



The Spirit of '76 and '88



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The 2019 LEARA Holiday Party November 26

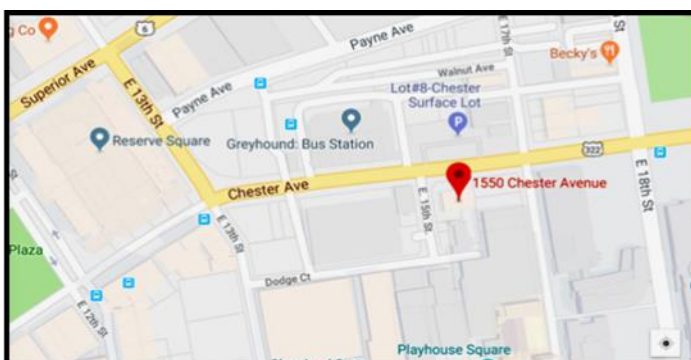
will be at
The Hofbräuhaus Cleveland
located at 1550 Chester Avenue, 44114

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 your dinner, but **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.

The menu is available online at <http://www.hofbrauhauscleveland.com>

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



Parking is available in several nearby lots and garages.

Reservations must be submitted by
Sunday, November 24, 2019

We hope to see you there!

Come, play and WIN!

We will have several BINGO-Rounds for "LEARA Bucks", and **your CHANCE** to win **ONE of two GRAND-DOOR-PRIZES:**
A brand-new, Dual-Band HT radio!
Yaesu FT-4XR or Alinco DJ-500T

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The October meeting was at **Corky & Lenny's**. While Corky & Lenny's is known for their corned beef, under the heading of trying something new I had one of the Tuesday specials, the Hungarian style goulash. It was very good. Last month's program was presented by our own **Eric Jessen, N8AUC**, who provided a recap of the ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET), which was titled "A Very Bad Day." The SET scenario was the fourth day of a statewide power outage with no repeaters, no cell phone coverage, and no internet access. Eric described how ARES used VHF/UHF simplex nets for local communication, relaying from low coverage stations to higher profile stations, and HF with Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) antennas for statewide coverage.

The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



The November Meeting will be at The Hofbräuhaus in downtown Cleveland on Chester Avenue. This was well received the last time we were there. We will order off the menu. We will again be playing four rounds of **Bingo for LEARA Bucks** followed by drawings for **TWO dual-band HTs**. We will be giving away a **Yaesu FT-4XR** and an **Alinco DJ-500T**. After considering the features, pros and cons, of each radio, the Trustees couldn't decide on which to give away, so we decided to do one of each. Reservations are required. See the details on the front cover.

At the November Trustees' Meeting the Trustees thanked outgoing Trustees **Ken Kane, KG8DN**, and **Dave Andrzejewski, KD8TWG**, for their service. Ken will continue to be around as a member and Dave will continue as a Radio Officer. The Board also recognized and seated returning Trustee **Jeff Garvas, N8YNR**, and new Trustees **Robert Wright II, KE8CEO**, and **Ted Alexander, W8IXY**. Remember, Trustees' Meetings are open to

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.

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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.

any LEARA member.

**Prez
cont.**

146.760 Repeater Improvements In keeping with staying on as a Radio Officer, **Dave Andrzejewski, KD8TWG**, went to the repeater site the day of the Trustees' meeting in order to bring the Case input back online and generally improve sound quality. He reset levels from the local receivers into the voter and other levels to improve voting. He also adjusted the compression levels to match the 146.88 repeater so that the repeaters should have similar sound characteristics.

Dave would like feedback on the performance of the repeaters, but asks users to refrain from attempting to diagnose what they are hearing and instead focus on REPORTING the SYMPTOMS directly to him so that he can diagnose the problem.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November		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 Hofbräuhaus Cleveland	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving (No official Net)	29	30
December		3 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	4	5 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	6	7 SKYWARN Recognition Day at NWS. Mat, KC8NZJ
8	9	10 ARES® 80m 7:15 pm OSSB 8 pm OHDN	11	12 8 pm LEARA VOICE '76	13	14
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LEARA "On The Air"
Club Net Information
by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

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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.

Note that there is no scheduled Formal Net for Thanksgiving. However, feel free to tune into the repeater and have an informal rag chew. We'll be back on the air December 5. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Checkins for October 2019

AB8UM	Mike	KB8VXE	Carl	N8UPZ	Bill
AC8JR	Andy	KC8JR	Andy	W8BKA	Doug
AD8AA	Jeff	KD8ACD	David	W8DKA	Doug
K2WJS	BILL	KD8AJZ	Rich	W8IE	Ed
K8EHP	Mike	KG8DN	Ken	W8IXY	Ted
K8RJH	Ron	N8AHS	Fred	WB8ROK	Ed
K8SAS	Steve	N8AUC	Eric		

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

For December & January, the tentative scheduled NCOs are:

Net Control Schedule		
11/21/19	Ken	KG8DN
11/28/19	No	Net
12/05/19	Steve	K8SAS
12/12/19	David	KD8ACD
12/19/19	Mike	AB8UM
12/26/19	Carl	KB8VXE
01/02/20	Eric	N8AUC
01/09/20	Ken	KG8DN
01/16/20	Steve	K8SAS
01/23/20	David	KD8ACD
01/30/20	Mike	AB8UM

Please check the website for current assignments.

ARES

The next ARES meeting is 2PM Sunday January 19, 2020, at the Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Library System. You do not have to be a member to attend, all are welcome. See website for

more information. The weekly nets have been suspended until January 7th. The nets are held Tuesdays on the 145.410 Repeater at 8PM local time.

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 146.760 repeater. Be sure to visit the web page at www.ccskywarn.org for more information and training sessions.

Skywarn Recognition Day will be taking place nationally on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 for 24 hours starting at 0000Z (Friday, Dec 6th, 7:00 PM Eastern until Saturday, Dec 7th, 7:00 PM Eastern). The NWS Cleveland Office will be participating from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 7th, 2019. We will be operating under the call sign WX8CLE and will be active on UHF, VHF, and HF (HF bands to be determined later). We will also periodically spin the dial on local repeaters.

Just like last year, we will operate UHF/VHF inside the office and HF outside in the new vehicle. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to [sign up here](http://www.neoesq.org/calendar), at www.neoesq.org/calendar. More information can be obtained at the website.

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@arrl.net

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

11/17/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross

Location: American Red Cross

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

[Learn More](#)

12/07/2019 | [Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

12/07/2019 | [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](#)

12/07/2019 | [Rittman OH 44270-1431](#)

Sponsor: Silvercreek ARA

Location: Rittman Public Library

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

[Learn More](#)

12/15/2019 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

Sponsor: American Red Cross

Location: American Red Cross

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

[Learn More](#)

01/12/2020 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

01/18/2020 | [Mansfield OH 44901-9999](#)

Sponsor: Inter City ARC/HAMFEST

Location: Richland County Fairgrounds

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

12/01/2019 | [LCARC Amateur Radio Swap & Hamfest](#)

Location: Madison Heights, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.n8lc.org>

[Learn More](#)

**No other Hamfests or Conventions
in this period of time.
Check next newsletter for future events.**

Sunshine

We wish Tom Bishop W8TAB a speedy recovery. Bill N8UPZ has been under the weather also. We are also glad to hear Bill K2WJS on the nets again. Both Bill's are sounding good!

The amateur radio community within LEARA and across the NEO area mourns the recent death of
**Dick Ingraham,
WA8TPP (SK).**

According to family, he passed away peacefully at Hospice House of the Western Reserve on Monday, November 4, 2019.



Services were held in Willoughby on Sunday and Monday, November 10-11.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and is survived by his son, Richard B (Heather) Ingraham

Dick was a long-time member of LEARA, the Geauga Amateur Radio Association and the Cleveland Chapter of QCWA.

Eric Jessen, N8AUC
on Ohio SET 2019
Corky & Lenny's Restaurant
October 29, 2019
Photos: Ken Kane, KG8DN

Ohio Statewide Simulated Emergency Test 2019

....a very bad day....



Imagine the following scenario....

- 1) Power has been out for more than three days
- 2) Sources of backup power have expired
- 3) Cell service is down
- 4) Commercial communications are down
- 5) Amateur repeaters have exhausted their backup power sources
- 6) The Internet is not accessible
- 7) You have no power at your home, except maybe a gas powered generator and perhaps some batteries. And your city prohibits you by law from storing more than 10 gallons of fuel in your garage.



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Skywarn Recognition Day is December 7, 2019, at the National Weather Service office, 5310 West Hangar Road, Cleveland, Ohio. This will be the last Skywarn Recognition Day event held at this location as the NWS offices will be moving to a new location. Skywarn operators plan to be operating HF from a mobile comm vehicle in the lot and VHF/UHF from inside the NWS offices. Hams interested in participating are welcome to attend. Contact Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ, at KC8NZJ@ARRL.org for times and talk-in frequencies.

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Meeting Programs Eric Jessen, N8AUC, has been LEARA's program chairperson for more than ten years. During that time we have had some great meeting programs and guest speakers. Now Eric could use your help in coming up with material and speakers for future programs. Ideas for what you would like to see are OK, but what is really great is providing a name and contact info for a speaker. Maybe you attended another ham club meeting, a seminar or other event where you saw or heard of an interesting presentation. Well, step up, see if the speaker would be interested in giving their presentation at a LEARA meeting, point out that we feed our guest speakers, get their contact info, and forward it to Eric. Your fellow club members will thank you.

Until next month, talk on the radio, and use the repeaters. Come out & see us at a meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Bryan Torok, N8OOF

LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

9 November 2019, at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library
(Subject to Revision)

Present: Bryan N8OOF, Marv W8AZO,
Ted W8IXY (incoming trustee),
Andrew WA8LIV, Steve K8SAS,
Robert KE8CEO (incoming trustee),
Jeff N8YNR, Eddie KD8FTS, Eric N8AUC,
Ken KG8DN (outgoing as trustee and editor)

Guests: Carsten KD8WBB (Newsletter Editor),
Carl KB8VXE ("On the Air")

Call to order: N8OOF called meeting to order near 9:25 AM. With this action, the new LEARA board was now seated. N8OOF welcomed new trustees Ted W8IXY and Robert KE8CEO and thanked outgoing trustees.

Officers: N8OOF opened the discussion concerning the election of officers for the new board. All current officers indicated a willingness to continue to serve. A call was made for nominations. There were none. Following discussion N8YNR moved and WA8LIV seconded that uncontested officers continue in their previous positions. Passed. The list follows:

N8OOF: President and Radio Officer
N8AUC: Vice-President, License Trustee
WA8LIV: Vice-President
N8YNR: Treasurer
KD8TWG: Radio Officer (non-Trustee)

Committees: The following indicated willingness to continue in their positions:

N8AUC: Program Chairman
W8AZO: Membership Chairman
KD8FTS: Venue Chairman
KB8VXE: On-the-Air and "Sunshine"
(non-Trustee)
KD8TWG: Technical Committee Chairman
(non-Trustee)

Secretary: N8OOF noted that a new Secretary is needed. Discussion. N8YNR offered to assume the office of Secretary since the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are compatible. Moved by N8AUC and seconded by WA8LIV. Passed. N8YNR is now Secretary-Treasurer.

September Board Meeting Minutes:
Accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: N8YNR reported our current club funds on hand as adequate.

Membership Report: W8AZO reported that we have 138 current members. 34 others have not renewed. One new member joined (as returning) through the Cleveland Hamfest. Reaching out for other new, renewing or returning members was discussed, but Marv indicated that his repeated reminders (two sent recently) had yielded little response. Renewal notices for 2020 (this will include the 2019 list) will also go out soon. The group consensus was that, while personal contact would be good ("the human touch helps") we could wait until the start of 2020 to consider personal calls.

Venue Report: KD8FTS reported that the Cleveland Hofbräuhaus has been confirmed for the November 26th Holiday Party, to be held in the same large private room as during our previous meeting time there. Eddie tells us that venues have become difficult lately, calling us to cancel or going out of business or providing poor service. Suggestions were made regarding possible venues, and Eddie asked that members feel free to call him if we have other new venues to suggest. **My Friends** (near Lakewood) and **Fire House** (Willoughby) are likely venues for early 2020. The alternating schedule for the coming year will be like that proposed during 2019.

Program Chairman: N8AUC indicated that 2020 programs are pending. He may run another Solar Power meeting, and N8YNR is willing to do another scanner meeting, both of which have been well-received. N8AUC welcomes suggestions, asking that these be accompanied by the names and contact information for any prospective presenters. Other options for programs were offered and discussed during this board meeting (see also New Business below)

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Holiday Meeting Plan for November 26:

We plan to provide handheld radios as the two door prizes and several rounds of bingo (providing a single fresh card for each round) with LEARA bucks as the bingo prizes. N8AUC moved and W8AZO seconded that we approve a suitable radio-prize budget total. Passed. Discussion ensued regarding affordable dual-band handheld models. Ultimately, W8AZO was granted the budget authorizing him to purchase two handheld radios as door prizes in models consistent with the group's recommendations.

Technical Report: Repeaters: The 444.4 MHz repeater is ready for installation – we are looking for a site, probably east. The 444.7 MHz Fusion repeater with Wires-X capability is being worked-on by Bryan and is destined to go back to the west site, perhaps even as early as Thanksgiving Day.

Old Business: (none)

New Business: KB8VXE reported (as “sunshine” chairman) that cards of support were recently sent to Tom W8TAB, Bill K2WJS and Bill N8UPZ (all suffering illnesses) and a card of condolence was sent to the family of Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP (SK). He mentioned that there is no LEARA net planned for Thanksgiving night. KD8FTS suggested that trustees come up with program ideas for Eric. Provided so far were programs on foxhunts, technical aspects of exterior lighting designs, three-D printing, and flying drones.

Adjournment: Near 11:40 AM adjournment was moved by N8YNR and seconded by WA8LIV. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Kane,, KG8DN (outgoing) Secretary

LEARA welcomes Editor Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB

We are delighted to welcome our colleague, **Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB**, to the editor's chair as we head toward the new year! Carsten and I have been working together over the last couple of months to provide this newsletter for your enjoyment.



The two of us will collaborate as Carsten prepares to become the LEARA Newsletter Editor beginning in January 2020.



It has been a great nine years since Ron, K2RJ, passed the keyboard to me!
(I'll hope to see you all at meetings.)
Sincerely,
Ken Kane, KG8DN



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.



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Preparations Resume for 3Y0I Bouvet Island DXpedition — 11/05/2019

from <http://www.arrl.org/news/preparations-resume-for-3y0i-bouvet-island-dxpedition>

Another attempt to activate Bouvet Island is in the planning stages, according to the 3Y0I website. Efforts are under way to secure the necessary funds.

"As you probably know, our first attempt to reach the island of Bouvet in March 2019 failed," the news update said. "Despite complex preparations and training received in Cape Town, South Africa, our vessel got hit by a big storm so badly that we had no choice but to sail back to Cape Town to reshuffle our plans. We were so close — just 63 nautical miles offshore!" The 3Y0I sponsors estimate that a second attempt would cost around \$170,000. "[W]e have already secured half of the required budget to go back to Bouvet," the announcement said, adding that it's beyond the capacity of the DXpedition team members to cover the entire cost, so they are trying to collect \$85,000 to fund the second attempt.

The 3Y0I team has a GoFundMe page, set up by 3Y0I team leader Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX. No time frame was given for the second attempt by Grzyb's team, and it's not known if Grzyb has obtained operating permission from the Norwegian government. The 19-square-mile subantarctic island is a Norwegian dependency.

"Our intentions are clear: If we don't reach our fundraising goal, we won't receive nor spend a single cent you donate and it would be returned to your GoFundMe account for withdrawal or to support any other GoFundMe project of your choice," the announcement says.

"The future of amateur radio expeditions, especially in terms of activating entities placed across cold high-latitude seas, isn't bright," the 3Y0I statement says. "Apart from the uncertainty of future solar cycles' strength that may badly reflect radio propagations, there are still very few of us who realize that visiting remote cold islands may become very seldom or even almost impossible."

According to Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List, Bouvet Island is No. 2, right behind North Korea. The unrelated 3Y0Z DXpedition attempt to land on Bouvet in early 2018 failed after the vessel transporting the team developed engine issues as it lay just offshore. The last successful Bouvet activation was 3Y0E, during a scientific expedition over the winter of 2007-2008. — Thanks to Southgate Amateur Radio News via OPDX

LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

50 Years of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969 -
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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