



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



July

Newsletter of the  
Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

2025

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## LEARA Monthly Meeting Mixing Amateur Radio, Field Day & Trains

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT,  
Linda Luscre, KA8ODP

### Teamz Restaurant & Bar

6611 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

July 29, 6:30 p.m.



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## The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

LEARA NEEDS YOU! It is that time of the year again when we seek candidates to run for Trustee and also to help with running the club. Anyone who has been a member for the last 12 months is eligible to run.

If you are at all interested, please contact me. Nominations close August 26th at the end of the August membership meeting.



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## Prez cont.

**The June Meeting** program was **The Care and Feeding of Analog Meters!** presented by **Eric Jessen, N8AUC**. Eric explained how to use analog meters to measure voltage and current in a variety of applications, including to monitor the state of the battery in your "go" kit for Field Day or POTA.

**For the July LEARA meeting** we will have a presentation by **Anthony Luscre, K8ZT**, and **Linda Luscre, KA8ODP**, **Mixing Amateur Radio, Field Day & Trains**. This presentation includes lots of info on traveling by train, both in the USA and Scotland. It also has a section on doing Field Day from a mountain top that is pretty cool. This should be an interesting program.

We will be meeting at **Teamz Restaurant & Bar**, 6611 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Teamz has a spacious banquet room with high ceilings, very good food at reasonable prices, and excellent service.

**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 program, the food, and the camaraderie.

**Future Meetings:** The **August meeting** will be the **picnic meeting**, in Independence in the enclosed Kiwanis pavilion. As I'm writing this, we are planning on having Mister Mike for the catering and charging \$20 per person, but the details have not been finalized.

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.

As always, if you have any suggestions for meeting programs, please contact **Eric Jessen**, **N8AUC**, or me. Contact info is on page 2 in the column to the left.

**Save the Date:** The folks who put on the **Amateur Radio Meet and Greet Potluck** multi club event for the last two years are doing it again. It will be Sunday, September 7, 2025, 1 to 4 PM in the Keystone Shelter in the West Creek Reservation of the Cleveland MetroParks, 1969 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, Ohio. This is a different location from last year. Watch this space for more details.

**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 for a Saturday morning Trustees meeting. 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.

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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 2025 Check-Ins 22					
AB8MD	Andy	KF8DGD	Bill	W8IE	Ed
K2WJS	BILL	KF8DYE	Michael	W8JMI	Bryan
K8EHP	Mike	K8D	Edward	W8PKT	William
KA8JOY	Robert	N8AHS	Fred	W8AWD	Bob
KB8VXE	Carl	N8AUC	Eric	W8ZHN	Jim
KC8FQV	Mark	N8QMK	Mike	WD8EH	Malcolm
KC8MRC	Bob	N8UPZ	Bill		
KE8CEO	Robert	W8AR	Walter		

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.

--- click ---

Net Control Schedule			
07/17/25	Jim	W8ZHN	
07/24/25	Ed	W8IE	
07/31/25	Carl	KB8VXE	
08/07/25	Eric	N8AUC	
08/14/25	Jim	W8ZHN	
08/21/25	Carl	KB8VXE	
08/28/25	Ed	W8IE	
09/04/25	Eric	N8AUC	
09/11/25	Jim	W8ZHN	
09/18/25	Carl	KB8VXE	
09/25/25	Ed	W8IE	

NCOs	KB8VXE	Carl	W8IE	Ed
	KM8V*	Jon	W8ZJN	Jim
	N8AUC	Eric		

\*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 146.475. 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 <https://n8esg.org/skywarn/> for more information and training sessions.

Information about Cleveland Weather operations can be found at <https://wx8cle.org/>

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.

**SK - Ron Hollis  
K8RJH** passed away  
Saturday 6/21/25.



### Obituary at:

<https://www.buschcares.com/obituaries/Ronald-James-Hollas?obId=43065046>

He was active in several clubs and organizations including LEARA. He will be missed by all.

## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

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

**09/28/2025 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Berea, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association  
of Cleveland

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

[Learn More](#)

**11/02/2025 - [2025 MARC  
Hamfest at MAPS](#)**

**Location:** N. Canton, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Massillon ARC

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

[Learn More](#)

## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

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

**08/02/2025 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)**

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

**08/16/2025 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls ARC

**Location:** Cuyahoga Public Library

**Time:** 10:30 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

**09/06/2025 | [Fairview Park OH 44126](#)**

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur  
Radio Society

**Location:** Fairview Park Library

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

[Learn More](#)

**09/13/2025 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls ARC

**Location:** Cuyahoga Public Library

**Time:** 10:30 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

**09/14/2025 | [Independence OH 44131](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood  
Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

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

July 12th, 2025  
held virtually in a Zoom Video Conference  
(Subject to Revision)

**Attendance:**

Bryan Torok, N8OOF; Eric Jessen, N8AUC;  
Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS (via telephone &  
text); Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Robert  
Wright, KE8CEO; Jon Anhold, KM8V; Carl  
Gedeon, KB8VXE

**Members:**

Don Ritchie, K8ZGW

**Excused:**

Jeff Garvas, N8YNR; Dave Andrzejewski,  
AD8G

**1. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at  
9:03 A.M.

**2. May Trustee Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept, Eric Jessen, N8AUC; second  
Marv Grossman, W8AZO. Motion passed  
without objection.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS provided checking,  
PayPal, and total balance.

**4. Membership Report**

by Marv Grossman, W8AZO; 110 current  
members

**5. Venue Chair's Report/Discussion:**

by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS via text. June is  
confirmed for Teamz, order off the menu. At  
first they wanted to do buffet service and add  
a room charge. Eddie was able to convince  
them go with "order off the menu." August  
will be the picnic meeting, in Independence

in the enclosed Kiwanis pavilion.

Eddie has reached out to Mister Mike and  
has not heard back. Discussed what to charge  
for the picnic. 2024 was \$19. Motion by Carl  
Gedeon, KB8VXE; second by Robert Wright,  
KE8CEO; LEARA to charge \$20 per person  
and subsidize the difference if Mr. Mike  
charges more. Passed without objection.

**6. Upcoming Programs:**

by Eric Jessen, N8AUC. Terry McCann,  
K8TJM, is apparently not ready with his Slow  
Scan TV (SSTV) program. Eric will contact  
Anthony Kuscre, K8ZT, for an in-person,  
Zoom, or recorded program. August will be  
the picnic meeting.

**7. Net Report:**

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; Status Quo. Still  
working on getting Robert Wright, KE8CEO,  
into the rotation.

**8. Sunshine**

Robert Wright, KE8CEO reported he sent a  
card to Esther Hollas, KF8DXQ widow of Ron  
Hollas, K8RJH (SK). Nothing else new at this  
time.

**9. Technical Committee Report:**

Excused. From the April meeting: The new  
repeater is installed and running. The new  
voter needs setup and installation. Carl  
Gedeon, KB8VXE, reported that he had  
problem accessing the LEARA web site. He  
spoke with Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G. Dave  
reset something and the problem appears to  
be resolved.

**10. Report from the Nomination/Election Committee:**

Robert Wright, KE8CEO reported that he has had no volunteers to help. Also, other than the incumbents, he has no nominees. Trustees who were elected in 2022 are up for reelection: Jeff Garvas, N8YNR; Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE.

**11. Old Business:**

Nothing new on Tech Soup and Microsoft.

**12. New Business:**

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, brought to the Trustees' attention that currently LEARA is paying \$124 per month for internet access at our two repeater sites. The internet is used for digital modes such as Echolink, Fusion, Dstar, DMR, etc. It is also used to remote control the repeaters or in an emergency to shut them down. It is required by FCC rule to have a means of control other than via the input frequency. We discussed various options and will be looking for a less expensive solution.

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, reported that a person representing an organization approached ARES about using LEARA's 146.760 antenna as part of their emcomm system. Said representative will be at the ARES meeting Tuesday, 7-15-2025, to further discuss this. LEARA Trustees will attend. NOTE: On or about 7-14-2025, Carl received a message stating that said organization is reevaluating their plans and frequency allocations, therefore above meeting has been canceled/postponed.

**13. Adjournment:**

Motion by Eric Jessen, N8AUC, and seconded by Jon Anhold, KM8V. Motion carried without objection at about 1015 hours EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Bryan Torok, N8OOF**





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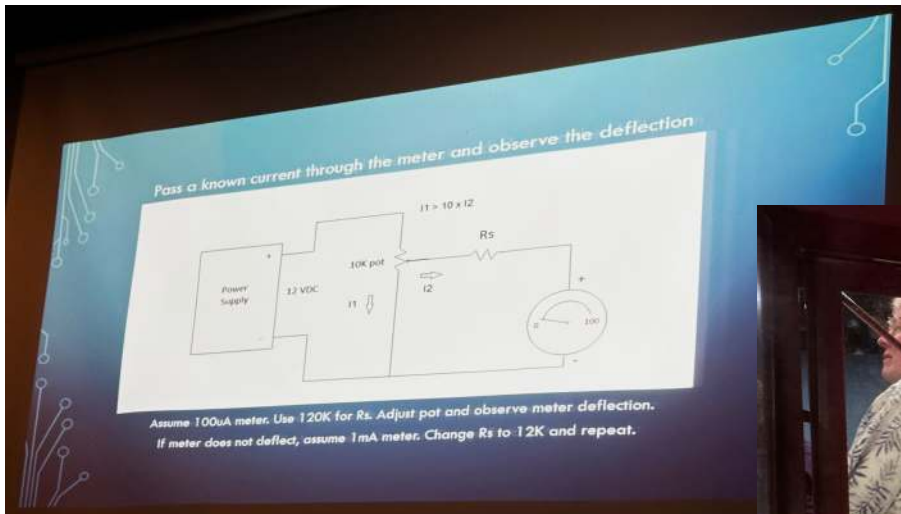
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# LEARA Meeting

Firehouse Restaurant

June 24th 2025; Pictures: Carsten Lohrmann





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <b>Pan Ohio Hope Ride</b>	28 <b>July</b>	29 6:30 p.m. <b>LEARA meeting</b>	30	31 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	1	2
3 <b>August</b>	4	5	6	7 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	8	9 MS-150 Pedal to the Point
10 - MS-150 Pedal to the Point - TRI CLE Rock Roll Run Triathlon	11	12	13	14 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	15	16
17	18	19 Cuyahoga County ARES Meeting	20	21 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	22	23 Bike Cleveland Fundo
24 Ohio Mountain Bike Race	25	26 6:30 p.m. <b>LEARA meeting</b>	27	28 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	5 <b>September</b>	6

Check the Event Support Group Website for more event details

>>> <https://n8esg.org/calendar/> <<<



## 2025 ARRL Field Day a Success

03/07/2025 from: <https://www.arrl.org/news/2025-arrl-field-day-a-success>

Tens of thousands of hams are celebrating a successful 2025 ARRL Field Day! The largest annual amateur radio event is also one of the most beloved, as shown by countless social media posts. Activity was high, with 1536 sites in the ARRL Field Day Site Locator, and that doesn't even count home stations, portable operations, or other participants.

"There's a reason that hams look forward to ARRL Field Day," said ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. "It is easy to see how much fun people have during the event. Across the country, people come together in town squares, public parks, green spaces, and other locations – all to celebrate the joy of amateur radio and to share it with others," she said.

On the town green in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, between Springfield and Worcester, the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club held its activation front and center in the postcard town. There was a steady line of onlookers visiting the setup that stretched out for several hundred yards. Many of them sat down to try their hand at the GOTA (Get On the

Air) station. Nestled across from an antique church with a white steeple, and on green grass that surrounds a fountain, the hams brought a steady call of "CQ Field Day" to the quiet hamlet.

Aboard the International Space Station, Astronaut Jonny Kim, KJ5HKP, was active. Social media and YouTube show several clips of hams talking with Kim. James Walker, KC1UYZ, shared a video of his contact with Kim to Instagram and other platforms. "KC1UYZ, welcome to the International Space Station," said Kim. A quick rest of the contact was followed by enthusiastic whoops from Walker, who was elated to have talked with an orbiting astronaut.

W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, was active for the event. The station's three operating studios were configured as a 6F-class station. On Saturday afternoon, and well into the overnight, ARRL Education and Learning Support Specialist Max Freedman, N4ML, was operating alongside Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN. "It is always great to help people get W1AW in their logs," he said. Freedman is an experienced contester, but this was his first operating event at the historic station. "It is such an honor to operate as W1AW," he said.

Complete information about ARRL Field Day is available at [www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)

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## LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

More than **55 YEARS** of Serving Greater Cleveland Since 1969

### VOICE REPEATERS:

<b>146.76/R-</b>	• Highland Hills	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
<b>146.88/R-</b>	• Lakewood	(Requires 110.9 Hz tone)
<b>224.90/R-</b>	• Lakewood	(Requires 141.3 Hz tone)
<b>444.40/R+</b>	• Macedonia	(Requires 131.8 Hz tone) ( <b>Offline</b> )
<b>444.70/R+</b>	• Lakewood	<b>Digital Only</b> (mmdvm: Fusion, DMR, D-Star & P25) (Requires 131.8 Hz tone)

INTERNET: [www.leara.org](http://www.leara.org)