



The Spirit of '76 and '88



July

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Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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Amateur radio operators, always seeking innovative and sustainable power solutions for their stations, can now turn to Solar Lithium Power as a reliable option. By harnessing solar energy and storing it in lithium batteries, this system offers an eco-friendly alternative that ensures consistent performance even during periods of low sunlight or at night. With advancements in technology making these systems more efficient and cost-effective, amateur radio enthusiasts can now enjoy uninterrupted communication while contributing to a greener future for our planet.

LEARA Monthly Meeting Solar Lithium Power - Sustainable Power for your Station

Axel Fisser, K8AXX

My Friends Restaurant
11616 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

July 30, 6:30 p.m.



Click or scan QR
code to RSVP

The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

The June meeting was the annual **LEARA picnic meeting**, held in Elmwood Park in Independence. Following the previous week of 90 plus degree heat we had delightful weather, clear, with temps in the mid to upper 70s, and a nice breeze.



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Prez cont.

The food was provided by **Mister Mike's catering**. We had burgers, hot dogs, and barbecue chicken for main dishes and potato salad and baked beans for the sides. There was the usual assortment of toppings and condiments with pop and bottled water also included.

For the July meeting we will be returning to **My Friends Restaurant**, 11616 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102. Details of the restaurant may be found here:

<https://myfriendsrestaurant.com/>

We've been there many times with good food, good service, and reasonable prices. We will again be ordering off the menu.

Because we are ordering off the menu, reservations are not strictly required, but are appreciated so we can let the restaurant know how many places to set. You may make your **reservation** on the website, <https://leara.org/dinner-reservation/> or by calling **Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at (440) 248-0031**. Come out for the food and camaraderie.

This month's program features a presentation by **Axel Fisser, K8AXX**. The program will be on **Solar Lithium Power - Sustainable Power for your Station**.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, please contact Eric Jessen, N8AUC, or me.

For the last several months I've been telling you about the Amateur Radio Meet and Greet Potluck multi club event. Well now it is just around the corner. It will be Sunday, August 4, 2024, 1 to 4 PM in the Cottonwood Picnic Area of the Cleveland MetroParks, the same as last year. This is a wonderful location

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](https://www.leara.org/files/ARRL%20via%20LEARA%20Appl%20Instructions.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.

and a great event. Everyone is welcome. Come meet Hams from other area clubs.

Here is the link to the RSVP form:
<https://forms.gle/9PKn7cLU85gXjhcL8>

This has additional info, a link to a map, and suggestions as to what type of dish to bring to share based on the first letter of your last name. In addition to great camaraderie, there will be games for adults and children, prizes, and basket raffles.

The Cleveland Kite Festival is happening Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 1 to 5 P.M. While not exactly Ham Radio, it is fun event and something we rarely get a chance to see away from the east and west coasts. This is sponsored by the **Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites**
<https://www.osekcleveland.org/>

Most of these are not your father's kites, or likely the kites of your childhood. There will be traditional kites, the single line kites that just go up and hang in the air. Except that some of those will 10 or 15 feet across and 50 feet long. Then there are the two and four line kites that look like they are flying by radio control as they swoop and spin in the sky. There will be Rokkaku (Japanese fighting kites) Battles and Mystery Ballets where contestants fly their kites to music. The catch is, that they have no idea what the piece of music going to be before it starts and have improvise in the moment. For more info go here:

<https://www.osekcleveland.org/the-cleveland-kite-festival/>

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.



Puzzle 7 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.53)

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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.

June 2024 Checkins 22					
AB8UM	Mike	KB8VXE	Carl	N8UPZ	Bill
K2WJS	BILL	KC8MRC	Bob	W8IE	Ed
K8EHP	Mike	KE8DOT	Tom	W8JMI	Bryan
K8SCA	Ken	KF8BNF	Mike	W8PKT	William
KA8JOY	Robert	N8ACP	Chris	WA8AWD	Bob
KA8VIT	Bill	N8AHS	Fred	WA8ZHN	Jim
KA8WQL	Bob	N8AUC	Eric		
KB8VGX	Steve	N8QMK	Mike		

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:

Please check the website for current assignments.

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Net Control Schedule		
07/25/24	Carl	KB8VXE
08/01/24	Mike	AB8UM
08/08/24	Ed	W8IE
08/15/24	Jim	WA8ZHN
08/22/24	Carl	KB8VXE
08/29/24	Eric	N8AUC
09/05/24	Mike	AB8UM
09/12/24	Ed	W8IE
09/19/24	Jim	WA8ZHN
09/26/24	Carl	KB8VXE

NCOs

AB8UM	MIKE	K8BV*	Jon
K8SAS *	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
KB8VXE	CARL	W8IE	Ed
KG8DN	KEN	WA8ZJN	Jim

*Short time leave **Long term leave

The Wednesday Night Skywarn Practice Net

The Skywarn season runs from April thru September. Practice nets are held Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the 146.76 repeater. With a simplex net to follow on 146.745. 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.

John Cartwright WA8LGM suddenly passed away July 3, after a medical complication. John often attended the TNG and was kind toward fellow amateurs and enjoyed learning new things and reminiscing the radio days gone by.

There will be a celebration of life in John's memory at The Hasty Tasty on Linden Ave. in Dayton at 1 pm on Sunday July 21.

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

July 13th, 2024

held virtually in a Zoom Video Conference

(Subject to Revision)

Attendance:

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

Members:

Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB

Excused:

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Jeff Garvas, N8YNR

1. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Meeting minutes being taken by Bryan Torok, N8OOF.

2. Last board meeting minutes

Motion to accept, Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; second Robert Wright, KE8CEO. Motion carried without objection.

3. Treasurer's Report

via Marv Grossman, W8AZO; No big changes to report; it was suggested to move some of the funds from PayPay to the bank account.

4. Membership Report

by Marv Grossman, W8AZO; 113 current, about 30 non-renewals from 2023.

5. Venue Chair's Report / Discussion

from Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, via Eric Jessen, N8AUC. Firehouse is not available for July. July is set for My Friends. August is confirmed for Firehouse.

6. Upcoming Programs:

by Eric Jessen, N8AUC; via email 7/14/2024, July presenter will be Axel Fisser, K8AXX. The program will be on Solar Lithium Power - Sustainable Power for your Station.

7. Net Report & Sunshine:

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; good rotation among all net controllers.

8. Sunshine

Robert Wright, KE8CEO reported nothing new among current members at this time.

9. Technical Committee Report:

By Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, all repeaters operating. The 146.760 repeater power supply and voter still in progress. We are still waiting on CWRU to complete renovations and tower installation. The new leara.org website is up. Permanent Zoom meeting links banner coming soon. Dave needs a list of email addresses for @leara.org

10. Nomination/Election Committee Report:

Robert Wright, KE8CEO, nothing new to report. He would still like some help. Any member can do this, we will train any volunteer. Trustees who were elected in 2021 and are up for reelection: Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Bryan Torok, N8OOF; and Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G.

11. Old Business:

Nothing new at this time.

12. New Business:

None.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Eric Jessen, N8AUC, and seconded by Marv Grossman, W8AZO, motion carried at 1018 hours EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Torok, N8OOF

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8 a.m. Goodman WA8UIT, SK - estate sale	29	30 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting	31	1 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	2	3 August
4	5	6	7	8 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	9	10 Pedal to the Point
11 Pedal to the Point	12	13	14	15 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	16	17
18 Tri CLE Rock Roll Run 2024	19	20	21	22 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	23	24 Bike Cleveland Fundo
25	26	27 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting	28	29 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	30	31

>>> [Click here for more event details](#) <<<



Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

09/22/2024 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)

Location: Berea, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

[Learn More](#)

10/27/2024 - [2024 MARC
Hamfest at MAPS](#)

Location: N. Canton, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

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

[Learn More](#)

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

08/03/2024 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

09/07/2024 | [Fairview Park OH 44126](#)

Sponsor: Northern Ohio
Amateur Radio Society

Location: Fairview Park Library

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

09/08/2024 | [Independence OH 44131](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood
Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

10/05/2024 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)



LEARA Meeting

Picnic Meeting at the Annex Pavilion
located in Elmwood Park in Independence Ohio



June 25, 2024; Pictures: Carsten Lohrmann





Amateur Radio Participates in World's Largest Naval Exercise

07/21/2024 from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-participates-in-world-s-largest-naval-exercise>

“Partners: Integrated and Prepared” is the theme for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024, the world’s largest international military maritime exercise, which began June 27, and will come to a close on August 1. Conducted from Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, Oahu, Hawaii, the exercise encompasses many islands in the Hawaiian chain.

The event included 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft, and more than 25,000 personnel, including amateur radio operators working with health care facilities.

The amateur radio portion of the exercise has been completed. ARRL Assistant Section Manager and State Government Liaison Michael Miller, KH6ML, said 36 amateur radio operators from Hawaii volunteered to demonstrate the

value of amateur radio in emergency preparedness and response.

... shortened for editorial purposes ...

Vice Adm. John Wade, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet and RIMPAC 2024 Combined Task Force (CTF) commander, said the Rim of the Pacific exercise has grown over the years to be the world’s largest and premier joint combined maritime training opportunity. “The exercise’s purpose is to build relationships, to enhance interoperability and proficiency and, ultimately, contribute to the peace and stability in the vitally-important Indo-Pacific region.”

Many of the volunteers participating in RIMPAC 2024 are also members of other vital emergency communication groups, such as Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

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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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