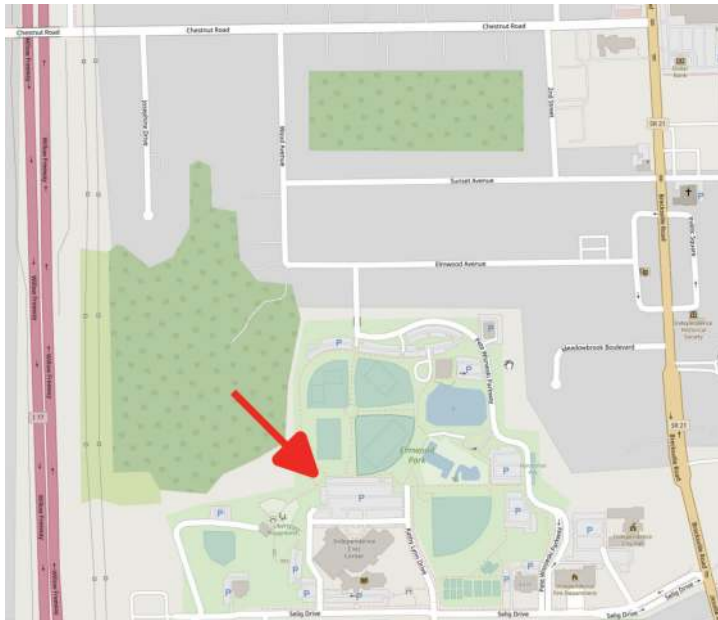




The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the
June Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2023
Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB, Editor



LEARA Picnic Meeting

June 27, 6:30 p.m.

**Kiwanis Pavilion
Elmwood Park in
Independence Ohio**



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to RSVP



The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF



For the May meeting, we returned to My Friends Restaurant in Cleveland.

For the program, we had an **Introduction to Using the Nano VNA** presented by **Chuck Mehozonek, K8CVM**. Unfortunately, I again was unable to attend. However, I was fortunate to have previously seen Chuck's presentation at

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a NOARS meeting. From what I have heard, the meeting was well attended and Chuck's presentation was even better than the version he did for NOARS.

For the June meeting, we will be having our annual picnic meeting in a new location. This will be our ONLY picnic meeting for 2023.

We will be meeting **Tuesday, June 27, 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 \$18 per person. RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED by the Sunday before the meeting. You may make your reservation on the website, <https://www.leara.org/meetings-and-events/dinner-reservation> or by calling Marv Grossman, W8AZO, at (440) 248-0031.

As I'm writing this, we are not planning to have Zoom up for the meeting.

The July meeting (Tuesday, July 25) will be an in person, restaurant meeting with a location and program yet to be determined.

Amateur Radio Meet and Greet Potluck: A group of hams from several area clubs are putting together a potluck style get

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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together scheduled for **Sunday, July 23, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** It will be in the Cottonwood Picnic Shelter, Valley Parkway (south of Puritas and Mastick Roads) in the Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH. This location is about five minutes from the Grayton Rd./ Brookpark Rd. exits from I-480 This is a social event intended to promote fellowship and camaraderie among the various local Ham Radio clubs. They are planning a bag raffle and games for kids. I plan to attend. This sounds like a good time, mark the date on your calendar.

For more details, follow the below link to sign up and let them know what you plan to bring for the potluck.

<https://forms.gle/49EOMgWjhnARVUGj8>

Nomination and Election Committees: **Robert Wright, KE8CEO** is the chair of the committees. We are seeking other members to assist him with those duties or to volunteer to run for Trustee. Incumbents elected in 2020 and up for reelection: Eric Jessen, N8AUC; Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; and Jon Anhold, KM8V.

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.

Field Day in Geauga County

Saturday, **June 24th** at 2:00PM through Sunday, **June 25th** at 2:00PM

Setup Begins: 10:00AM Saturday

Location: 16051 Hart Rd, Montville

Stations: 2

Call Sign: K8WHB

Details and sign-up here:

<https://geaugaara.org/field-day/>





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.

May 2023 Checkins - 26			
AB8UM	Mike	KD8WBB	Carsten
K2WJS	BILL	KE8NMZ	Marc
K8EHP	Mike	KE8DHH	Mike
K8SAS	Steve	KI4AGJ	Martin
KB8LJ	Chuck	N8ACP	Chris
K8BVBR	Leone	N8AHS	Fred
K8BVXE	Carl	N8IYA	Steve
KC8NZJ	Mat	N8JIW	Don
KD8AJZ	Rich	N800F	Bryan

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:

Net Control Schedule		
06/22/23	Mike	AB8UM
06/29/23	Eric	N8AUC
07/06/23	Ed	W8IE
07/13/23	Carl	K8BVXE
07/20/23	Eric	N8AUC
07/27/23	Ed	W8IE
08/03/23	Carl	K8BVXE
08/10/23	Eric	N8AUC

Please check the website for current assignments.

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NCOs	AB8UM	MIKE	KM8V*	Jon
	K8SAS *	STEVE	N8AUC	ERIC
	K8BVXE	CARL	W8IE	Ed

*Short time leave **Long term leave

The Wednesday Night Skywarn Practice Net

The Skywarn season has begun.

Practice nets are held Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the 146.76 repeater. 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 have resumed and nets 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.

- Our President Bryan N800F seems to be having issues trying to get back on his feet. He spent a few days back in the hospital, but is now home again recovering. Get better Bryan!

- We wish to pass on our condolences to Ron Hollis K8RJH whose father passed away mid-May.

- Tom Kopcak N8ETP, is out of the hospital and in rehab. Continue making healthy strides.

- We also want to wish Chris Spisak (XYL Steve K8SAS) a speedy recovery.

Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

from www.arrl.org

07/09/2023 | [Independence OH 44131](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

07/15/2023 | [Elyria OH 44035-1613](#)

Sponsor: Northern Ohio ARS

Location: Lorain County Community College

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

08/05/2023 | [Kirtland OH 44094](#)

Sponsor: Lake County ARA

Location: Kirtland Library

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

[Learn More](#)

08/12/2023 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC

Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library

Time: 10:30 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

[Learn More](#)

09/10/2023 | [Independence OH 44131](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS

Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

from www.arrl.org

07/08/2023 - [Mansfield Trunkfest 2023](#)

Location: Mansfield, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://iarc.club>

[Learn More](#)

07/15/2023 - [NOARSFEST](#)

Location: Elyria, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur
Radio Society

[Learn More](#)

09/24/2023 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)

Location: Berea, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

[Learn More](#)

10/29/2023 - [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& Auction\)](#)

Location: North Canton, , OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

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

[Learn More](#)



LEARA Meeting

Introduction to the Nano VNA

May. 30, 2023

Pictures: Carsten Lohrmann



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Bike to the Bay	26	27 6:30p.m. LEARA meeting	28	29 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	30	1
2 July	3	4 7:45 p.m. OHDN 8:00 p.m. ARES Net 145.41	5	6 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	7	8 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting
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July 20-23 Pan Ohio Hope Ride (POHR)

is still looking for additional volunteers. POHR is a charitable bicycle ride that supports the American Cancer Society. It is a 4-day ride that spans the state from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with overnight stays along the way in Wooster, Westerville, and Dayton.

Currently looking for assistance in the following role:

Rest Stop Transportation Officers

Transportation officers will be assigned to rest stops along the route. Transportation officers will be responsible for coordinating SAG pickups at

each rest stop, assigning waiting riders to available SAG vehicles as they arrive on site, and then reporting all pickups to net control via radio (MARCS, simplex, or ham repeater depending on radio availability) or telephone. Each water stop is open for several hours so the time commitment for this role will not be significant. An amateur radio comms plan will be in place for all days of the event, but will serve as a backup with MARCS being the primary means of communication whenever possible.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these events or with any questions should contact

Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ mat@n8esg.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0944afa928a1fe3-2023#/>

Legislation to Remove Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio Introduced in Congress

06/12/2023 - from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/legislation-to-remove-private-land-use-restrictions-on-amateur-radio-introduced-in-congress>

Congressmen Bill Johnson (OH-06) and Joe Courtney (CT-02) reintroduced a bill in the US House of Representatives on June 12 — H.R.4006 — to remove private land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of Amateur Radio operators from operating and installing reasonable antennas on property that they own or control. Similar legislation, H.R. 9670, was introduced by Congressman Johnson in 2022.

“I reintroduced the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act to remove barriers to disaster and emergency communications and training, and to promote education in STEM subjects related to critically needed wireless technology,” Congressman Johnson said in a release. “Passage of this bill will promote developing and sustaining our nation’s wireless future and facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit.”

“As their actions during recent natural disasters such as Hurricane Sandy proved, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities’ best interest that we give them the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we’ve taken a strong step in that direction,” said Congressman Courtney.

The exponential growth of communities bound by private land use restrictions that prohibit both the operation of Amateur Radio and the installation of amateur station antennas has significantly restricted the growth of the Amateur Radio Service.

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® continues its multi-year efforts to eliminate private land use restrictions that prevent Amateur Radio operations and has pledged to strongly support Congressman Johnson and Congressman Courtney in their efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio.

Rick Roderick, K5UR, President of ARRL, on behalf its Members and America’s Amateur Radio community extended his thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Congressman Johnson and Congressman Courtney.

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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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