



The Spirit of '76 and '88



September Newsletter of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2023
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LEARA Meeting Our ARRL ... for a brighter future

Michael Kalter, W8CI
September 26, 6:30 p.m.

**Fire House
Grille & Pub
in Willoughby
Hills**



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- Advocate for transparency within the ARRL Board and the membership.
- Promote and empower youth in Amateur Radio, as we have done at the Hamvention.
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- Develop a compelling win-win membership proposition so people truly understand the importance of ARRL support.
- Advance the branding of the organization as "Our ARRL". Promote putting aside of differences and working together.

The Prez Says by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



Due to a variety of circumstances, we did not publish an August newsletter. So, this newsletter will include the recap of the July meeting that would normally have appeared in the August newsletter.

The July meeting was at the Fire House Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills where we had a

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unique presentation by **Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ**. Mat's presentation was titled "**Norfolk Southern – Cleveland Terminal**". Mat explained how he was hired to become a railroad conductor. The massive trains, some more than two miles long, that move freight around the country are operated by two people, an engineer and a conductor. Mat described the role of the conductor in assembling the train, checking each of the cars, and assisting the engineer in the safe operation of the train. The presentation also included an overview of the Norfolk Southern Railroad operations in the Cleveland area as well as radio technology and frequencies used.

The August meeting was at **My Friends Restaurant** in Cleveland. We had a special guest presentation on the state of the ARRL and the upcoming elections by **Scott Yonally, N8SY**. Scott is currently the ARRL Great Lakes Division Vice Director. Scott is now running for the position of **ARRL Division Director**. Scott discussed the state of the ARRL, his candidacy and answered questions. It was an interesting and informative meeting.

For more information on Scott's campaign and his vision for the ARRL going forward, go to <https://n8sy.com/>

For the **September meeting**, we will be back at **Fire House Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills**. This month we will have **Michael Kalter, W8CI**, who is running against Scott Yonally for the position of **ARRL Division Director**. Mike will be discussing his campaign and ideas for improving the ARRL.

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.

Go to https://www.leara.org/files/ARRL_via_LEARA_Appl_Instructions.pdf and follow the instructions therein.

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.

For more information on Mike's campaign and his thoughts for the future of the ARRL go to <https://www.w8ci.net/>

As I'm writing this, I plan to have Zoom up for the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, check the Zoom link between 7:15 to 7:30 and see if we are there. The link will be on the newsletter cover (hover on the QR code), the web site, and in the emailed meeting announcement. Thanks to the **Hamfest Association of Cleveland (HAC.org)** for the use of the Zoom video conferencing.

Future Meetings: For the October meeting we are scheduled to be at the **Fire House Grille & Pub** to accommodate our guest presenter, **Marc Barnett, KA8CPB**, with a talk on the Internet of Things (IoT). Our October meeting date falls on **Halloween** this year. So, we are encouraging members to attend the meeting in costume or at least wear a mask. Have a little fun, go crazy.

For the November Holiday meeting we are planning on being at **Teamz in Middleburg Heights**. The details are being worked out.

Amateur Radio Meet and Greet Potluck: A group of hams from several area clubs held a potluck style get together back in July, just prior to the LEARA picnic. The event was held at a picnic shelter in the Cleveland Metroparks on the west-side of Cleveland. The event was a great success with around 40 hams from at least seven or eight different clubs attending and lots of great food. The organizers are already talking about plans for next year. I definitely plan to be there and hope you'll join us.

Nomination and Election Committees: Nominations for Trustee will close at the September meeting. If you are interested in running for trustee please contact **Robert Wright, KE8CEO** or myself. Contact info is available on page 2 of the newsletter. We currently have no new nominees. Members with

fresh ideas are encouraged to run. Incumbents elected in 2020 and up for reelection: Eric Jessen, N8AUC; Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; and Jon Anhold, KM8V.

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, we understand. But, we really want to see or at least hear from you, even if it is only by radio or Zoom.

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

09/24/2023 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)

Location: Berea, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

[Learn More](#)

10/29/2023 - [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& Auction\)](#)

Location: North Canton, , OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.net>

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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. All nets will be

held on this repeater. Please use it and notify any trustee of any troubles or issues.

August 2023 Checkins - 26					
AB8UM	Mike	KB8VXE	Carl	N8JIW	Don
AD8G	Dave	KD8AJZ	Rich	N8QMK	Mike
K2WJS	BILL	KE8RMV	Shawn	N8UPZ	Bill
K8ARP	Arp	KE8VRM	Rick	W8DKA	Doug
K8CVM	Chuck	KD8L	Dale	W8IE	Ed
K8EHP	Mike	N8ACP	Chris	W8IXY	Ted
KA0MRD	Ed	N8AHS	Fred	W8JMI	Bryan
KB8LJ	Chuck	N8AUC	Eric	W8ZHN	Jim
KB8VBR	Leone	N8IYA	Steve		

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

The tentative scheduled NCOs for the next Nets are:

Net Control Schedule		
09/21/23	Ed	W8IE
09/28/23	David	AD8G
10/05/23	Carl	KB8VXE
10/12/23	Eric	N8AUC
10/19/23	Mike	AB8UM
10/26/23	Ed	W8IE
11/02/23	David	AD8G
11/09/23	Carl	KB8VXE

Please check the website for current assignments.

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NCOs	AB8UM	MIKE	K8BV*	Jon
	K8SAS *	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
	KB8VXE	CARL	W8IE	Ed
	AD8G	Dave	You Can Be it	

*Short time leave **Long term leave

The Wednesday Night Skywarn Practice Net

Practice nets are held Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the 146.76 repeater. Should the National Weather Service issue a severe storm warning for Cuyahoga County, a weather net will be brought up on the 146.76 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 and meetings are held every Tuesday (Except the third Tuesday of the Month) at 8PM on 145.410 (+)110.9. A simplex net will be held afterwards. ARES meetings are in the meeting room at the Helwig Whistle Stop 599 West Bagley Rd. Berea, OH. at 7PM the third Tuesday of each month. More info about ARES can be found at www.n8esg.org/ares.

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.

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

Sunshine

Please contact Robert Wright (ke8ceo@leara.org) with information.

Tom Kopak, N8ETP is back in the hospital. We wish him a speedy return home.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 September	25	26 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting	27	28 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	29	30
1 October	2	3 7:45 p.m. OHDN 8:00 p.m. ARES Net 145.41	4	5 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10 7:45 p.m. OHDN 8:00 p.m. ARES Net 145.41	11	12 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	13	14
15	16	17 7:45 p.m. OHDN 8:00 p.m. ARES Net 145.41	18	19 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	20	21 Making Strides of Northeast Ohio
22	23	24 7:45 p.m. OHDN 8:00 p.m. ARES Net 145.41	25	26 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting	1	2 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	3 November	4

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

September 9th, 2023

held virtually in a Zoom Video Conference

(Subject to Revision)

Attendance:

Bryan Torok, N8OOF; Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Jon Anhold, KM8V; Eric Jessen, N8AUC; Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G

Members:

Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB; Ed Rivers, W8IE

Excused:

Jeff N8YNR

1. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept, Marv Grossman, W8AZO. Seconded by Eric Jessen, N8AUC. Motion carried without objection.

3. Treasurer's Report

Provided by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS. Jeff is still working on transferring PayPal access to Eddie.

4. Membership Report:

Marv Grossman, W8AZO; 138 current.

5. Venue Chair's Report / Discussion:

Eddie, KD8FTS reports the June meeting will be at the Fire House Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills. We will likely be back at My Friends in October and are planning on Teamz for the November Holiday meeting.

6. Upcoming Programs:

It was suggested that as we had Scott Yonally, N8SY, running for ARRL Division Director at the August meeting, we could hear from the opponent, Michael Kalter, W8CI. Eric Jessen, stated that there is a form to be filled

out on Mike's website. Eric had scheduled Marc Barnett, KA8CPB, the Internet of Things (IoT) for September but could move him to October if we can do the October meeting at Fire House. Bryan, N8OOF to contact Mike Kalter for September.

7. Net Report:

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, reported that Mike Coleman, AB8UM and Steve Spisak, K8SAS are back in the rotation. Ed Rivers, W8IE helped with a net. Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, and Jon Anhold, KM8V volunteered to take a couple of net slots.

8. Sunshine:

Robert Wright, KE8CEO reported that Tom Kopcak, N8ETP (Father of Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK) is reported to be in University Hospital Cardiac center. A card will be sent.

9. Technical Committee Report:

Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, reported that all repeaters operating. 146.760 suffered a temporary outage due to what appears to be power disturbance at the repeater site. Other repeaters at the site were apparently also affected. 146.760 is still running on Bill Hess's power supply, but Dave has the new power supply for 146.760 and will be getting it installed soon. Dave has the new commercial voter for 146.760 and plans to get it installed soon. A scheduled trip to the CWRU input site is still pending.

10. Election Committee Report:

Robert Wright, KE8CEO reported he has no new nominees. Incumbents elected in 2020 and up for reelection: Eric Jessen, N8AUC; Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; and Jon Anhold, KM8V. Nominations close at the September meeting.

11. Old Business:

Eddie, KD8FTS, submitted application to set up accounts with Tech Soup and Microsoft to allow LEARA to purchase goods and services at reduced cost. Microsoft has accepted our application. Tech Soup has asked for further documentation. Eddie will check into that.

12. New Business:

- Future of Printed Newsletters:

Marv reported that we are down to 12 members and comps receiving printed and mailed newsletters. Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB stated he can handle printing the newsletters through the end of the year. We will be looking for a permanent solution going forward.

- LEARA Website:

We recently encountered a problem with our website hosting service due to the website using an older version of Joomla and PHP. Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G stated he will create a new version of our website using WordPress which should be easier to maintain and easier to find people to help with said maintenance.

- LEARA PO Box:

Marv Grossman, W8AZO, reported that the cost of the USPS PO Box at the Solon Post Office has increased to \$194 per year. A survey of other nearby post offices shows similar pricing, while some distant rural post offices have cheaper pricing. Commercial PO Box locations such as UPS were even more expensive. Motion by Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, seconded by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, to renew the current PO Box. Motion carried without objection. Marv will take care of renewing our current PO Box.

- 2024 Picnic Food Source:

Bryan Torok, N8OOF raised for future consideration the idea of the LEARA 2024 picnic doing potluck instead of catering. Brian pointed out that the recent multi-club picnic and the NOARS picnic both did potluck. Both were well attended and both had lots of food. After a brief discussion, the matter was tabled to the January Trustees meeting.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, and seconded by Jon Anhold, KM8V, motion carried at 1055 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Torok - N8OOF

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

10/07/2023 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

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10/14/2023 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC

Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library

Time: 10:30 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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11/12/2023 | [Independence OH 44131](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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11/13/2023 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC

Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library

Time: 6:30 PM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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12/02/2023 | [Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

ARRL Files Comments Against “Seriously Flawed” HF Rules Petition

08/02/2023 - from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-files-comments-against-seriously-flawed-hf-rules-petition>

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®, as part of its mission to protect Amateur Radio, has filed comments against a proposal that would introduce high-power digital communications to the shortwave spectrum that in many instances is immediately adjacent to the Amateur HF bands.

The “Shortwave Modernization Coalition” (SMC), which represents certain high-frequency stock trading interests, filed the petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). (Previous coverage can be found on ARRL News.) ARRL responded on behalf of its members and the 760,000 licensees of the Amateur Radio Service in the US.

The ARRL Laboratory performed a detailed technical analysis over several months to determine if the proposed rules would affect operations on the bands allocated to Radio Amateurs that are inter-mixed with the Part 90

bands in the spectrum in question.

ARRL’s analysis determined that, if the proposed rules are adopted, the new operations inevitably will cause significant harmful interference to many users of adjacent and nearby spectrum, including Amateur Radio licensees. Ed Hare, W1RFI, a 37-year veteran of the ARRL Lab and internationally recognized expert on radio frequency interference, was the principal investigator on the study. Hare concluded the petition should not be granted. “This petition seeks to put 50 kHz wide, 20,000-watt signals immediately next to seven different amateur bands with weaker protections against interference than required in other services,” said Hare.

In its formal opposition, ARRL stated, “That destructive interference would result if operations commenced using anything close to the proposed maximum levels.”

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Read the rest of the article at [arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org):

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-files-comments-against-seriously-flawed-hf-rules-petition>

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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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