

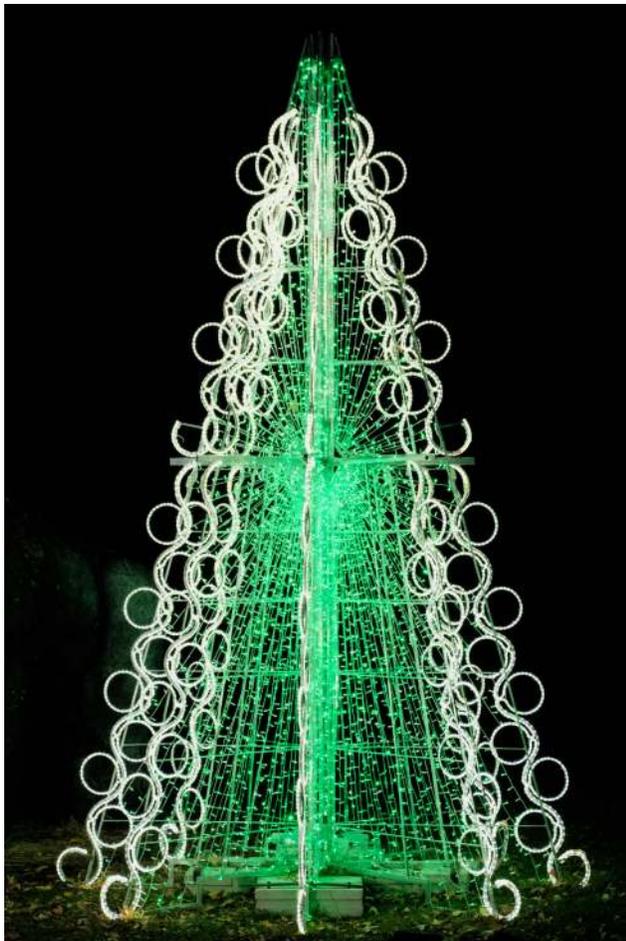


# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the  
November Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2024  
Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB, Editor

## Happy Holidays



### LEARA Monthly Meeting Annual Holiday Social

Teamz Restaurant & Bar  
6611 Eastland Rd

Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

<https://www.teamzsportsbar.com/menu.html>

November 26, 6:30 p.m.



Click or scan QR  
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### The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

For the October LEARA meeting we met at The Firehouse Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills for our annual ARRL Night presented by Roy Hook, W8REH. Roy, who is the Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division, filled in for Scott



Yonally, N8SY, who had another important meeting come up last minute.

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**Prez cont.**

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We started off the program portion of the meeting by giving away a copy of the 100th Edition of the **ARRL Handbook** and a copy of the **ARRL Antenna Book** which Roy brought to be used as door prizes. One of our newer members, **Nate Jacobson, WA6LBT**, won the Antenna Book while I got the Handbook. Both were great prizes.

Typically, on ARRL Night we get an update on the state of the ARRL, the Great Lakes Division (Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio), and the Ohio Section with lots of facts and figures. However, Roy took a very different approach. He started with showing us the Great Lakes Division (GLD) web site (<https://arrl-greatlakes.org/>), pointing out the link to the Division Newsletters, and that all newsletters for 2024 are available there.

Roy then showed us a list of the articles he has written for those newsletters. The articles focused on the state of Ham Radio, where we are, where we want to go, and how do we get there.

While displaying a slide entitled, "**THINK! – History, Today and the Future**" with eight bullet points, Roy led the meeting attendees in a spirited group discussion.

Despite having a 2 ½ hour drive to get home, Roy hung around answering questions and discussing issues well after the meeting was over and most people had left. Roy said that after making the lengthy drive, he wasn't going to leave until everyone had their questions or issues addressed.

It was definitely an interesting meeting and exceeded my expectations.

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](http://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_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](http://www.leara.org) for details.

## Prez cont.

**The November Meeting** will be LEARA's **Annual Holiday Social** meeting at **Teamz Restaurant & Bar**, 6611 Eastland Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. We have been there several times. Teamz has a spacious banquet room with high ceilings, very good food at reasonable prices, and excellent service.

**Door Prizes:** For entertainment, we will have yours truly, Bingo Bryan. Bring your good luck. We will be playing Bingo for an assortment of handy items for the work bench. We will also have two rounds of Bingo for LEARA dinner bucks. Following the Bingo there will be drawings for two Main Prizes. The first will be a **Baofeng HT**. The second will be a **Yaesu FT-65R HT**. This is a very nice dual band (2m/440) handheld transceiver.

**Reservations:** Because we are ordering off their 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.

**Future Meetings:** The **January 2025 meeting** will be at **My Friends Restaurant**. The program will be on **The Hurricane Watch Net** presented by **Stan Broadway, N8BHL**.

In the November newsletter I called for comments on switching to Zoom meetings for January, February, and March. Well, I didn't get any response. During the November trustees meeting, the trustees discussed the matter and the consensus was to stay with in-person meetings but to leave open the option of switching to a Zoom meeting if we anticipate severe weather on our meeting night.

As always, if you have any suggestions for meeting programs, please contact **Eric Jessen, N8AUC**, or me. Contact info is in the column to the left.

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



### 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>



## 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.

October 2024 Checkins - 19		
K2WJS BILL	KC8FQV Mark	N8AUC Eric
K8ARP Arp	KC8MRC Bob	N8QMK Mike
K8EHP Mike	KD8FTS Eddie	N8UPZ Bill
K8BJDY Robert	KF8BNF Mike	W8IE Ed
K8WQL Bob	KM8V Jon	W8ZHN Jim
K88VBR Leone	N8ACP Chris	
K88VXE Carl	N8AHS Fred	

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		
11/21/24	Ed	W8IE
11/28/24	Thanksgiving	
12/05/24	Carl	K88VXE
12/12/24	Jim	W8ZHN
12/19/24	Eric	N8AUC

NCOs

		N8AUC	Eric
K88VXE	Carl	W8IE	Ed
KM8V*	Jon	W8ZHN	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](http://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](http://www.n8esg.org/ares).

## Sunshine

Please contact Robert Wright ([ke8ceo@leara.org](mailto:ke8ceo@leara.org)) with information.

- Ron Hollas K8RJH, is doing better and is at home. He welcomes notes and emails at [ron@hollas.co](mailto:ron@hollas.co)

## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

**03/10/2024 - [WINTERHAMFEST](#)**

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio  
Amateur Radio Society

**Website:**

<http://winterhamfest@noars.net>

[Learn More](#)

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

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

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

**01/14/2024 | [Independence OH 44131](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood  
Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

**02/03/2024 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)**

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

**03/02/2024 | [Fairview Park OH 44126](#)**

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur  
Radio Society

**Location:** Fairview Park Library

**Time:** 10:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**03/10/2024 | [Independence OH 44131](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood  
Recreation Center

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

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Puzzle 11 (Hard, difficulty rating 0.68)

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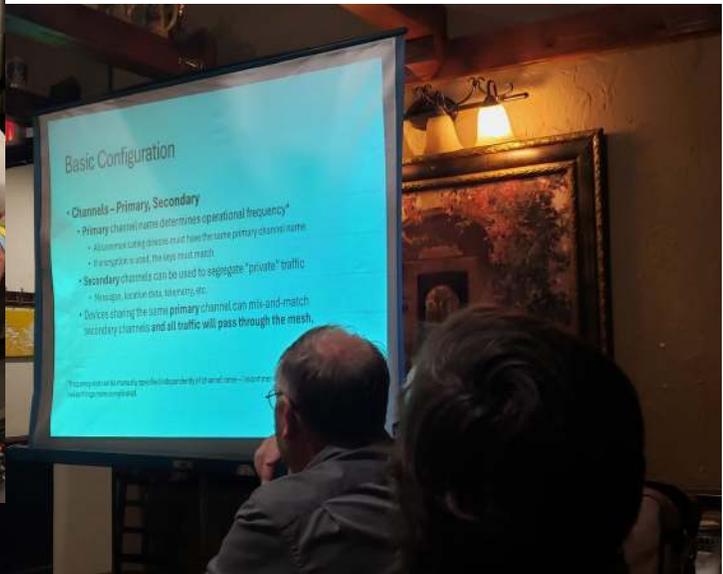


# LEARA Meeting

The Firehouse Grille & Pub  
ARRL Night

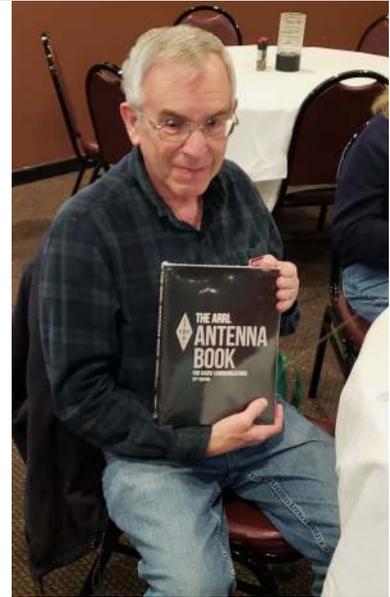


October 29, 2024; Pictures: Bryan Torok



### THINK! - History, Today and the Future

- Capture the Passion of our hobby for all generations
- Change will remain constant
- Understand what we can control and appreciate what we can't
- Learn from our history and traditions, but not necessarily rituals
- Don't expect things to stay the way we remember them
- Enjoy the vast opportunities of our hobby
- Einstein once said, "We can't solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them."
- Together our people and clubs are the future of Amateur Radio



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

November 9th, 2024  
held virtually in a Zoom Video Conference  
(Subject to Revision)

**Attendance:**

Bryan Torok, N8OOF; Eric Jessen, N8AUC;  
Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Marv Grossman,  
W8AZO; Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Carl  
Gedeon, KB8VXE.

**Members:**

Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN

**Excused:**

Jon Anhold, KM8V; Dave Andrzejewski,  
AD8G.

**Absent:**

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR

**1. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 0911 ET. Recognized and thanked Hamfest Association of Cleveland for the use of Zoom.

**2. Seating of the New/Incumbent Trustees:**

Eric Jessen, N8AUC, moved; Robert Wright, KE8CEO; seconded to seat the returning Trustees (Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Bryan Torok, N8OOF; and Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G). Motion carried without objection.

**3. Election of Officers:**

Marv Grossman, W8AZO, moved; Eric Jessen, N8AUC; seconded to retain the officers as they were: Pres. Bryan Torok, N8OOF; VP/Lic Trust Eric Jessen, N8AUC; VP Robert Wright II, KE8CEO; Secretary/Treasurer Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Radio Officers Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G & Bryan Torok, N8OOF. Motion carried without objection. NOTE: Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN, was appointed by

the President to continue in position of Recording Secretary to assist Eddie Stevens with his duties.

**4. Committee Chairs (need not be Trustees):**

Membership Chairman, Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Venue Chairman, Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Program Chairman, Eric Jessen, N8AUC; Net Control Chair, Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; Sunshine, Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Technical Committee Chairman, Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G.

**5. Last board meeting minutes**

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

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS / Marv Grossman, W8AZO

**7. Membership Report**

Marv Grossman, W8AZO: 119 current.

**8. Venue Chair's Report / Discussion**

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS reported the November Holiday Meeting will be at Teamz. It will be order-off-the-menu, no extra charge for the room. Motion by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; second by Marv Grossman, W8AZO; to provide door prizes as follows: One Yaesu FT-65R Dual band HT, one Baofeng HT, approximately \$100 for misc. ham radio related tools etc. to be purchased by Eric Jessen, N8AUC at his discretion. We will play bingo for smaller prizes and have drawings for the HTs. Motion carried without objection.

The January 2025 meeting will be at My Friends. Discussion was had concerning having the Jan, Feb, Mar meetings via Zoom. Consensus was to stay with in-person meetings, but we could consider having a Zoom meeting due to severe weather.

**9. Upcoming Programs:**

Eric Jessen, N8AUC; the November 2024 meeting is the annual social meeting. January 2025 will be The Hurricane Watch Net presented by Stan Broadway, N8BHL.

**10. Net Report:**

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; Steve Spisak, K8SAS will dropping out of the net rotation.

At about this point in the meeting, Bryan Torok, N8OOF, experienced computer/connection problems. VP Eric Jessen, N8AUC, took over running the meeting.

**11. Sunshine**

Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Ron Hollas, K8RJH, is back home.

**12. Technical Committee Report:**

Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, stated via email there is nothing new to report.

**13. Old Business:**

Nothing new at this time.

**14. New Business:**

Nothing new at this time.

**15. Adjournment:**

Motion by Marv Grossman, W8AZO, and seconded by Carl Gedeon, N8VXE. Meeting adjourned at 1007 ET.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Bryan Torok, N8OOF**

<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>November</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>1</b> <b>December</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve	<b>1</b> <b>January</b>	<b>2</b> 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**Check the Event Support Group Website for more event details**  
 >>> <https://n8esg.org/calendar/> <<<

## 2024 ARRL Board of Directors Election Results

11/15/2024 from: <https://www.arrl.org/news/2024-arrl-board-of-directors-election-results>

ARRL® The National Association for Amateur Radio® announces the results of the 2024 ARRL Division elections.

In the ARRL New England Division, Tom Frenaye, K1KI (1,593 votes), of West Suffeld, Connecticut, was declared the winner, defeating current Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC (1,452 votes).

Frenaye has previously served on the ARRL Board of Directors in several capacities, including as Director from 1985 - 1992 and from 1997 - 2018. He was named Director Emeritus in 2019. He served as ARRL Vice President from 1992 - 1996.

In the ARRL Hudson Division, incumbent Division Director Ed Wilson, N2XDD (949 votes), of Shirley, New York, was declared the winner, defeating John Crovelli, W2GD (719 votes). Wilson ascended to Director in July 2024, after the previous Director resigned. He had been Vice Director since 2023, a position to which he was appointed to fill a vacancy created when the previous Vice Director ascended to Director.

In August, the following incumbents and candidates were declared elected without

opposition. In the Central Division, current Vice Director Brent Walls, N9BA, will be the next Director, and candidate Josh Long, W9HT, will be the next Vice Director. In the Hudson Division, Vice Director David Galletly, KM2O. In the New England Division, Vice Director Phil Temples, K9HI. In the Northwestern Division, Vice Director Michael Sterba, KG7HQ. In the Roanoke Division, Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, and Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP.

In September, Northwestern Division Director Mark Tharp, KB7HDX, was declared elected.

Winners will assume their roles for terms beginning January 1, 2025.

Members voted online or could request paper ballots. The election was conducted by third party Election Services Co., of Melville, New York -- the same company that has conducted ARRL elections in 2022 and 2023. The tabulation was observed by Ethics & Elections Committee Chair, ARRL Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB.

ARRL is governed by its Board of Directors. Elections are held for five of the 15 ARRL Divisions each year, for terms of 3 years.

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## LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

More than **50 YEARS** of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969

### VOICE REPEATERS:

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|-----------|------------------|--|
| 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) ( <b>Offline</b> )  |
| 444.70/R+ | • Lakewood       | <b>Digital Only</b> (mmdvm: Fusion, DMR, D-Star & P25)<br>(Requires 131.8 Hz tone) |

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