K8RJH	Ron	KD8WBB	Carson	N8YNR	JEFF
K8SAS	Steve	KE8CED	Robert	W8HF	W8HF
K8SHB	Joel	KE8GMF	Evan	W8IE	Ed
KB8VXE	Carl	KE8ZZ	Ed	W8TAB	Tom
KC8FQV	Mark	KG8DN	Ken	WB8ROK	Ed
KC8KI	John	KG8WJ	Jenny		
KC8NZJ	Mat	N8AGM	Tom		

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

For April & May the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule		
04/18/19	David	KD8ACD
04/25/19	Carl	KB8VXE
05/02/19	Eric	N8AUC
05/09/19	Ken	KG8DN
05/16/19	Steve	K8SAS
05/23/19	Bill	K2WJS
05/30/19	Andrew	WA8LIV
06/06/19	David	KD8ACD
06/13/19	Mike	AB8UM
06/20/19	Carl	KB8VXE
06/27/19	Eric	N8AUC

Please check the website for current assignments. **The Digital Communications Net** on Thursday evenings has been discontinued due to lack of participation.

**The Wednesday Skywarn Practice Net** Skywarn season runs from March through September. Skywarn practice nets are held every Wednesday during the season, 8:30PM on LEARA's 146.760 re-

peater. There is a brief simplex net that is held after the repeater net to test gear and operational skills. Please check in and learn how the net works. Should the National Weather Service issue a severe weather alert, a Skywarn net will be started 146.760 repeater. Be sure to visit the web page at [www.ccskywarn.org](http://www.ccskywarn.org) for more information and training sessions.

#### Thursday Net NCOs

AB8UM	MIKE	KD8ACD	DAVID
K2WJS	Bill	KG8DN	KEN
K8SAS	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
KB8VXE	CARL	WA8LIV	ANDREW

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@arrr.net](mailto:kb8vxe@arrr.net)**

The next ARES meeting is 2PM Sunday May 5, 2019, The meeting will be held at the Parma-Snow Road Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System, **2121 Snow Rd Parma OH 44134**. Please see the ARES web site for more details (click on website below). ARES Nets are now held every Tuesday at 8PM on the 145.410 (+110.9) repeater.

For more information go to [www.ccares.us](http://www.ccares.us).

#### Sunshine report

Our Trustee Marv Grossman W8AZO gave us a bit of a scare, and decided to go to the Hospital instead of our monthly meeting. He is home and doing well. He says he'll see us at the April meeting. Rest up Marv..

## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### 04/27/2019 | [North Central Indiana Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Peru, IN

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Grant Co ARC, Miami Co ARC, Cass o ARC, Kokomo ARC

**Website:** <http://nci-hamfest.net>

[Learn More](#)

### 04/28/2019 | [Athens Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Athens, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Athens County Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://www.ac-ara.org/>

[Learn More](#)

### 05/05/2019 | [Spring Trunk Swap](#)

**Location:** Ferndale, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Flying Beers International Radio Club

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/2032907820341719/>

[Learn More](#)

### 05/17/2019 | [2019 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention®](#)

**Location:** Xenia, OH

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Dayton Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://hamvention.org>

[Learn More](#)

### 06/01/2019 | [Western Pennsylvania Section Convention \(BreezeShooters Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Prospect, PA

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** BreezeShooters Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.breezeshooters.org>

[Learn More](#)

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### 04/21/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

**Sponsor:** American Red Cross

**Location:** American Red Cross

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

[Learn More](#)

### 05/12/2019 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

### 05/15/2019 | [Akron OH 44301-2108](#)

**Sponsor:** Pioneer AR Fellowship

**Location:** Firestone Park Community Center

**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

### 05/19/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

**Sponsor:** American Red Cross

**Location:** American Red Cross

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

[Learn More](#)

### 05/23/2019 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205](#)

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls ARC

**Location:** Cuyahoga Falls Library

**Time:** 6:30 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

### 06/01/2019 | [Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

**Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

### 06/01/2019 | [Ravenna OH 44266-2191](#)

**Sponsor:** Portage County ARS Inc.

**Location:** PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, under BIG tower)

**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

### 06/01/2019 | [Rittman OH 44270-1431](#)

**Sponsor:** Silvercreek ARA

**Location:** Rittman Public Library

**Time:** 10:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)



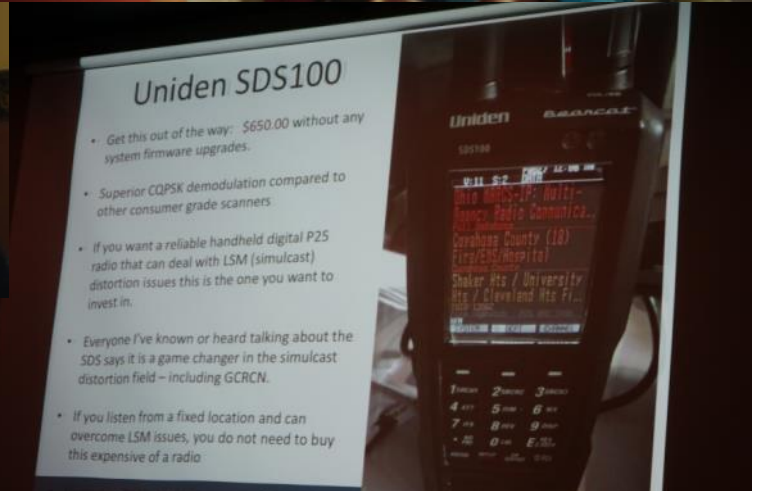
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**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**  
**Jeff Garvas, N8YNR**

***Monitoring Digital Public Service  
Trunked Radio Systems  
Fire House Grille & Pub  
Willoughby Hills, OH***



## Cleveland Marathon Communications Volunteers Needed

by Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ

This year marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> running of the Cleveland Marathon and amateur radio volunteers will once again play a key role. Each year in May, approximately 15,000 runners descend on Downtown Cleveland from all over the world for their chance to run in several races over a two-day period. The races include a 5k, 8k, 10k, half marathon, and full marathon. Many of these runners will participate in the full marathon in the hopes of qualifying to run in the Boston Marathon. Because of the 2013 events in Boston, the Cleveland Marathon is a very high security event in the city of Cleveland.

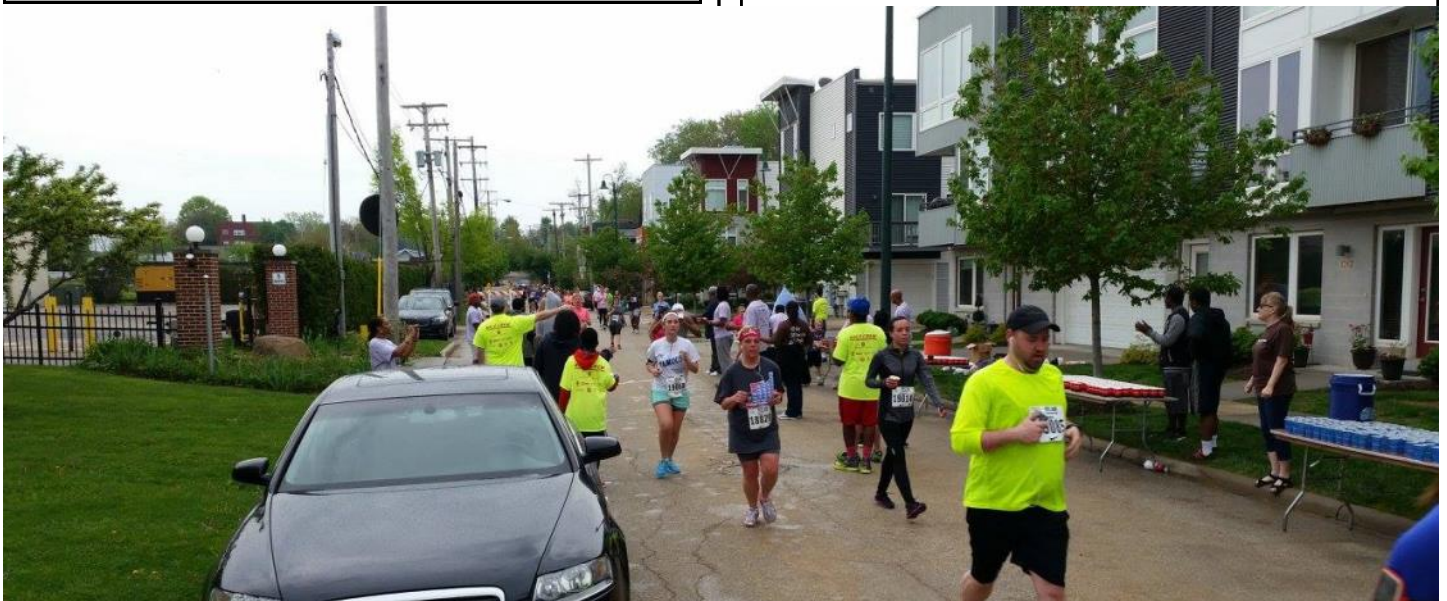
When amateur radio operators first started helping with the Cleveland Marathon, it was at the request of the event organizers, who needed a better way of keeping track of the event participants and supply logistics. In recent years, the work has shifted towards also providing extra eye and ears for the numerous local and federal emergency response teams involved, as well as overall situational awareness.

Because of these new responsibilities, ARES has moved in to assist the amateur radio volunteers at the request of the Cleve-



land Office of Emergency Management. Amateurs are now stationed in the city Emergency Operation Center, as well as the medical command vehicle, all water stops, start and finish areas, SAG vehicles, and as shadows for several of the key event organizers. All together this requires a volunteer force of approximately 40 amateur radio operators. This is quite the undertaking and yes, it all happens on Hamvention weekend!

Contrary to what some might say, the marathon does not revolve around the volunteers, so changing weekends is not an option. But let's be honest, by the time Sunday rolls around, all the good deals at Hamvention had been spoken for already. So, do yourself, your community, and your frustrated wife a favor and head back for the Cleveland Marathon.





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This year, a few volunteers will be needed from approximately 6AM to 1PM on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> for the 5k and 8k runs. Then, the big day will be Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from about 6AM to 3PM. If you have a time constraint, please reach out anyway. There are many jobs that people can do to accommodate those who need to leave early.

If you are interested in helping out please send an email ASAP to [info@ccares.us](mailto:info@ccares.us) with your name, call sign, cell phone number, shirt size, and any sort of limitations you have. There will then be a meeting for all to discuss the race on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2P to 4P at the Snow Rd Library, 2121 Snow Rd, Parma, OH.

I encourage you all to please volunteer! We have jobs for even the newest operators with no experience! Most volunteers will need a dual band handheld. Some will need a mobile and mag mount antenna. No equipment? No problem! We will find you a loaner radio, just please sign up!

Again, to help please contact Mat Nickoson KC8NZJ at [info@ccares.us](mailto:info@ccares.us) Hope to see you there!



**RITE AID** Rite Aid 2019  
**PHARMACY** Cleveland Marathon  
Full • Half • 10K • 8K • 5K

## Attention all DMR RADIO OWNERS

by Steve Spisak, K8SAS

**If you are still wondering** how to program your radio with the code plug software, or have questions on using your radio, set aside this date:  
**April 28, 2019, 2:00 to 4:00 PM.**

There will be a workshop on how to program your DMR radios.

**Please be sure to bring a...**

- 1. Laptop for programming**
- 2. Program software**
- 3. The USB transfer cable for the radio to connect to the laptop**

**And of course...**

- 4. Don't' forget the radio.**

The workshop will be at the Cuyahoga County Library in Independence:

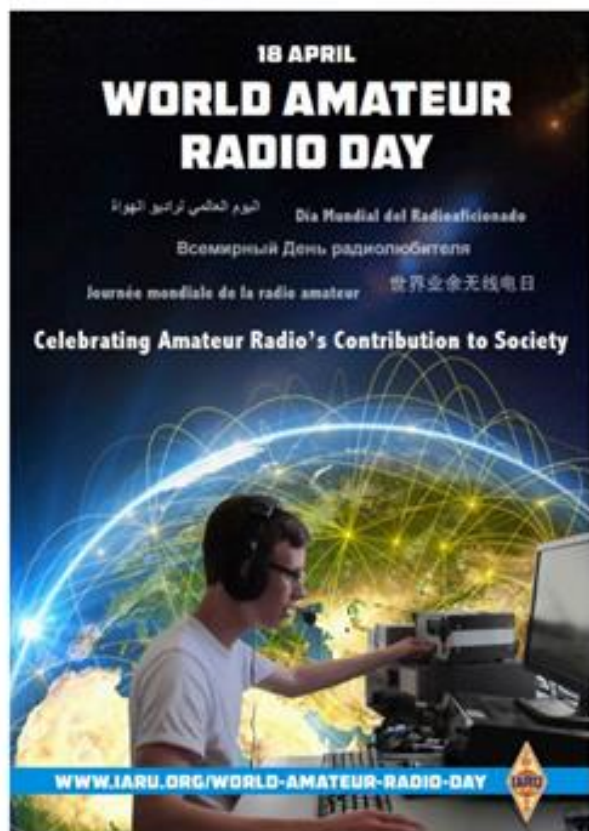
6361 Selig Drive  
Independence, OH 44131

**Please register online at:**

**<https://neodigital.cc/dmr-sig/>**

# World Amateur Radio Day 2019 Marks International Amateur Radio Union Founding

from [www.arri.org](http://www.arri.org)



04/12/2019

**Thursday, April 18, is World Amateur Radio Day** (WARD), this year marking the 94th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), founded in Paris in 1925. Each year, WARD celebrates Amateur Radio's contribution to society. Groups in the US and around the world will celebrate WARD 2019 with on-the-air activities.

"I am pleased to extend my greetings for World Amateur Radio Day," IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, said. "April 18 is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide, and the fun we have. I would encourage all radio amateurs to join in the celebrations and promote Amateur Radio on the air or in your community."

*Note rest of article here, including observance in various countries:*

<http://www.arri.org/news/world-amateur-radio-day-2019-marks-international-amateur-radio-union-founding>

## 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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