

The Spirit of '76 and '88



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Tuesday, October 29, 2019

A Look Back at SET 2019! (Simulated Emergency Test)

(or, "What if Field Day kept on going...")
by Eric Jessen, N8AUC

Dinner 6:30 PM Program 7:30 PM



On October 14, 2019, during the Statewide SET, a **Greene County** official (**see except below**) went beyond the call of duty, and set an example of how all of us could improve our attitude toward emergency preparedness.

Eric Jessen, N8AUC, will challenge us this evening to consider Sheriff Fischer's active participation as he modeled an extraordinary commitment to public service and the amateur com-



The October 29th LEARA meeting is at

Corky & Lenny's 27091 Chagrin Blvd. Beachwood (Woodmere) We will order off the menu, but NOTE...

The RESTAURANT CLOSES AT 8:00 PM THIS EVENING - (We need to <u>leave</u> by 8:30.)

To assist the wait staff in assuring efficient service...

Go to RESTAURANT website: https://www.corkyandlennys.com, click on MENU and note your selections.

Go to the LEARA website: www.leara.org (or call Marv at 440-248-0031) and state them!

Your entrée selection must accompany the dinner reservation.

Excerpt from Greene County Sheriff's Office Participates in Ohio's SET

(Full story at the ARRL Ohio Section Website: http://arrl-ohio.org/news/2019/ps-10-14-19.pdf)

The annual Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is an opportunity for local ARES groups to demonstrate to public officials their ability to communicate under disaster conditions. For the Greene County Ohio ARES (GCARES) one public official not only observed the test but participated. Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer, KX8GCS, checked in when the Resource Net Control, Bob Baker, N8ADO, of Beavercreek, called for volunteers.

Sheriff Fischer, at the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) meeting the evening before the SET told Greene County ARES Emergency Coordinator Henry Ruminski, W8HJR, that he would participate in the SET so that he could determine how well his handheld radio would perform under the test conditions. While it was more than adequate for checking into the resource net on a repeater, he learned that it was lacking for effective simplex operation from outside the Sheriff's office. ...

A number of hams that year, urged him to get an amateur radio license. He also had some urging at home from his wife, Gail, who had been licensed but let it expire. Both decided to take the Technician License course offered by GCARES in the Fall of 2017. Both passed the technician exam in November of 2017. Gail became KE8IFF and Gene, KE8IGE. The next month both received vanity calls; Gail, her former call, KA8DQK and Gene, KX8GCS. He said the X is for Xenia where they live and where he served in the police department for many years. The GCS is for Greene County Sheriff. Gene took the GCARES General course in the Spring of 2018 and upgraded. ...

Venue

The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

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NEWSLETTER

The Spirit of '76 & '88 is published monthly except in December.

Contributions must be received by the 2nd Sunday of the month except on months with 5 Sundays and 5 Tuesdays when the 3rd Sunday will be sufficient.

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The September meeting was at Luna's Restaurant. We have been there several times with good results. However, several

members at my table who had the chicken commented that it was overdone and very salty. Sara, KC8KSU, and I had the same experience. If you had a similar or other problem with the food, please email me so that we can note that for the future.

The October meeting will be at Corky & Lenny's, 27091 Chagrin Blvd, Woodmere, OH 44122. Last month's pro-

gram was presented by the Ohio Section ARRL Emergency coordinator, **Stan Broadway, N8BHL**. His topic was Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) in our Ohio Section. Stan mentioned the then upcoming Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Our program this month dovetails with that as **Eric Jessen, N8AUC**, will provide a recap of the SET, which was titled "A Very Bad Day." Eric will also talk about Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) antennas and the role they played in the SET.

This month's meeting will be two days before **Halloween.** I encourage those attending to have a little fun, live a little dangerously, and come in a costume or maybe just a face mask.

No Elections this month: At the close of the August meeting, we had a total of three candidates running for three Trustee positions. Therefore we will not be having an election. See last month's "The Prez Says" for more details.

Speaking of Trustees: The next Trustee meeting will be on **November 9**th starting at **0915 hours** and finishing before noon at the Maple Heights public library, 5225 Library Lane, Maple Heights, OH 44137 and is open to any LEARA member.

New Editor: Current editor **Ken Kane, KG8DN**, is working with **Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB** to prepare for him taking over the full editor position starting with the January edition.

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.

California declares Ham Radio no longer a benefit, severs ties across the State. As many of you know, Ham Radio repeaters exist at commercial sites free of charge due to the good graces of the building or tower owner and their appreciation for the service we provide. In a recent letter to a Ham Radio repeater owner, a CA State official has stated that "with constantly changing technological advances, there is no longer the same benefit to State as previously provided."

Prez cont.

The letter goes on to explain that if the repeater owner wishes to remain on the site they will have to complete a site analysis application (\$2,500), pay a lease preparation fee (\$3,000-\$5,000), and pay an annual rent charge based on equipment/type space. For more info, I've provided a couple of links below.

https://grznow.com/california-declares-ham-radio-no-longer-a-benefit-severs-ties-across-the-state/

This is the repeater owner's letter replying to the CA official and explaining the role Ham Radio plays in dealing with wildfires. The CA official's original letter is attached on page 11 of the document. http://www.shastadefense.com/FAX-CalFireHamRadio20190923.pdf

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
13	14	15 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	16	17 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	Oct	ober
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27	28	29 LEARA MEETING at Corky & Len-	30	31 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	1	2
		ny's Beachwood (Woodmere)			Nove	ember
3	4	5 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	6	7 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	8	9
10	11	12 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	13	14 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	15	16
17	18	19 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	20	21 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	22	23
24	25	26 LEARA Holiday Party The Hofbräuhaus Cleveland	27	28 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	29	30



LEARA "On The Air"

Club Net Information by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

October 2019 Newsletter Net Report

The Thursday Club Net is held 8 PM on our 146.760

(or 146.880 backup) MHz (-600 kHz offset, PL 110.9) repeater.

Checkins for September 2019					
AB8UM	Mike	KC5BAR	Brian	N800F	Bryan
AC8JR	Andy	KC8FQV	Mark	N8UPZ	Bill
K2WJS	Bill	KD8ACO	David	W8DKA	Doug
K8EHP	Mike	KD8AJZ	Rich	W8EDU	CWRU
K8IG	Fred	KD8FTS	Eddie	WBIE	Ed
KBREF	Gary	KD8TNF	Chris	WBIXY	Ted
KBRJH	Ron	KD8WBB	Carsten	WB8ROK	Ed
KBSAS	Steve	KG8DN	Ken		
KB8VXE	Carl	NBAUC	Eric		

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

For November & December, the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule				
10/17/19	Ken	KG8DN		
10/24/19	Steve	KBSAS		
10/31/19	David	KD8ACO		
11/07/19	Carl	KB8VXE		
11/14/19	Eric	N8AUC		
11/21/19	Ken	KG8DN		
11/28/19	No	Net		
12/05/19	Steve	KBSAS		
12/12/19	David	KD8ACO		
12/19/19	Mike	AB8UM		
12/26/19	Carl	KB8VXE		

Please check the website for current assignments.

The Wednesday Night 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 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.

ARES®

The next ARES meeting is 2PM Sunday, November 3, 2019, at the Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System. You do not have to be a member to attend; all are welcome. See the website for more information.

Thursday Net NCOs

ĺ	AB8UM	MIKE	KD8ACO	DAVID
	K2WJS	Bill	KG8DN	KEN
	KBSAS	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

<u>Sunshine</u>

We wish **Bill K2WJS** and **Tom Bishop W8TAB** a speedy recovery. Hope you're back on your feet soon.

We learned that long time LEARA member, **Dave Goodman WA8UIT** became a Silent Key Monday
night (9/16). Dave had been having health issues for
several months. A private service was held on Thursday.
Our sympathies go to his wife, Helen Bell KC8IKK.

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

10/20/2019 | Berea OH 44017-1328

Sponsor: Laurel

Location: Helwig Whistlestop **Time:** 3:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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10/20/2019 | Elyria OH 44035-1343

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

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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)

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11/03/2019 | Massillon OH 44646

Sponsor: Massillon ARC Hamfest **Location:** Massillon Boys & Girls Club **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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11/10/2019 | Independence OH 44131-4841

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

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11/17/2019 | Elyria OH 44035-1343

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

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12/06/2019 | Kirtland OH 44094-8500

Sponsor: Lake County ARA **Location:** Kirtland Library

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

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Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

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

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11/02/2019 | GARC Hamfest

Location: Georgetown, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club

Website: https://www.facebook.com/Grant-Amateur-Radio-

Club-1775764122477536/?modal=admin_todo_tour

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11/03/2019 | Massillon ARC Hamfest

Location: Massillon, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.w8np.org

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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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12/01/2019 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap &

<u>Hamfest</u>

Location: Madison Heights, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

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

14 September 2019, at the Independence of the Cuyahoga County Public Library (subject to revision)

PRESENT: W8AZO, N8AUC, WA8LIV, K8SAS,

KG8DN and N8YNR

Guests: Carsten KD8WBB, Ron K8RJH

Excused: N8OOF, KD8FTS

Call to Order: N8AUC called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: W8AZO moved and K8SAS seconded that the July Board meeting minutes be approved as published. Passed.

Membership Report: W8AZO reported that we have 136 members at present. Steve wondered how we could get dropped members to renew. Marv said that in past efforts he has not found emails, etc., to such members to be productive. He will be at the Cleveland Hamfest with the usual offering of one-year free membership to visitors who file a request. Andrew suggested we leverage social media to announce LEARA meetings and events.

Venue Report: Eddie KD8FTS was working on the Tour de Cure today, so he was not present. We will meet at Luna's in Parma for the September 24th meeting. The October meeting venue remains to be determined.

Programs: Eric N8AUC reported that he is finding it more and more difficult to get guest speakers for our dinner meetings. He does his best (through groups he circulates within) to spot and ask presenters to help. We discussed methods of bringing in speakers remotely, perhaps with a liaison to manage the traffic from questioners. The ARRL Ohio section has a speakers bureau through the section manager.

Technical Committee: Dave KD8TWG was working the Tour de Cure today. There was discussion about making sure that the keys for various cabinets be passed from Dave to the current officers. N8YNR said we need to have a face-to-face meeting with Dave, unless he intends to continue as a Radio Officer. We suggested that Bryan contact Dave to refine

the status of upcoming technical management. Jack N8XUA in Conneaut will be contacted by Andrew WA8LIV regarding whether or not he has an input package for the '76 repeater and related antennas. The club repeaters seem to be operational at this time.

Old Business: W8AZO said that he will soon pay the annual cost of the LEARA post office box at the Beachwood Post office. He will also renew our agreement with ARRL to enable our LEARA members to continue renewing their ARRL memberships through our club.

Treasurer's Report: N8YNR reported our balance as currently adequate.

Website: Andrew and Jeff will confer with Dave to update or renew the passwords to features of the Website.

Newsletter: Ken moved, and Andrew seconded that Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB, who had provided his credentials previously and attended this Board meeting, be appointed as the LEARA newsletter editor beginning in January. He will begin working with Ken as the newsletter is being prepared during the intervening months. Passed unanimously.

New Trustees: There were three nominees for the three positions open on the LEARA board of trustees for the coming calendar year. The LEARA bylaws allow for the three members to therefore become the new trustees. These will assume office at the November Trustees' Meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, W8AZO moved and WA8LIV seconded that the meeting be adjourned near 10:30 AM. Passed

Respectfully submitted, Ken Kane, KG8DN Secretary





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!
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Hi, I am trying to get back into being on the air again with much less equipment sitting on the shelf that I don't have time or interest in using now. A couple of nets, and maybe a bit of rag chewing if the bands improve soon again. I have these slightly used, excellent condition ham radio pieces for sale:

-MFJ 986 (STILL IN PRODUCTION) HF Hi Powered tuner (New \$420.00) 1500-watt PEP input tuner, like new with original box and manual. **\$300.00**.

-MFJ Versa Tuner II, 300-watt input, also called MFJ-941C. \$75.00

-AEA PK-232MBX DATA CONTROLLER. 6 MODES, WITH AEA 12 VOLT POWER SUPPLY AND VERY DETAILED ORIGINAL MANUAL. Now owned by TIMEWAVE. It can easily be upgraded to the TIMEWAVE data model that has sharp DSP filters and more. The new upgraded model sells for \$600.00 from TIMEWAVE! \$150.00.

Excellent condition.

-AEA ATU-1000 ADVANCED TERMIANAL UNIT. Original cost was \$1,200. Extensive testing against the top commercial and government RTTY TERMINALS showed that the ATU-1000 ran circles around all available units, especially under worst band conditions. It is rated #1 in RTTY units. It can be integrated with the AEA PK-232MBX UNIT to allow the other modes to benefit from the great filtering system of the ATU-1000 UNIT. It comes with the schematics and detailed instructions to integrate the two units. Excellent, like new condition \$500.00.

-SPIDER 5 BAND HF MOBILE OR BASE ANTENNA. It holds 4 resonators at a time but comes with 10, 15, 20, 40- and 75-watt resonators. **Still in production** and rated very highly by many hams. Other band resonators are available from Spider. \$140.00 new. Very good condition, little use. **\$75.00** Mast is 4' x 5/8" aluminum with standard 3/8" x 24 stainless steel stud at base.

-RADIOSHACK REALISTIC 300 CHANNEL Vhf-Uhf AM-FM PROGRAMMABLE SCANNING RECEIVER. EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$25.00.

FCC Proposes Fining New York Radio Amateur \$17,000 for Deliberate Interference

from www.arrl.org

10/04/2019 A New York Radio Amateur, Harold Guretzky K6DPZ of Richmond Hill, NY, is facing a \$17,000 fine imposed by the FCC. Guretzky was issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* (<u>NAL</u>) on October 3 for causing intentional interference on a local repeater and preventing other radio amateurs from using it.

"Given his history as a repeat offender, this violation warrants a significant penalty," the FCC said in the *NAL*.

The *NAL* recounted numerous complaints alleging that Guretzky was deliberately interfering with a repeater in Glen Oaks, New York. In June of 2017, the FCC issued a *Warning Letter* to Guretzky, advising him of the nature of the allegations against him and directing him to stop using the repeater going forward. Nonetheless, additional complaints were filed. In April 2018, agents from the FCC New York Enforcement Bureau office drove to Richmond Hill to investigate. Following an inspection of Guretzky's station, the agents advised him in writing that he was prohibited from using the local repeater.



After the FCC received further complaints regarding Guretzky's continued operation on the local repeater, an Enforcement Bureau agent again drove to Richmond Hill to investigate. The agent monitored the VHF repeater's input and output frequencies and, after observing deliberate interference to other stations, used direction-finding techniques to identify the source of the transmission as Guretzky's station.

"The agent monitored and recorded the transmissions emanating from Guretzky's station for several hours that afternoon and heard him interfering with the local repeater," the *NAL* said. "Later, the agent heard Guretzky making threatening comments toward other amateur operators. These transmissions were a deliberate act to control the frequency and prevent other Amateur Radio operators from conducting legitimate communications."

The following month, FCC Regional Director David Dombrowski spoke with Guretzky via telephone, noting that the Commission was still receiving complaints about his continued use of the repeater and cautioning him against using the repeater.

The FCC said Guretzky "apparently willfully violated" Section 333 of the Communications Act and Section 97.101(d) of the FCC's Amateur Service Rules, demonstrating "a deliberate disregard for the Commission's authority and the very spirit of the Amateur Radio Service by continuing to interfere with the local repeater" despite having been warned.

LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

50 Years of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969 - VOICE REPEATERS:

• Highland Hills (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)

444.40/R+
• Macedonia (Requires 131.8 Hz tone) **444.70/R**+
• Lakewood *System Fusion* Digital Repeater

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