



The Spirit of '76 and '88



August Newsletter of the 2025
Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association
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LEARA Monthly Meeting Leara Summer Picnic

Kiwanis Pavilion
located in Elmwood Park
in Independence Ohio

August 26, 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 or come to the

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August picnic meeting. Nominations close August 26th at the end of the August membership meeting.

For the July LEARA meeting we had a video presentation by **Anthony Luscre, K8ZT**, and **Linda Luscre, KA8ODP, Mixing Amateur Radio, Field Day & Trains**. In his presentation, Anthony talked about traveling by train across the USA and the UK. He talked about setting up portable operations, his custom designed Go boxes, and doing POTA and Field Day from a variety of locations including a mountain top with stunning views. Linda contributed many interesting comments and observations. All in all, it was an interesting program.

We met at **Teamz Restaurant & Bar**. I was delighted to find that in addition to Teamz's excellent accommodations they now have a large screen and projector. This made set up for our program much easier.

The August meeting will be our annual picnic meeting. We will be meeting **Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 PM** at the **Kiwanis Pavilion** located in Elmwood Park in **Independence Ohio**. This is behind the Independence Civic Center at 6363 Selig Dr., Independence, OH. Or, set your GPS for Kathy Lynn Drive and Selig Boulevard. Going north on Kathy Lynn will take you right into the east end of the parking lot. The Pavilion is at the west end of the parking lot.

As in previous years, the food will be provided by **Mister Mike's catering**. The cost is \$20 per person. **RESERVATIONS** are **REQUIRED** by 10:00 A.M. Monday before the meeting. You may make your reservation on the website, <https://www.leara.org/>

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.

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dinner-reservation or by calling **Marv Grossman, W8AZO**, at **(440) 248-0031**. Come out for the food, and the camaraderie.

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, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, Ohio. This is a different location from last year. I will be sending out an email with a flyer and more details.

Computer/Hard Drive Problems, I Need Your Ideas: Recently my trusty old HP laptop computer just abruptly stopped working and refused to turn on. I pulled the solid-state drive (SSD) and using a SATA-to-USB adapter connected the drive to a newer Dell laptop. Initially, I was able to see the contents of the drive but for some reason it was not letting me access certain directories. After disconnecting and reconnecting and also attempting to change permissions within Windows 11, I received an error message telling me that the drive is not readable and needs to be reformatted.

I have many years of data and documents and the drive, much of it is not replaceable. I know, I'm an idiot for not having had a backup plan in place. We can talk more about that later.

What I really need to know is, have any of you experienced a failure of a solid-state drive? How did you deal with it? Were you able to recover your data and how did you do so?

You can reach me via e-mail btorok@sbcglobal.net or telephone 440-477-6473. If you get my voicemail, please leave a message or send me a text. I would also be interested in hearing what

method you use for backing up and keeping your data safe. Do you use a local backup drive (and what software), a cloud service, or both?

VHF Low-Band Frequency Proposal for GMRS: I recently viewed a YouTube video talking about a proposal for GMRS to be granted the use of frequencies in the ranges of 35-43 MHz and 46-49 MHz. Those frequencies had been previously used by some public safety, businesses such as taxi cabs, and the old cordless telephones, but have largely been abandoned by those users. The proposal would permit simplex use as well as repeaters up to 100 watts. You may view the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CSTk7F4GHs>

Let me know what you think. Perhaps we will compile your answers and print them in future newsletter.

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.



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.

July 2025 Check-Ins 24					
AB8MD	Andy	KE8CED	Robert	N8IYA	Steven
K2WJS	BILL	KF8BNF	Mike	N8LXY	William
K8EHP	Mike	KF8DGD	Bill	N8UPZ	Bill
KABJOY	Robert	KF8DYE	Michael	N8UUC	Dave
KB8VBR	Leone	KM8V	Jon	W8IE	Ed
KB8VXE	Carl	N8ACP	Chris	W8UTC	Art
KC8FQV	Mark	N8AHS	Fred	W8AWD	Bob
KC8MRC	Bob	N8AUC	Eric	W8ZHN	Jim

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			
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	
10/02/25	Eric	N8AUC	
10/09/25	Jim	W8ZHN	
10/16/25	Carl	KB8VXE	
10/23/25	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.

Sunshine

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

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from 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

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](#)

09/28/2025 | [Berea OH 44017-2043](#)

Sponsor: Cleveland Hamfest

Location: Cuyahoga County

Fairgrounds in Berea

Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

10/04/2025 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)



LEARA Meeting

Teamz Restaurant & Bar

July 29th 2025; Pictures: Bryan Torok



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 July	21	22	23	24 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	25	26
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. LEARA meeting	30	31 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	1 August	2
3	4	5	6	7 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	22	23
24	25	26 6:30 p.m. LEARA PICNIC meeting	27	28 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	29	30
31	1 September	2	3	4 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	5	6

Check the Event Support Group Website for more event details

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

Amateur Radio Helps Locate Missing Mother and Son

07/25/2025 from: <https://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-helps-locate-missing-mother-and-son>

Amateur radio had a crucial role in locating a mother and her 9-year son lost in California's Stanislaus National Forest. On Friday July 11, 2025, the pair was reported overdue from a day trip to Camp Wolfeboro, a popular scout camp in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, according to a news release.

On Saturday July 12, the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team (SAR) was conducting its monthly training exercise along the Stanislaus River when members received notification that Tami and son Stirling had been reported missing since Friday afternoon and were not answering their cell phones.

The SAR team set up a command post at Black Springs Off-Highway Vehicle riding (OHV) Recreational Area and quickly began initiating a road-based search using four-wheel-drive vehicles and air support from the California Highway Patrol.

Joining the search was a Deputy and a Forest Service Law Enforcement Ranger who responded to 911 texts from campers in the area that a vehicle possibly matching the description of the pair's missing car had been found. The SAR team

began to find handwritten notes posted near a remote Forest Service road and then another about a mile away that included a telephone number and the names of the missing individuals. Just before 6:00 PM, the car and the lost mother and son were found. But the rescue was not over.

SAR team members were unable to communicate with their command post using conventional frequencies and cell phones from their deep woods location. So they used amateur radio frequency to report their emergency traffic. The call was immediately answered by a retired El Dorado County communications supervisor, who is also an amateur radio operator, monitoring from his home. He contacted the El Dorado 911 center, which provided the information to Calaveras County Dispatch. The SAR command post was notified, and the mother and her son were transported to waiting family members.

Young Stirling also had a hand with the rescue. He used his scout whistle to blow SOS, the internationally recognized Morse code distress signal, to give searchers a better chance of locating their position.

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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 Only (mmdvm: Fusion, DMR, D-Star & P25) (Requires 131.8 Hz tone)

INTERNET: www.leara.org