

The Spirit of '76 and '88



May

Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2019

Ken Kane, KG8DN, Editor



Yes, the
LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION
HAS MADE IT TO THE
HALF-CENTURY MARK, at least
once we get to the
end of this month!

Join us at Play Arcade and Kitchen in Mayfield Heights to celebrate. Charter member and first president, Bill Hess, K8SGX, will be on hand to provide archive images and commentary, assisted by Dave Andrzejewski, KD8TWG.

Several other "founding members" are also still very much alive, and in this edition of the newsletter we hail them as well as the many who have become Silent Keys.

See you there!



Dinner 6:30 PM
Our Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting
will be at
Play Arcade and Kitchen
5900 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

The May 28, 2019 LEARA meeting will be at the **Play Arcade & Kitchen**, located at 5900 Mayfield Road in Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

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

Attendees can order off of the menu, so there is no set price for the dinner and no entrée selection is necessary (only the number of people dining), but advance reservations for a count 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**.

The menu is available online at http://www.playmayfield.com/kitchen .

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

Reservations must be submitted by the Sunday before the meeting.

We hope to see you there.

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NEWSLETTER

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will be sufficient.

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It's LEARA's 50th Anniversary!

The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association by Bryan Torok, N8OOF was formed at a meeting on the last Tuesday of the month in May of 1969. So, it is fitting that we celebrate the occasion of our 50th anniversary at our May meeting this month. There will be a slide show assembled by Dave Andrzejewski, WD8TWG and a presentation by Bill Hess, K8SGX. Also, the club will provide cake for dessert. The May meeting will be in the theatre on the first floor at Play Arcade and Kitchen in Mayfield Heights. Details are on the first page.



The Prez Says

The April meeting was at Pearl of the Orient in Rocky River. This was a new venue for LEARA with the meal served family style. Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, will have the results of a full survey, but I took a quick straw poll of attendees. The results were universally thumbs up. I asked for a comparison between the Chinese restaurant LEARA tried last year and Pearl of the Orient. The response was that Pearl of the Orient was head and shoulders better.

The June meeting will NOT be at Field Day, but WILL be at Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake. We've been there twice with good results each time.

For the July meeting, Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, will be putting on the picnic in the usual location, the Harriett Keeler Picnic area at the MetroParks Brecksville Reservation. He is still looking for some help with the preparations and set up. If you have bit of time to help the club, please contact Eddie at 440-668-7409 or LEARA@KD8FTS.com.

Newsletter Editor needed: Our current newsletter editor, Ken Kane, KG8DN, will not be running for reelection this year and will also be resigning as newsletter editor. We really, really, really, need someone to step up and take over as newsletter editor.

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.

The newsletter editor does not have to be a Trustee, although it would be helpful if the editor would be able to attend the Trustee meetings, held six times per year. Ken has offered to mentor his replacement over the coming months. As Ken has no immediate plans to leave the area, he will also still be available for help in the future. We will provide a copy of the software currently used, but one would be free to use whatever software they like. Any member who is interested may contact Ken or any Trustee for more info.

Nominations for Trustee are open through the end of the August membership meeting. Because Ken has declined to run for reelection, there WILL be a new person elected to the Trustees this year. That makes it a good time to run. The **Nomination/Election committee** consists of **Ken Kane, KG8DN; Steve Spisak, K8SAS; and Andrew Kahn, WA8LIV**. If you are interested in helping with the running of LEARA, or wish to nominate someone who you think would be good for the position, please contact one of the committee members.

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

May 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 April 2019					
AB8UM	Mike	KD8ACO	David	MITBN	Don
ADBAA	Andy	KD8AJZ	Rich	NBUPZ	Bill
K2WJS	BILL	KD8FTS	Eddie	N8WLG	Aaron
K8EHP	Mike	KD80VQ	Joe	WBDKA	Doug
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KBSAS	Steve	KE8MAE	Connie	WBMET	Metro
K82HB	Joel	KG8DN	Ken	WABLIV	Andrew
KB8VXE	Carl	N8AGM	Tom	WB8ROK	Ed
KC8FQV	Mark	NBAUC	Eric		

Remember if you missed a net, check out the web page for a recap of the trivia and discussion questions. For May through July the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule			
05/16/19	Steve	K8SAS	
05/23/19	Bill	K2WJS	
05/30/19	Andrew	WABLIV	
06/06/19	David	KD8ACO	
06/13/19	Mike	AB8UM	
06/20/19	Carl	KB8VXE	
06/27/19	Eric	NBAUC	
07/04/19	Ken	KG8DN	
07/11/19	Steve	K8SAS	
07/18/19	Bill	K2WJS	
07/25/19	Andrew	WABLIV	

Please check the website for current assignments.

<u>The Digital Communications Net</u> 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, 8:30 PM on LEARA's 146.760 repeater. There is a brief simplex net that is held after the repeater net to 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 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

AB8UM	MIKE	KD8ACO	DAVID
K2WJS	Bill	KG8DN	KEN
SASAS	STEVE	NBAUC	ERIC
KB8VXE	CARL	WABLIV	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@arrl.net

The next ARES meeting is 2PM Sunday June 9, 2019, The meeting will be held at the Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System. 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.

Sunshine report

We are happy to see **Bill K2WJS Sheehan** back on his "feet". He underwent some surgery last month. And was looking fine at the our last group meeting. Keep getting better Bill! P.S. During Bill's convalescence, he Elmered his XYL to a new ham ticket. **Welcome to Connie, KE8MAE**.

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

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

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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

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06/16/2019 | Monroe Hamfest

Location: Monroe, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County radio Comm Assoc

Website: http://mcrca.org/

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07/07/2019 | 20/9 Radio Club Hamfest, Computer, & Electronics Show

Location: Austintown, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: 20/9 Radio Club

Sponsor: 20/9 Radio Club, Inc. **Website:** http://20over9.org

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07/13/2019 | NW PA Hamfest

Location: Erie, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Wattsburg Wireless Association **Website:** http://www.wattsburg-wireless.us

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from www.arrl.org

05/19/2019 | Elyria OH 44035-1343

Sponsor: American Red Cross **Location:** American Red Cross **Time:** 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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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)

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06/01/2019 | Kirtland OH 44094-8500

Sponsor: Lake County ARA Location: Kirtland Library

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

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06/01/2019 | Ravenna OH 44266-2191

Sponsor: Portage County ARS Inc.

Location: PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, un-

der BIG tower)

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

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06/01/2019 | Rittman OH 44270-1431

Sponsor: Silvercreek ARA **Location:** Rittman Public Library **Time:** 10:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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06/16/2019 | Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC **Location:** Cuyahoga Falls Library

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

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06/16/2019 | Elyria OH 44035-1343

Sponsor: American Red Cross Location: American Red Cross Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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06/22/2019 | Ravenna OH 44266-2191

Sponsor: Portage County ARS Inc.

Location: PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, un-

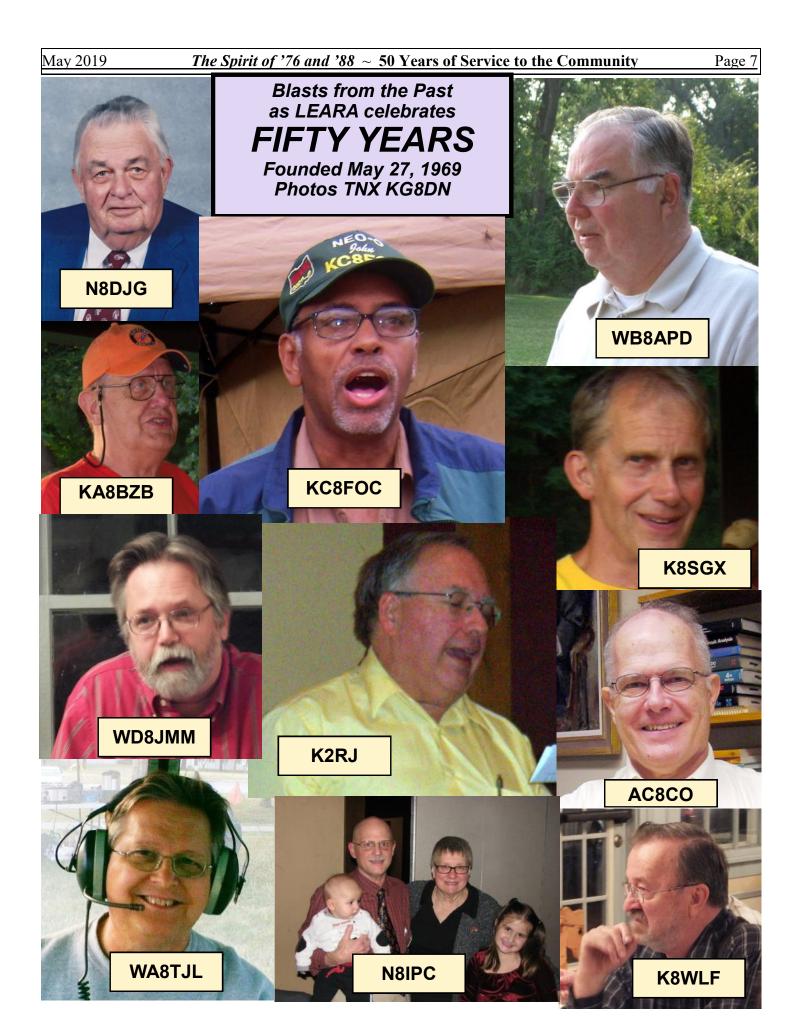
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LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES OF THE MEETING

11 May 2019, at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library (subject to revision)

Present: K8SAS, KG8DN, W8AZO, N8OOF, N8AUC, WA8LIV, KD8TWG

Excused: N8YNR, KD8FTS

Guests: KB8VXE (Nets), K8RJH,

W2THU (Badges)

Call to Order: N8OOF called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Corrections to March Board Minutes: W8AZO moved and WA8LIV seconded that the March 2019 minutes be accepted as published. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: N8OOF indicated that the most recent report showed that our funds were adequate.

Accepted.

Membership Report: W8AZO reported that we currently have 132 Members. His records indicate that 38 members from last year did not renew for this year. He will delete members from the email list who have not renewed.

Venue chair: N8OOF reported that the May meeting will be at Play Arcade and Kitchen in Mayfield Heights, and that the June meeting (in lieu of an active LEARA field day this year) will be held on the last Tuesday in June at Mahle's in Westlake.

Programs for 2019: The May Meeting on May 28 will be in celebration of our club's 50th anniversary. The June program has not yet been established, and the Picnic meeting is still

planned for July (by KD8FTS) pending adequate support from club members. W2THU agreed to extend an invitation to Dave Prestel, W8AJR, for attending the May 50th anniversary meeting.

Nominating Committee Report: nominating committee to seek candidates for the October Board election now consists of KG8DN, K8SAS and WA8LIV. WA8LIV will operate the Voting Place election procedure. The current terms for KG8DN, KD8TWG, and N8YNR are expiring. KG8DN is not renewing his candidacy. At this time, we anticipate that the candidates for election will consist of KD8TWG, N8YNR and others determined by the committee. was nominated at the meeting, and the committee seeks other nominations.

Technical Committee: KD8TWG announced that the Arcom repeater controller for the 146.88 repeater has been returned, and he will install it at the west site once we are clear of upcoming public service events. commented that the MMDVM board functionality has been affected by a Yaesu update. N8OOF hopes to get the 444.7 MHz repeater back on the air, at least as an analog repeater. There is sporadic interference in the 444.4 MHz repeater on west side that we need to troubleshoot. As an aside. W8AZO moved and KD8TWG seconded that we renew the club's

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dues to the repeater council, and N8AUC agreed to follow up.

Club Call Sign Badges: While it has been the club practice to provide free call sign badges to new members, W2THU pointed out that costs and shipping for these badges has risen lately so that now the total cost of preparing and shipping one badge is over eight dollars. After discussion, it was agreed that each new member will be asked if he or she wants to incur the cost of a club call sign badge at the current Boardprepared authorized rate (now \$10.) or if, alternatively, they do not want a badge. Passed.

Newsletter Editor Plan: KG8DN will end his term as newsletter editor for LEARA following this November's issue, so the club will need a new editor. After discussion, it was decided that LEARA should promote this need through the usual announcements at meetings, in the newsletter itself and in other typical ways. For anyone who would like to consider this position beginning with the January 2020 issue, help will become immediately available.

Old Business: (none)

New Business: (none)

Adjournment: Near 10:30 AM, W8AZO moved and KD8TWG seconded that we adjourn. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Ken Kane, KG8DN, Secretary

Hams Help Trace "Mystery" Signal Disrupting Keyless Entry Devices in (North Olmsted) Ohio

from www.arrl.org

05/07/2019 A recent article in The New York Times reported that many garage door openers and keyless vehicle entry fobs in an Ohio town near Cleveland mysteriously stopped working. While the article invoked The X-Files and hinted initially that a NASA research center somehow could be involved, the cause was not so much mystifying as arcane.

"Garage door repair people, local ham radio enthusiasts, and other volunteer investigators descended on the neighborhood with various meters," the May 4 article by Heather Murphy recounted. "Everyone agreed that something powerful was interfering with the radio frequency that many fobs rely on, but no one could identify the source."

More than a dozen residents reported intermittent issues getting their key fobs and garage door openers to operate, and most lived within a few blocks of each other. At one point, the local power utility started shutting off power to areas where the strongest RF signal was detected, but the signal persisted. Dan Dalessandro, WB8ZQH, a TV repairer, was among several hams who investigated. He initially picked up "little blips" on a signal detector, but finally, on one block and at a particular house, the signal was quite loud.

"The source of the problem was a homebrew, battery-operated device designed by a local resident to alert him if someone was upstairs when he was working in his basement," the *Times* reported. "It did so by turning off a light." The individual, who, the article said, has special needs, was not identified for privacy concerns. The inventor, who had no malicious intent, had no inkling that his device was wreaking havoc on the neighborhood until a North Olmstead City Council member and a volunteer knocked on his door. The device operated on 315 MHz, the frequency many keyless-entry devices use under FCC Part 15 rules. The device's battery was removed, the signal stopped, and all who were involved breathed sighs of relief.

West Chester (Ohio) Amateur Radio Association - WC8VOA

https://wc8voa.org/2016/02/west-chester-amateur-radio-association-wc8voa/

Posted by: **Bob Fay** | Posted on: **February 15, 2016**

HAMVENTION SPECIAL HOURS

Special Tour Hours for Hamvention Thurs. May 16th 4:00- 9:00 PM Friday, May 17th 4:00 - 9:00 PM Sat. May 18th 1:00 - 9:00 PM Sun. May 19th 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Admission to the museum is just \$5.00 per person.

TICKETS FOR SPECIAL VOA / "WLW" Transmitter site tour (click here)

The West Chester Amateur Radio Association station WC8VOA and the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting will be open for visitation during the 2019 Dayton Hamvention. Visitors are invited to operate WC8VOA using the four modern transceivers, and vintage equipment as available. Talk-in is on 145.390 (-) no tone required. Echo Link node is 805289.

The Voice of America facility is located at 8070 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, Ohio. From I75, take Exit 22 (Tylersville Rd) and go East about 1.5 miles. The Voice of America Building is on the north side of the road.

You can't miss it – it is located on a large plot of land and is signed at the entrance.

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