



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the  
**January Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association**  
Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB, Editor

**2026**



## LEARA Monthly Meeting QRP Operation

Tom Sly, WB8LCD  
**My Friends Restaurant**  
11616 Detroit Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102  
**January 27, 6:30 p.m.**



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## The Prez Says by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

### Renew your membership:

It's that time of the year again when we ask you to send in your dues. To those of you who have already done so, thank you. To the rest of you, please take a moment and do it before you forget.



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The easiest way to do that is to go to our website, <https://leara.org/membership/renew/> and pay online using PayPal or your favorite credit card. You may also mail a check to LEARA, PO Box 22823, Beachwood, Ohio 44122-0823.

**Trustees and Officer Elections:** After the paper ballots were combined with the online voting, **Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE** and **Robert Wright, KE8CEO** were reelected and **Ed Rivers, W8IE**, was newly elected. They were seated at the January 10, 2026, Trustees meeting. Congratulations to all. **Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN**, is next in line for the next vacancy.

LEARA thanks outgoing Trustee **Jeff Garvas, N8YNR**, for his many years of service in many different positions. Jeff has been an active member of LEARA for more than three decades. He joined the board in the 1990s and has served in multiple leadership roles, including Secretary and Treasurer. Over the years Jeff has made significant contributions to the organization: he helped design LEARA's first IRLP system, re-ignited the LEARA net more than 20 years ago (which continues to this day), and played a key role in both modernizing LEARA's bylaws and securing 501(c)(3) non-profit status. We are going to miss him.

All officer and committee chair positions were retained the same as last year. For a detailed list, see the minutes published elsewhere in this issue. **NOTE: Committee chairs DO NOT have to be Trustees or officers.** Any member can serve. If you

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**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.

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are interested in helping out or even assuming responsibility for one of the committees, please reach out to me.

**The November Meeting** was **LEARA's Annual Holiday Social** meeting at Teamz Restaurant in Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. As usual, the food was very good and the service excellent. We will be including Teamz in our regular rotation of meeting restaurants.

For this Holiday meeting, the Trustees decided to depart from playing Bingo and instead have a White Elephant Gift Exchange (WEGE). If you still don't know what that is, go look at the November 2025 newsletter for details. While most attendees chose to participate in the WEGE, even those who didn't directly participate had fun watching those who did and sometimes shouting suggestions or encouragement to the players. Afterward I heard comments like it was a "blast" and it was a "hoot." I did not hear any negative comments.

Of course, we had our usual drawing for a **LEARA Buck** (free dinner) and the **50-50 drawing**. All that culminated with the drawing for a **Yaesu FT-4XR HT**. Everybody had a good time one way or another. Plan to attend next year.

**The January Meeting** presenter will be **Tom Sly, WB8LCD**, with a program on "**QRP Operation**". We will be meeting at My Friends Restaurant, 11616 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. Their menu may be viewed at <https://myfriendsrestaurant.m.takeout7.com/restaurant-menu>

**Reservations:** Because we will be 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.

**Future Meetings:** Coming in 2026, we are anticipating a presentation by **Mike DiTurno, KC8OWL** (member now residing in AZ), who will present a program via Zoom on the weekly **#APRSTHURSDAY worldwide APRS net**. This net regularly has 700 participants. We are working out whether to do this as Zoom only or hybrid in-person and Zoom. Either way, it will be a new and engaging program.

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 left column.

**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.

November 2025 Check-Ins 15					
K8EHP	Mike	KF8DGD	Bill	W8IE	Ed
K8SAS	Steve	N8AGM	Tom	W8JMI	Bryan
KB8VXE	Carl	N8AHS	Fred	W8PKT	William
KC8FQV	Mark	N8AUC	Eric	W8TBL	Derrocl
KC8MRC	Bob	N8AZE	Joe	WA8ZHN	Jim

December 2025 Check-Ins 15					
K2WJS	BILL	KC8FQV	Mark	N8AHS	Fred
K8ARP	Arp	KC8MRC	Bob	N8AUC	Eric
K8EHP	Mike	KE8CEO	Robert	W8IE	Ed
K8SAS	Steve	KF8DGD	Bill	W8JMI	Bryan
KB8VXE	Carl	KF8DXU	Brad	WA8ZHN	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.  --- click ---	Net Control Schedule		
	01/22/26	Ed	W8IE
	01/29/26	Robert	KE8CEO
	02/05/26	Eric	N8AUC
	02/12/26	Jim	WA8ZHN
	02/19/26	Carl	KB8VXE
	02/26/26	Ed	W8IE
	03/05/26	Robert	KE8CEO
	03/12/26	Eric	N8AUC
	03/19/26	Jim	WA8ZHN
	03/26/26	Carl	KB8VXE

## 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.

NCOs	KB8VXE	Carl	W8IE	Ed
	KM8V*	Jon	WA8ZJN	Jim
	N8AUC	Eric	KE8CEO	Robert

\*Short time leave \*\*Long term leave

## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

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

### 03/08/2026 - [Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Winter Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

**Website:**

<https://www.noars.net/hamfests/winter-hamfest/>

[Learn More](#)

### 04/11/2026 - [Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Cuyahoga Falls, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:**

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

**Website:** <https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org>

[Learn More](#)



### Membership renewals!

Please be aware that membership renewals are due!

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## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

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

### 02/07/2026 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

### 03/07/2026 | [Fairview Park OH 44126](#)

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio  
Amateur Radio Society

**Location:** Fairview Park Library

**Time:** 10:00 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

### 03/08/2026 | [Independence OH 44131](#)

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood  
Recreation Center

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

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### 04/04/2026 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

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

Jan. 10th, 2026  
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; Jon Anhold, KM8V

**Members**

Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN; Ed Rivers, W8IE

**Absent:**

Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G; Jeff Garvas,  
N8YNR

**1. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at  
0915 ET. Recognized and thanked Hamfest  
Association of Cleveland for the use of Zoom.

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

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, moved; and Jon  
Anhold, KM8V, seconded to seat the reelected  
Trustees (Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE and Robert  
Wright, KE8CEO) and newly elected Ed  
Rivers, W8IE. Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN, next  
in line for next vacancy. Motion carried  
without objection.

**3. Election of Officers**

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, moved; and Jon  
Anhold, KM8V, 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. The  
President will continue to record minutes of  
meetings.

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

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

**5. Previous Trustee Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept, Eric Jessen, N8AUC.  
Seconded by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS. Motion  
carried without objection.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

provided by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS.

**7. Membership Report**

Marv Grossman, W8AZO; 82 pending  
renewal, 35 current, 117 total.

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

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS stated no locations  
booked yet for 2026. Discussion 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 if we had a presenter via  
Zoom. The primary venues are still Firehouse  
Grille & Pub, My Friends Restaurant, and  
Teamz. Firehouse and Teamz are favored for  
having a projector and screen.

**9. Upcoming Programs**

Eric Jessen, N8AUC, reported no programs  
booked for 2026. He has Tom Sly, WB8LCD  
(POTA operations) and Mike DiTurno,  
KC8OWL (via Zoom or hybrid, weekly  
#APRSTHURSDAY worldwide APRS net) as  
possible presenters for Jan, Feb, or March.

**10. Net Report**

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; Scheduling discussed.  
Nothing new to report.

**11. Sunshine**

Robert Wright, KE8CEO; In December 2025, get well card sent to Elaine Wilkinson, KC8FOS and condolence card sent to Ted Alexander, W8IXY. Nothing new reported.

**12. Technical Committee Report**

Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G, unavailable. Discussion of @leara.org emails addresses for trustees, officers, committee chairs, etc. Discussion on relocating 444.400. Discussion of cost of Internet service for the repeater sites and use of T-Mobile hotspots.

**13. Review of the Election**

Discussion of the use of Google Forms vs. Voting Place and other methods. Using Google Forms worked well. However, Jon and Eric will not be available to run the election in 2026 as both are up for reelection so other members will have to recruited and trained to run it.

**14. ARRL Insurance**

Is up for renewal. Cost \$300 for March 8, 2026 to March 8, 2027.

**15. Old Business**

Eddie, KD8FTS, now has all the documentation to get our account set up with MS completed and now anticipates having the time to do so.

**16. New Business**

None.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion by Eric Jessen, N8AUC, and seconded by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, motion carried at 10:12 ET.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Bryan Torok, N8OOF**

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

Check the Event Support Group Website for more event details

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



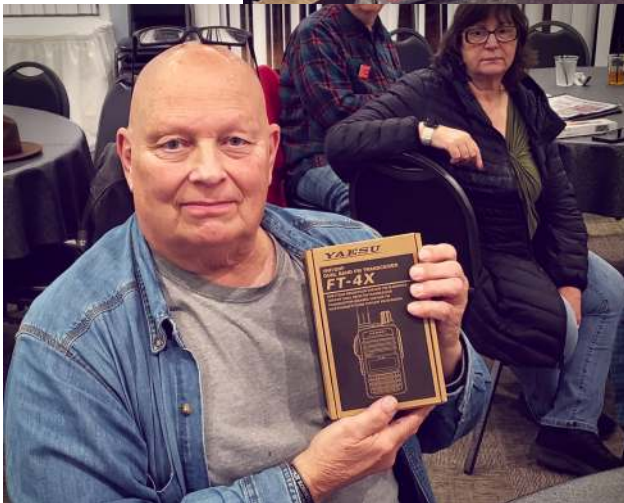
# LEARA Holiday Party

Teamz Restaurant & Bar

November 25th 2025; Pictures: Carl Gedeon; Bryan Torok







## New 60-Meter Frequencies Available as of February 13

01/15/2026 from: <https://www.arrl.org/news/new-60-meter-frequencies-available-as-of-february-13>

The new 60-meter frequencies approved by the FCC in December will become available to amateurs as of February 13, 2026, along with new power restrictions on those frequencies. It's a bit confusing, as different rules apply to different segments of the band. The changes result from the FCC's action to approve a worldwide 60-meter amateur allocation made by the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2015 (WRC-15). See <https://tinyurl.com/mt8p8jpa>.

As of February 13, FCC-licensed amateur operators holding General Class or higher licenses may operate on a secondary basis anywhere between 5351.5 and 5366.5 kHz, subject to a maximum bandwidth of 2.8 kHz and maximum transmit power of 9.15 watts ERP (effective radiated power). For the purpose of computing ERP, the transmitter PEP (peak envelope power) is multiplied by the antenna gain relative to a half-wave dipole antenna. A half-wave dipole is presumed to have a gain of 1 (0 dBd). Amateurs using other antennas must maintain in their station records either the antenna manufacturer's data on the antenna gain or calculations of the antenna gain.

Here's the confusing part: The existing 60-meter channels centered on 5332, 5348, 5373, and 5405 kHz remain as secondary amateur allocations with maximum power of 100 watts ERP. However, the old channel at 5358.5 kHz is eliminated as it is now part of the new 5351.5-5366.5 kHz subband and subject to the lower power limit.

For all 60-meter transmissions, emission bandwidth is limited to 2.8 kHz or less and amateurs must not cause harmful interference to, and must accept interference from, stations authorized by the United States (NTIA and FCC) and other nations in the fixed service; and all other nations in the mobile service (except aeronautical mobile). Data or RTTY emissions in particular must be limited in transmission length so as not to cause harmful interference. Digital mode operators must be familiar with offsets in order to stay within the authorized frequencies.



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## LEARA — The Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association

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

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

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