



# The Spirit of '76 and '88



Newsletter of the  
**March Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association 2025**  
Carsten Lohrmann, KD8WBB, Editor

## News Alert: The Sky is Falling.

See more in the article on page 3.

**Last Chance to Renew Your LEARA membership.** As of the last Trustees' meeting, we had 61 members who had not yet renewed. If you don't renew, you will be dropped from the roster at the end of March and will no longer receive newsletter and meeting announcements via email. If you haven't yet renewed, please do it now. Your dues help to support club resources, including maintaining and upgrading the repeaters. 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. To those who have renewed, thank you, we appreciate your support.

### Deadline 3/31



#### 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://leara.org/membership/renew/>

## LEARA Monthly Meeting

### Skywarn/Weather

Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ

### The Firehouse Grille & Pub

2768 Stark Dr., Willoughby Hills, OH

March 25, 6:30 p.m.



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## The Prez Says

by Bryan Torok, N8OOF

For the **February meeting** we had a presentation by **Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS**, on **Trucking and Ham Radio**. Eddie told us why he decided to take a break from his career in IT to become an over-the-road truck driver, how he accomplished his goal, and what life on the road is like.



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Eddie talked about installing ham and CB radios into his company truck. He then explained how he went through several configurations of the ham radio in the truck and the radio at his home in Parma with the goal to be able to check into Cleveland area nets while out-of-state. He eventually ended up with a set-up that allowed him to remote control his radio at home from the radio in the truck through the internet. He could then check into Cleveland area nets as if he were at home. It was a very slick set-up.

Lastly, he talked about how his specific knowledge of radios allowed him to do certain aspects of his job faster and easier. This was a very interesting informative presentation.

As an added bonus, **Scott Yonally, N8SY**, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director and his wife, **Janie Yonally, KB8YPW**, showed up for the meeting. They brought three ARRL books with them for the club. We drew tickets for the books and three lucky members took home new books. Thanks, Scott.

**The March Meeting** presentation will be the Skywarn/Weather related program presented by **Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ**. No matter how many times I've seen his presentation, Mat manages to find a way to make it fresh and interesting. Join us at **The Firehouse Grille & Pub**, 2768 Stark Dr., Willoughby Hills, OH. We will be ordering off the menu. <https://firehousegrilleandpub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Our-Menu-File.pdf>

Because we are ordering off the menu, reservations are not strictly required, but are appreciated so we can let the restaurant

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.

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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 April meeting will be at The Firehouse Grille & Pub in Willoughby Hills. The presentation will be a special viewing of the PBS program "Mr. Tornado," the history of Tetsuya Fujita, the man who developed the Fujita scale for categorizing tornadoes.

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.

## News Alert: FCC Deregulation!

### FCC to Deregulate/Cancel Amateur Radio, Auction Frequencies / The Sky is Falling.

On March 12, 2025, FCC released a Public Notice (titled IN RE: DELETE, DELETE, DELETE) seeking comment to identify every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purpose of reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-governmental-affairs/fcc-seeks-comment-about-new-deregulatory-initiative>

This is in accord with several executive orders issued by President Trump and detailed at the above links. YouTube, Reddit, and other social media are blowing up. Many hams are posting comments predicting Amateur Radio becoming an unregulated mess like CB or the complete demise of Amateur Radio with the repurposing of our frequencies.

Another common thread is that as of the writing of this article, there has not been any statement

or guidance from the ARRL. I've Googled and looked through recent newsletters from the ARRL and have not seen it mentioned.

I heartily urge you to take a few minutes to submit a response. While they are looking for places to cut and things to remove, I believe there is value in telling the FCC what to leave alone and what we do to justify our existence.

Just in the last 12 months, hams have provided critical, life-saving communications during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and other tropical storms. Just that past weekend, there have been numerous Skywarn activations across a large swath of the USA, with roughly 50 tornadoes reported and billions of dollars of damage. Please file a response while you are thinking of it. Don't rely on others to do it for you.

### File your response at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard>

The Filing Deadline is Friday, April 11, 2025.

**Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced.** Last year, I told our readers about a bill in Congress designed to permit hams to put up antennas in areas with HOAs and title covenants. Sessions of Congress last for two years and any bill that does not pass in that time expires. Well, last year's bill expired. The good news is that a new bill has been introduced. This time we are near the start of the legislative session AND, the bill has bi-partisan support in both the House and the Senate. Those give it a much better chance of getting passed. For details and a link to the complete text of the bill, go here: <https://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-emergency-preparedness-act-re-introduced>

Please contact your House Representative and tell him/her to vote for this bill. You can find their phone numbers, addresses, and email here:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

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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.

February 2025 Checkins - 22					
K8EHP	Mike	KE8BLX	James	N8UPZ	Bill
K8RJH	Ron	KF8BNF	Mike	W8IE	Ed
K8SAS	Steve	KF8DIH	Clay	W8IXY	Ted
KA8JOY	Robert	N8ACP	Chris	W8JMI	Bryan
KB8MVT	Keith	N8AHS	Fred	W8AWD	Bob
KB8VXE	Carl	N8AUC	Eric	W8ZHN	Jim
KC8FQV	Mark	N8QMK	Mike		
KC8MRC	Bob	N8RKE	Larry		

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		
	03/20/25	Carl	KB8VXE
	03/27/25	Ed	W8IE
	04/03/25	Eric	N8AUC
	04/10/25	Jim	W8ZHN
	04/17/25	Carl	KB8VXE
	05/29/25	Jim	W8ZHN
	06/05/25	Eric	N8AUC
	06/12/25	Jim	W8ZHN
	06/19/25	Carl	KB8VXE
06/26/25	Ed	W8IE	

NCOs	KB8VXE	Carl	W8IE	Ed
	K8BV*	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.

## Silent Key

K8YUW, Gerry Murphy (long time LEARA Member, and founder of the Hurricane Watch Net) is now a silent key. Obituary can be found at

<https://www.mcgorray.com/obituaries/GERALD-E-GERRY-MURPHY?obId=37994045#/obituaryInfo>



## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

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

**04/05/2025 - [Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Cuyahoga Falls , OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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

**[Learn More](#)**

**07/19/2025 -**

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio  
Amateur Radio Society

**Website:**

<https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/>

**[Learn More](#)**

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

**Location:** Berea, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

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## Volunteer Exam Dates and Locations

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

**04/05/2025 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44223](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest

**Location:** Emedio & Sons Expo Center

**Time:** 8:30 AM

(No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

**[Learn More](#)**

**04/05/2025 | [Kirtland OH 44094-8500](#)**

**Sponsor:** Lake County ARA

**Location:** Kirtland Library

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

**[Learn More](#)**

**05/03/2025 | [Fairview Park OH 44126](#)**

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio

Amateur Radio Society

**Location:** Fairview Park Library

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

**[Learn More](#)**

**05/10/2025 | [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](#)**

**05/11/2025 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS

**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center

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

**[Learn More](#)**



# LEARA Meeting

Firehouse Restaurant

February 25, 2025; Pictures: Bryan Torok





## Prez cont.

**Fight for AM Car Radios Continues to Make Progress.** As of March 14, 2025, S.315, the "AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025," has been introduced in the Senate and passed the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The bill is now eligible for a full Senate vote. See last month's newsletter for more info and links regarding this bill.

Please contact our Senators and tell them to vote for both of the above bills.

<https://www.moreno.senate.gov/> and  
<https://www.husted.senate.gov/>

**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.



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

March 8th, 2025

held virtually in a Zoom Video Conference

(Subject to Revision)

**Attendance:**

Bryan Torok, N8OOF; Eric Jessen, N8AUC;  
Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; Robert Wright,  
KE8CEO; Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, Jon Anhold,  
KM8V; Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G.

**Members:**

Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN

**Excused:**

Marv Grossman, W8AZO; Jeff Garvas,  
N8YNR

**Absent:**

None

**1. Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 0905 ET. Recognized and thanked Hamfest Association of Cleveland for the use of Zoom.

**2. Confirmation/Revision of Agenda Order**

No changes.

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

Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS; March and April will be at Firehouse Grille. Eddie is still at looking it two new possibilities, one in the area of Rockside & I-77, the other in Twinsburg. Discussion regarding the Picnic meeting, consensus is to stay with the picnic in June and the Independence location. President to get in touch with our contact in Independence.

**4. January Trustee Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept, Eric Jessen, N8AUC. Seconded by Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE. Motion carried without objection.

**5. Membership Report**

Submitted via email by Marv Grossman, W8AZO: 61 members expiring in March, 2025; 70 members paid through 2025 or beyond; 131 total.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

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

**7. Upcoming Programs:**

Eric Jessen, N8AUC; March will be Skywarn/Weather related by Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ; April will be a special viewing of the PBS program "Mr. Tornado", the history of Tetsuya Fujita.

**8. Net Report:**

Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE; We are currently down to four active controllers, averaging 15 check-ins. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Carl. We will help you out to get you started.

**9. Sunshine**

Robert Wright, KE8CEO; Nothing new to report. Eric Jessen, N8AUC; attended viewing for Gerry Murphy, K8YUW. Eric stated that the family was happy to see him there wearing a LEARA badge.

**10. Technical Committee Report:**

Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G; has been working with Carl to locate and fix remaining bugs in the LEARA web site. 146.760 had been running reduced power due a failed component. Dave recommends buying a newer repeater to replace 146.760. Dave provided with contact info for [name



redacted] regarding moving 444.400 to a new location.

**11. Old Business:**

LEARA liability insurance moved to ARRL-recommended Risk Strategies (broker), insurance placed with Hanover Insurance. President to make the payment online following the meeting. Note: payment was made.

**12. New Business:**

President received an email from Terry McCann, K8TJM, past member of LEARA and net control for the Slow Scan TV (SSTV) net. He is interested in resuming the SSTV net

on 146.88. Eric Jessen will contact Terry regarding Terry presenting a program on SSTV to help gauge interest. It has been many years since our last program on SSTV.

**13. Adjournment:**

Motion by Marv Grossman, W8AZO, and seconded by Dave Andrzejewski, AD8G. Passed without objection. Meeting adjourned at 0947 ET.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Bryan Torok, N8OOF**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 <b>March</b>	24	25 6:30 p.m. <b>LEARA meeting</b>	26	27 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	28	29
30	31	<b>April</b>		3 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	11	12 8:00 a.m. East V West Marathon
13	14	15 7:00 p.m. Cuyahoga County ARES Meeting	16	17 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	25	26 10:00 a.m. NVIS Day
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. <b>LEARA meeting</b>	30	1 8 p.m. LEARA VOICE 146.76/R	2	3 <b>May</b>

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

## Perfect Storm Exercise in California Gets Results

03/14/2025 from: <http://arrl.org/news/perfect-storm-exercise-in-california-gets-results>

The ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section (SVJ) conducted "Perfect Storm," an amateur radio emergency exercise, on March 5 - 7.

Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Dan Sohn, WL7COO, asked that a section-wide exercise be created that would engage both amateur radio operators and non-amateurs to become more active in their community's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

There were 120 participants from 9 counties within the SVJ Section, including Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and two counties outside the section, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Both amateurs and participants equipped with General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios gathered local situational awareness data. The exercise culminated with a two-hour period during which local groups forwarded their data to a mock Incident Command Post. At the same time, leaders of the groups were asked to participate in a live "hot wash" on Zoom, where the results were reviewed, and errors could be corrected in real time.

SVJ Section Manager Steven Hendricks, KK6JTB, said the Perfect Storm exceeded expectations and SEC Sohn reported the exercise was a resounding success.

"We wanted to engage many different organizations and especially young hams," said Hendricks. "It's important to tap into their excitement and engage them so when a disaster does strike, they can become a vital part of team."

The SVJ Section is now planning to have two exercises every year.

For more information about the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section, visit their Facebook page San Joaquin Valley Section - ARRL | Facebook.



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<https://leara.org/membership/renew/>

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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) ( <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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