



The Spirit of '76 and '88



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Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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Ken Kane, KG8DN, Editor

Stan Broadway, N8BHL Speaks on ARES® In the Ohio Section



At the LEARA meeting a week from Tuesday, on the evening of September 24, we will be visited by the Ohio Section ARRL Emergency coordinator, Stan Broadway, N8BHL. His topic will be **ARES® in our Ohio Section**.

We have previously met at Luna's which was at one time known as Tommy's restaurant, and the location is the same, near Pearl Road and Brookpark Roads in Parma.

Please join us for an interesting evening. Make sure you have reserved your entrée with Marv or at the website.

**No Election Required
Three Candidates for
Three Positions
(See Prez says & pp. 8-9)**

**Tuesday, September 24
Meet at Luna's
on Brookpark Road!**
6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting

The September 24, 2019 LEARA meeting will be at Luna's Restaurant, located at 5198 Pearl Road in Cleveland, Ohio 44129.

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

The cost will be \$20 per person. Advance reservations, along with your entrée selections, 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.

Entrée options are:

- Roast Beef
- Lemon Pepper Chicken
- Boston Scrod

Entrées are served with a choice of potato and vegetable.

Soup or salad, dinner rolls, water, coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included.

Dessert items can be purchased separately. 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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The August meeting was held at Fire House Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills. As on previous occasions, we ordered off the menu and the food was very good. One of the other advantages to the room is that it comes with a projector, screen, and sound system which was beneficial in showing videos. The speaker was be George Riedel, N1EZZ, talking about his experience being deployed during the 2017 hurricanes in the Caribbean, including being stuck on an island that took a direct hit from a hurricane. George's videos showed what it was like to be in a hurricane and the aftermath. The amount of destruction was incredible and nearly indescribable.

The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



The September meeting will be at Luna's Restaurant in the shopping center on the northeast corner of Brookpark and Pearl Roads. This is another venue we have visited several times with good results. See the front page for reservation details and info on the meeting program. I'm sure our program chair, **Eric Jessen, N8AUC**, have something interesting for us.

Nominations and Elections, or not: At the August meeting, prior to the close of nominations, two more candidates became known to us. So, in addition to incumbent **Jeff Garvas, N8YNR**, we now have **Ted Alexander, W8IXY**, and **Robert Wright II, KE8CEO**, nominated for Trustee. This means we now have three candidates running for three positions. See their bios later in this issue.

Per the **Bylaws, Article III, Section 10**, when the number of candidates *"is equal to or less than the number of available positions, the membership may choose to compel an election prior to the close of nominations. Failure to act will result in the election not being held and those holding office shall be appointed by acclamation."* Since the membership declined to "compel an election," the candidates will be seated as Trustees at the start of the November Trustees meeting.

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.

**Prez
cont.**

LEARA Needs Your Help: While **Ken Kane, KG8DN** has had some inquiries, no one has been finalized as to replace him as newsletter editor. So, you still have a chance to get in on the fun. If you are interested or just need more information, please contact **Ken Kane, KG8DN**.

Speaking of Trustees: The Trustee meetings are held on the **second Saturday of odd numbered months** starting at **0915 hours** and finishing before noon. The meetings are held in public library meeting rooms and are open to any LEARA member. Details are in the fine print at the bottom of this page. We welcome members to come and offer input, or just observe. It is a good idea to check with any Trustee a few days before the meeting to double check the location.

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
8 September	9	10 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	11 Skywarn Practice Net 8:30 PM 146.76/R	12 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	13	14 LEARA Trustees meet 9:15am CCPL Independence Tour de Cure
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LEARA "On The Air"
Club Net Information
by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

September 2019
Newsletter Net Report

The Thursday Club Net

Is held 8PM on our 146.760 (or 146.88— back-up) MHz (-600 kHz offset PL 110.9) repeater.

Checkins for August 2019

AB8M	Doug	KB8VXE	Carl	N8AHS	FRED
AB8UM	Mike	KC8FQV	Mark	N8AUC	Eric
AC8AJR	Andy	KC8JR	Andy	N8OOF	Bryan
AC8JR	Jeff	KD8ACO	David	N8QWS	Ray
K2WJS	BILL	KD8AJZ	Rich	N8UPZ	Bill
K8ALG	Andy	KD8WBB	Carson	N8UUC	Dave
K8ARP	Arp	KE8CEO	Robert	N8YNR	JEFF
K8EHP	Mike	KE8GKO	Jodi	W2THU	Bob
K8RJH	Ron	KE8MSX	Michael	W8IE	Ed
K8SAS	Steve	KG8DN	Ken	WB8ROK	Ed

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

For October & November, the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule		
09/19/19	Steve	K8SAS
09/26/19	David	KD8ACO
10/03/19	Carl	KB8VXE
10/10/19	Eric	N8AUC
10/17/19	Ken	KG8DN
10/24/19	Steve	K8SAS
10/31/19	David	KD8ACO
11/07/19	Carl	KB8VXE
11/14/19	Eric	N8AUC
11/21/19	Ken	KG8DN

Please check the website for current assignments.

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 repeater.

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 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
K8SAS	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
KB8VXE	CARL	W8LIV	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

ARES Nets are now on Hiatus for the summer. Nets will resume in September. The ARES website is also temporarily out of commission.

Sunshine

We wish Bill K2WJS a speedy recovery. Hope you're back on your feet soon.

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

09/15/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross
Location: American Red Cross
Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

09/22/2019 | [Berea OH 44017](#)

Sponsor: Cleveland Hamfest
Location: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds,
 Cleveland Hamfest Bldg 29
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

10/05/2019 | [Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA
Location: Kirtland Library
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

10/05/2019 | [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](#)

10/16/2019 | [Akron OH 44301-2108](#)

Sponsor: Pioneer AR Fellowship
Location: Firestone Park Community Center
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

10/20/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross
Location: American Red Cross
Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

11/03/2019 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC
Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library
Time: 6:30 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
[Learn More](#)

11/10/2019 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS
Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

09/22/2019 | [Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show](#)

Location: Berea, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland
Website: <http://www.hac.org>
[Learn More](#)

10/12/2019 | [NWOARC Fall Hamfest](#)

Location: Lima, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.nwoarc.com>
[Learn More](#)

10/19/2019 | [Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest](#)

Location: Muskegon, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication
 Services, Inc.
Website: <http://mcecs.net/Download/HamfestFlyer2019a.pdf>
[Learn More](#)

10/27/2019 | [U.S.E.C.A. Hamfest 2019](#)

Location: Madison Heights, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association
Website: <http://www.usecaarc.com>
[Learn More](#)

11/03/2019 | [Massillon ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Massillon, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8np.org>
[Learn More](#)

11/03/2019 | [WACOM Hamfest 2019](#)

Location: Washington, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Washington Amateur Communications Inc.
Website: <https://www.wacomarc.org>
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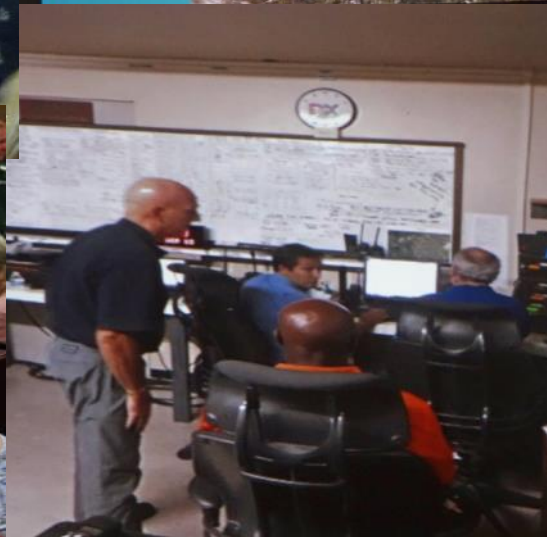


Hurricanes in the Virgins:
Emergency Radio Communications
with George Riedel, N1EZZ
Firehouse in Willoughby on August 27





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2020 LEARA Board Candidates Ready for Appointment

Because three candidates ran for three open positions this fall, no election is necessary. Welcome those who offered to serve!

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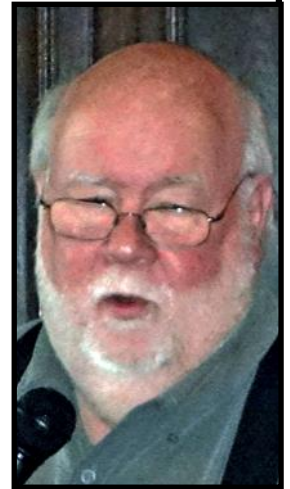
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By Dave Sarkies, May 2014

Ted Alexander, W8IXY

Ted Alexander, W8IXY, has long been known across the Cleveland area for his professional skills as an announcer on commercial broadcasting stations. But there is much more to Ted than his gift with words. "If it can be done in radio, Ted Alexander has probably done it. Broadcast Engineer, Disc Jockey, Talk Show Host, Traffic Reporter, Voiceover Artist..." It is said that, at the age of 10, Ted built a transmitter out of a table radio. As a ham, he has helped with public service.

Club members will remember his engaging presentation in May 2018 on "Broadcast Radio & TV in Northeast Ohio" during the LEARA dinner meeting held at The Hofbrauhaus downtown. When it became apparent that the Club needed a new Trustee, W8IXY offered himself. We will look forward to hearing more from Ted and benefitting from his technical expertise as well as his rich talents in communication.



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

Since 2004 Jeff has worked for Verizon (formerly Alltel) as an IT professional. He is a "Senior Member of the Technical Staff" in the IT Network & Unified Communications Planning & Design team with a focus on Contact Center Telephony & Unified Communication. He has a number of Cisco Certifications and has a broad IT history. Jeff's was the original architect of LEARA's IRLP system and the 444.40 repeater has been at his house for roughly eight years.

Jeff has re-written or improved upon LEARA's bylaws multiple times since joining the organization, played a role in obtaining 501(c)3 status, and re-ignited the defunct LEARA net twenty-one years ago. It has continued to exist ever since.

Jeff is the founder of Ohioans For Concealed Carry, created in 1999, and has been successful in leading a statewide non-profit political organization. The year Jeff was licensed he volunteered as a ham in a medical vehicle for what was then the Pedal To The Point bike tour. Today he is a coordinator with the Buckeye Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society overseeing event communications and celebrating a staggering 27 years with that event. He averages 60+ hours of effort per year just preparing for and running the bike tour with a great group of dedicated volunteers.

He lives in Macedonia with his wife Lori (KC8MYE) and their daughter Jessica who is now 13 and in eighth grade. This November Jeff will appear on the actual ballot in Macedonia while he makes a second attempt at running for City Council, a race he lost last time by just 89 votes. You can read more about that endeavor (or make a friendly contribution to his campaign) at <http://Jeff4Macedonia.com>

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR



**Board
cont.****Robert Wright II, KE8CEO**

My name is Robert Wright II, KE8CEO. I first became involved with radio as a result of my service in the US Army Signal Corps. I was first introduced to amateur radio by my coworker Jack Thomas, WD8BID.

I have been employed by AT&T since 2001 as an outside plant design engineer. I design telecommunications solutions for cell sites, businesses, and housing developments. I am also responsible for the replacement of facilities that are damaged or have reached the end of their lifespan. In addition to my amateur radio license, I also possess a GROL+Radar license and a degree in cybersecurity.

I love all things amateur radio related, especially public service. When not indulging my amateur radio habit, I enjoy gardening, and hiking.

I live in Highland Hills with my beautiful and very patient wife Jeannette.

**Breakfast Club for Hams!**

The Six-AM Door is always open every other Wednesday morning at Gyro George's, 5170 Northfield Rd. in Maple Heights.

Contact those below!

L. to R. KD8WCK, W8AZO, KG8DN, N8OOF, K8EUR, W2THU

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**two 6-foot high
18" communications
equipment racks.**
About 27" deep.
(See photos below left.)

One cabinet has panels all around, the other is open front and back. Included if wanted is a functioning MSI-motherboard (new 2012) 4U-height Ubuntu server with redundant power supplies, and a 15" flat screen monitor.

Equipment is in South Akron, pick up during business hours or we can make arrangements for off-hours pickup.

Contact Rick DeMattia
KD8WCK rad@hamnet.org
or cell phone 216- 509-4182.



HONORING AMERICA's POWs and MIAs

from Amateur Radio Newsline

<https://www.arnewsline.org>

HONORING AMERICA's POWs and MIAs

NEIL/ANCHOR: If you're looking for a way to honor generations of American military heroes — prisoners of war and those missing in action - there's a special event coming up that will give you the opportunity. We hear more from Jim Damron N8TMW.

JIM D: **National POW-MIA Recognition Day** came into being in 1979, when Congress and the U.S. president declared it a national day to remember those in the military who never returned home from service. Eleven years ago, amateur radio operators stepped in and took the honor further, activating the first special event station keeping with the theme of the day which this year falls on **September 20th**. The station **K4MIA/8** - and a number of its sister stations - will be on the air on **40 meters**. Some of the sister stations include K4MIA/5 and K4MIA/7. Contacts can also be made on low-earth orbit satellites and in digital modes. QSL cards will be made available to those who have had valid contacts but requests must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The website military.com notes that a Congressional Record Service report counts 130,201 World War II service members who were put in prison; of those 14,072 died. The record also notes that 7,140 service members were in prisons during the Korean War and 2,701 of them died. There are other conflicts, of course, and other figures. **The K4MIA/8 special event honors them all.** Be listening.

For Amateur Radio Newsline I'm Jim Damron N8TMW

LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

50 Years of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969 -

VOICE REPEATERS:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 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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