



The Spirit of '76 and '88



March

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Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2022

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Tim has been an active contest operator for 49 years. He has hosted over 145 different operators as part of the K3LR multi operator DX contest efforts since 1992 – which have made over 800,000 QSOs.

Tim is the Chief Executive Officer of DX Engineering.



LEARA February Meeting

Virtual Meeting - Online

Grounding and
Bonding in the
Ham Shack

Tim Duffy, K3LR

March 29.
7:30 p.m.



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The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



Final call for membership renewals. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2022, this will be the last newsletter notification you receive. We still have about 27 members who have yet to renew. If that's you, please don't put it off, do it now!

You may mail a check to, LEARA, P.O. Box 22823, Beachwood, OH 44122-0823 or go online at ... continue on page 2

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<https://www.leara.org/club-information/membership-renewal> where you may use PayPal or a credit card.

Needing Help Remembering: About two years or so ago, a member contacted me with a suggestion on a source for a very inexpensive Wi-Fi hotspot service for nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. At the time it didn't seem like that would work for us so I didn't pursue it. Now that has changed. I'd appreciate it if that person would send the info again or anyone else who knows of such a deal. Thanks.

The February 2022 meeting was held via Zoom. The speaker for our February meeting was **Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ**, talking about the **Event Support Group and Public Service**. Mat formed the Event Support Group to help provide communications and support vehicle assistance to events in the greater Cleveland area that have requested assistance from amateur radio operators. They provide radio communications, vehicle support, staffing for water stops, start/finish, medical communications, as well as SAG (support and gear) support. They have provided that type of support at marathons, bike rides, walks, charitable events, and when requested, disasters.

Mat went on to explain that they had been looking to buy/build a trailer to be able to provide a communications hub with a variety of radio equipment and antennas. Through a fortuitous set of circumstances, Mat was able to secure the donation of a 1998 ambulance. He and a number of volunteers removed the unneeded ambulance equipment and installed a countertop with space for multiple radios, keyboards, and computer monitors on the wall, converting it into a mobile command center for Ham Radio. While Mat initially resisted it, the ham radio volunteers dubbed it the Hambulance.

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 or, if situation requires, in a virtual conference meeting online. 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 or in a virtual conference room online.

Contact a trustee or check the website at www.leara.org for details.

Prez cont.

Mat had an excellent slideshow of the Hambulance in use at a variety of public service events. He also provided some interesting stats for the 2021 volunteer activity, showing they staffed 17 events, with 206 people, for a total of around 3500 man-hours. For more information or to volunteer, go to **www.N8ESG.org**. They would be happy to have your help.

The March 2022 meeting will be via Zoom. We will have a very special presentation given by **Tim Duffy, K3LR**, of **DX Engineering** with a presentation on **Grounding and Bonding in the Ham Shack**. The meeting time will be at 7:30 P.M. The link will be sent out as usual. Thanks to the **Hamfest Association of Cleveland (HAC.org)** for the use of the Zoom video conferencing.

Future meetings:

Our April meeting will feature **Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ**, with a presentation about **Skywarn and Amateur Radio**. We are hoping to be in-person at Firehouse Grille & Pub in Willoughby if they can arrange sufficient staffing. Please share the meeting info on any nets you might be on, with other Ham Radio clubs, and with anyone who you think might be interested in this event. Attendees DO NOT need to be members of LEARA or even Hams.

New Trustee Needed: **Ted Alexander, W8IXY** has resigned from being a LEARA Trustee due to ongoing medical issues. Prior to COVID, Ted was a long time regular at members' meetings and once becoming a Trustee never missed a Trustee meeting. The Trustees thank Ted for his service to the club and want him to know that he's welcome to join us anytime he's feeling up to it.

Ted's departure has left us short one trustee. The Bylaws (Article 3, Section 11) empowers the Trustees to appoint a person who has been a

member for more than 12 months to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Ted's term. If you are interested in serving in that capacity, know someone who you think would be good for the job, or just need more information please drop me an email at **N8OOF@LEARA.org** or **BTOROK@SBCGLOBAL.NET**.

Tom Kimball, KA8BZB, SK: I was sorry to hear of the passing of Tom Kimball, KA8BZB. Prior to leaving the Cleveland area, Tom was a long time member, trustee, and officer of LEARA and as such was the Association's unofficial parliamentarian and expert on Roberts Rules of Order. He was also a staunch supporter of public service.

Tom and I often butted heads, but he was always a gentleman. I remember preparing to leave a meeting where he and I had a particularly vociferous exchange of opinions on the club Bylaws. He, knowing that I was leaving the meeting to go to work as a police officer on night shift, came up to me and told me to "Be careful out there." It very much touched my heart that he and I had moments earlier been arguing and then he would come over and wish me well. For more, see the In Memoriam elsewhere in this issue.

Until next month, talk on the radio and use the repeaters. Check into one of the many nets available on the LEARA repeaters. Join us on the air, online, or in person. If you don't feel safe meeting in person due to the pandemic, we understand. But, we really want to see or at least hear from you, even if it is only by Radio or Zoom.



LEARA "On the Air"

Club Net Information by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE

The **Thursday Club Net** is held 8 p.m. on our 146.760 (or 146.880 backup) MHz (-600 kHz offset, PL 110.9) repeater. Note that the '76 repeater is back in service. All nets will be held on this repeater. Please use it and notify any trustee of any troubles or issues.

February 2022 Checklins

AB8UM	Mike	KD8FTS	Eddie	N8ACP	Chris
AC8JR	Andy	KD8WBB	Carsten	N8AGM	Tom
AF8A	Gary	KE8ADV	Tony	N8AHS	Fred
K2WJS	BILL	KE8CED	Robert	N8AUC	Eric
K8ARP	Arp	KE8NNC	Brian	N8QDF	Bryan
K8EHP	Mike	KE8QLZ	Jim	N8QMK	Mike
K8RJH	Ron	KE8ROW	Kyle	N8UPZ	Bill
K8SAS	Steve	KE8TLG	Jim	N8WWR	Ronnie
KA8JOY	Robert	KG8DN	Ken	W8IE	Ed
KB8VXE	Carl	KM8V	Jon	W8IXY	Ted
KC8FQV	Mark	N4RPA	Tony	W8PKT	William
KD8AJZ	Rich	N7JRR	Andrew	W8ZHN	Jim

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

For March April
and May, the
tentative
scheduled
NCOs are:

Please check
the website for
current
assignments.

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Net Control Schedule

03/24/22	Steve	K8SAS
03/31/22	Ken	KG8DN
04/07/22	Jon	KM8V
04/14/22	Ed	W8IE
04/21/22	Carl	KB8VXE
04/28/22	Eric	N8AUC
05/05/22	Ken	KG8DN
05/12/22	Jon	KM8V
05/19/22	Ed	W8IE
05/26/22	Carl	KB8VXE

NCOs

AB8UM*	MIKE	KG8DN	KEN
K8SAS	STEVE	KM8V	JON
KB8VXE	CARL	N8AUC	ERIC
KD8ACO**	DAVID	W8IE	ED

*Short time leave **Long term leave

The Wednesday Night Skywarn Practice Net

The Skywarn season runs from April through September. Should the National Weather Service issue a severe weather alert, a Skywarn net will be started on the 146.760 repeater.

Visit www.ccskywarn.org for more information and training sessions.

An On-Line Storm Spotter training video from the NWS is available at

<https://www.facebook.com/NWSCleveland/videos/858879174941020/>

ARES

ARES nets are held every Tuesday (Except the first Tuesday of the Month) at 8PM on 145.410 (+)110.9. A simplex net will be held afterwards. ARES meeting will be in Zoom and in person at the meeting room at the Helwig Whistle Stop 599 West Bagley Rd. Berea, OH. at 7PM. Please register for this event on the calendar at n8esg.org/events. Please monitor the ARES website at www.n8esg.org/ares for information on nets and events. www.n8esg.org/events.

There is a new ARES DMR practice net. It is Scheduled for Thursdays an 7:30PM on talk group 31395.

Thursday Net NCOs

Do you know K2??? How about ??UPZ? A great way to learn who these voices belong to is to be a net controller! Consider being a net controller.

It's an easy to learn job that is very important in emergencies.

We look forward to your participation!
Carl, KB8VXE, E-Mail: kb8vxe@arrl.net

Sunshine

We want to wish **Mike Colman, AB8UM** a speedy recovery. He said he was going to be laid up a bit afterwards. Hurry up and get better Mike, we miss your net Trivia quizzes!

We want to send **Ted Alexander, W8IXY** some happy wishes as he is working on overcoming some physical issues.

Sunshine cont.

Tom Kimball, KB8BZB became a Silent Key February 9, 2022. He was a long time active member/trustee of LEARA. He volunteered and ran many public service events. More information about him can be found on page 9.

We are looking for someone to take over the Sunshine duties. You do not have to be a trustee to perform these duties. If you would like more information or would like to help out, please contact Carl Gedeon (kb8vxe@leara.org) or any of the trustees.

**Membership renewals!**

Please be aware that membership renewals are due!

If you are still missing out, you can find renewal information or pay directly on our website:

<https://www.leara.org/club-information/membership-renewal>

Puzzle 2 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.49)

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	8		3					
	3			9				
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Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify with your VE team that the exam session is being held.

04/02/2022 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

04/09/2022 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44223](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest

Location: Emidio & Sons Expo Center

Time: 9:00 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please verify the websites of the hamfests and conventions if the event is being held.

04/09/2022 - [Sixty-Sixth Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php>

[Learn More](#)

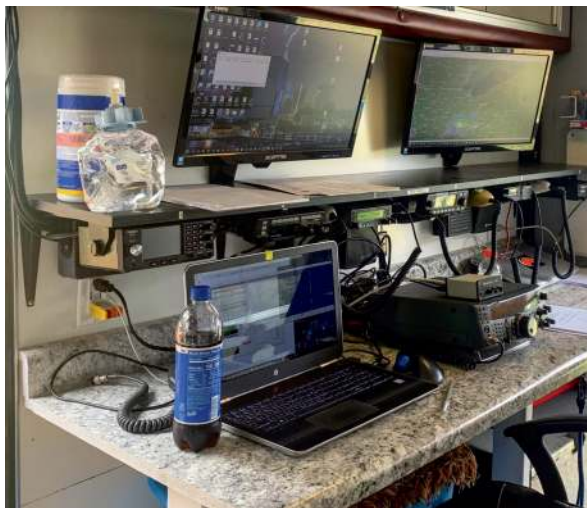


Event Support Group "Hambulance"



Mat Nickoson, KC8NCJ

from February 22, 2022





LAKE ERIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, 12th March 2022, held
virtually in a Zoom Video Conference
(Subject to Revision)

Attendance:

Bryan N8OOF, Jeff N8YNR, Eric N8AUC,
Robert KE8CEO, Marv W8AZO, Jon KM8V,
Dave AD8G, Ron K8RJH

Guests:

Carsten KD8WBB

1. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at
9:19 a.m.

2. Resignation

Ted Alexander has resigned due to health
issues. Vacancy to be filled later.

3. January Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved without
correction after a motion by Marv that was
seconded by Dave.

4. Treasurer's Report

provided by Jeff N8YNR - No relevant change;
still reasonable well filled.

5. Membership Meetings

Marv provided a membership report to
highlight outstanding members who the
board can reach out to and try to remind to
renew.

6. Technical Report

- Dave provided an update on the 444.70
repeater's repairs.
- Jon moved to buy a Mikrotik LTE router up
to \$300 for the LCN location, Eric seconded.
The motion passed. As a result of this
direction, the club will cancel any AT&T
service in Lakewood and replace it with an
LTE solution.
- Dave moved, Jeff seconded to purchase Jon's
STM32_DVM which has been used to
experiment with the 444.70 repeaters and is
expected to be put into long-term use. The
cost is \$275.00 exactly. The motion carried.
- A brief discussion occurred around an
opportunity for a receive site at a location in
the NE corner of Cuyahoga County.

7. Adjournment

Eric moved, Marv seconded to adjourn. The
meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff - N8YNR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 March	28	29 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	30	31 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	1 April	2
3	4	5 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	6	7 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	8	9 Run the Land Marathon (help needed, contact Mat, KC8NZJ)
10	11	12 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	13	14 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	15	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Monday Tax Day	19 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	20	21 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	22	23 10 a.m. NVIS Day
24	25	26 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	27	28 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	29	30
1 May	2	3 7:15 p.m. ARES 80m OSSB 7:45 p.m. OHDN	4	5 7:30 p.m. ARES DMR TG:31395 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	6	7



Coming up
Cleveland Marathon
May 21-22, 2022

We **need LOTS of help** for the Cleveland Marathon May 21 and 22. We will need people on both Saturday and Sunday. Please click the button below to sign up!

SIGN UP
-- click--

Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ, info@n8esg.org

In Memoriam: Tom Kimball, KA8BZB

It is with heavy heart that I inform you that Tom Kimball became a silent key on Tuesday, February 9, 2022. He was 79 years old. Tom was a long time member, trustee, and officer of LEARA.

Tom was a graduate of Case Institute of Technology (BS Chemistry, MS Operations Research), and a veteran of the United States Air Force (1964-1968) achieving the rank of Sargent during the Vietnam War. He was an Ice Hockey referee with the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 27 years, and served as a timekeeper for the Lake Erie Monsters. He was also an avid Bridge player.

Tom was a lover of dogs. It was very common to see his Dalmatian "Domino" riding shotgun as he drove in his car.

If LEARA was involved in a public service event, that's where you'd find Tom. He regularly participated in the Cleveland Marathon, the Cleveland Triathlon, Westlake Soccer Tournament, Cleveland Skywarn, and he was the prime organizer of the amateur radio support for the SCCA Ohio Winter Rally in Northeast Ohio. He was also an ARRL Volunteer Examiner, and served as an Assistant EC for Cuyahoga County ARES.



At LEARA meetings, back when we were at Dimitri's in Parma, his daughter "Miss Elizabeth" was the unofficial "princess of the LEARA meetings".

Several years ago, Tom moved to North Carolina. When asked why, he replied "I started driving south until I found someplace where they didn't know what a snow blower was". Truth be told, his wife (a physician) got a nice job offer there and Tom was already retired, so they moved.

Tom is survived by his wife of 49 years, Suzanne, and his daughter Elizabeth, and two sisters, Susanna and Martha.

A memorial service will be held for Tom on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 1PM.

The location is:

Trinity Christian Fellowship Church
425 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, or the American Red Cross are suggested.

Obituary:

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/24235865/thomas-redington-kimball>

Authored by
Eric Jessen, N8AUC

Crozet Island DXpedition Preparations are Moving Forward

02/10/2022 - from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/crozet-island-dxpedition-preparations-are-moving-forward>

The upcoming solo Crozet Island DXpedition spearheaded by Thierry Mazel, F6CUK, will likely arrive on the island around Christmas. While traveling aboard the Marion Dufresne, Mazel will make stopovers at other remote islands that are also rare DXCC entities, including Tromelin Island. The Crozet and Tromelin islands are administered as part of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (abbreviated in French as TAAF).

"After the permission granted by the TAAF and the DXpedition announcement, [the] time has come to gather the equipment and move forward with the preparations," Mazel said. "The Marion Dufresne will leave Réunion Island on December 8, with a stopover at Tromelin to resupply the people there, then head for Crozet."

Mazel expects to spend a solid 3 months operating from the Alfred-Faure base on Crozet. The Marion Dufresne will return on March 26, 2023, after stopovers at the Kerguelen Islands and Amsterdam, arriving at Réunion Island on April

16, 2023. He said dates may vary depending upon weather conditions.

His first task upon arrival will be to erect antennas and set up his station, for which he'll need to enlist help from others. He'll also have to contend with the weather, as Crozet is subject to strong winds.

No call sign has been issued at this point, although Mazel has requested one that will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first amateur operation from Crozet in 1961 and 1962. To head off problems with pirates, the call sign won't be released until after Mazel has arrived on Crozet, and just hours before he begins operation. Paul Granger, F6EXV, and Jean-Michel Duthilleul, F6AJA, will spread the word once that happens. Mazel had hoped to use an Elecraft K3 transceiver, but will use a pair of Kenwood TS-590 transceivers instead. He's settled on 500 W ACOM 1010 tube amplifiers.

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Read more at ARRL -- click --

For more details and information, visit the DXpedition website:

<http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/home.html>

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VOICE REPEATERS:

146.76/R-	• Highland Hills	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
146.88/R-	• Lakewood	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
224.90/R-	• Lakewood	(Requires 141.3 Hz tone)
444.40/R+	• Macedonia	(Requires 131.8 Hz tone) (Offline)
444.70/R+	• Lakewood	Digital System Fusion & Analog (Req. 131.8 Hz tone)

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