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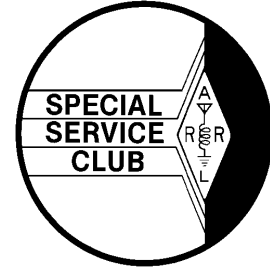
LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS

The following programs are tentative scheduled for the Red Cross Building in Painesville:

DECEMBER 3 – Board Elections and presentation of the proposed 2009 LCARA budget.

JANUARY 7 – **Meet and Greet Pizza Party** - Pizza will be provided free [While it lasts] and a chance to meet the new board and discuss what you would like to see in the New Year.

Our **VP** has provided a great series of programs during the 2008 year and is currently working on the programs for 2009, so talk them up and invite your fellow amateurs to join us in the coming year.



MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

December 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the QTH of Neal KC8OMO, please advise if attending

“The Patch” – Please E-mail all articles to Bob Mekinda at lcaraeditor@lcara.org.

Club Breakfast is the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30am at Perkins on Mentor Avenue in Painesville.

The LCARA club net is every Thursday at 19:00 on 147.210+ (PL 110.9). All are welcome.

The 10 Meter Net meets on Wednesday at 20:30 on 28.450 MHz. All are welcome.

The ARES® Net is every Monday at 19:30 on 147.210+ (PL 110.9). All are welcome.

The SKYWARN Net meets at 20:00 local on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month on 443.700+ (PL 131.8), but is now on hiatus until spring.

The LCARA membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the:

**Red Cross Building
1016 Bank Street
Painesville, OH 44077
Next meeting is December 3, 2008.**

MINUTES FOR November 5, 2008 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick	N8BY	President
Bill	N8IJG	Vice-President
Ted	W4CID	Treasurer
Bob	K8QXO	Secretary
Neal	KC8OMO	Director at Large



MINUTES FOR November 3, 2008 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Rick N8BY. Rick began the meeting with a round of introductions of the members and guests present. Rick then began the general business meeting so this evening's hands-on project can begin upon completion of the meeting.

MINUTES: The October meeting minutes were accepted as published in the **PATCH**.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received the October LEARA newsletter and the new Red Cross newsletter.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's report was presented by Ted W4CID without discussion and approved as submitted.

BOARD MEETING REPORT: Rick N8BY presented a synopsis of the October Board Meeting minutes. Next Board Meeting has been scheduled for November 18, 2008 at the QTH of Ted W4CID.

NEW MEMBERS: None this month.

ARRL: Nothing to report this month.

DX [Jim AA8OY]: Jim and Reno WT8C provided the update on the activities currently taking place and scheduled for the rest of October and the month of November.

EDUCATION: No report.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Mike WB8ZGH thanked the members for their participation in the Perry Plant simulated emergency on October 7th. Mike then provided an update on the work being done on the emergency trailer.

SUNSHINE [Connie KB8ZZW]: Connie reported that George N8GB and Dorothy sent their Hello's to the club and also look forward to visitors at Altercare and it should be noted that George is now getting around in a wheelchair and is in Room 302.

2 METER NET: No report, but again noted the need for net control operators.

10 METER NET: No report, but again noted the need for net control operators.

RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT: None this month.

NEW BUSINESS: It was requested that the PATCH'S be sent to Dorothy Bair at home for George N8GB. This will be done by the PATCH editor.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Mekinda K8QXO



From the desk of the Vice-President,

December is election month for new officers to the LCARA board.

As this year is winding down, I am beginning to plan for next year's club presenters and activities. If there is a speaker or event that you would like the club to see, hear, or participate in please send me an email telling me about your idea. I wish to make all meeting dates entertaining and fun, but without some ideas from the membership I can only schedule who I feel would be exciting to hear and see. My email address is: n8ijg@arrl.net

Field Day 2008

The data was submitted, the scores are calculated and the results are published. LCARA made a respectable showing and I'd like to share the results with you.

We placed 64th overall out of 2410 entries with 2410 contacts and 8769 points. In 150 watts or less we were 55th out of 2060. That's within the top 3% of all entries.

We were 3rd overall in 6A of 35 stations and the top 6A in Ohio. Ohio had the most stations of any section, 115, and we placed 4th.

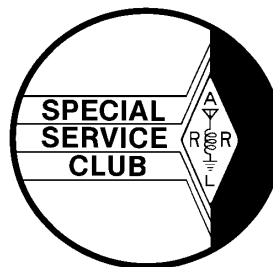
Of 239 stations in the Great Lakes Division, LCARA placed 8th.

My thanks again to all who participated and helped make this event a success. Let's look forward to FD 2009!

Jim Pyle, AA8OY
Field Day Chairman

BACKSCATTER – DECEMBER

30 Years Ago: Wayne, WB8ZWR, describes details of the upcoming April 1st Hamfest, LCARA's first. To be held at the Lake County Armory, next to the Painesville fairgrounds, it is hoped it will "put LCARA on the map", and fund expansion of the repeater.



BACKSCATTER – DECEMBER

25 Years Ago: Hams in Space! The launch of STS 9, the first shuttle to carry an amateur, is set for November 28th. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, will make simplex QSOs as permitted by his work schedule.

Hams to the Rescue! On October 25th, war breaks out in Grenada. A ham on the island, Mark Barattella, KA2ORK, is the only contact with the world for 175 Americans isolated on the island.

20 Years Ago: The Good Ducky Award is created by Dee, W1HEO, to be awarded monthly to a deserving member.

Rotuma, administered by Fiji, is claimed to be a “new one” due to separation by water. It is immediately activated by a group using the call 3D2XX.

K8BL relates the theory of smoke as used in IC's. IC's work on smoke inserted into the chip at the time of manufacture. This smoke is inserted into the chip via a hole next to pin 1, which is then plugged. When the smoke escapes, the IC ceases to function. That's why you'll find that plugged hole next to pin 1.

15 Years Ago: Hams eat steak? Or do they really have a beef? LCARA's ham lunch meets every Friday at Ponderosa Steak House at Euclid Square Mall.

10 Years Ago: First Class postage increases to 33 cents, and ARRL Outgoing QSL fees increase to \$6.00 per pound.

The RL Drake Company will no longer provide factory service for most of its older amateur and marine equipment. Service Manager Bill Frost, WD8DFP, says it's getting harder to get parts and qualified technicians for the older units, which are mostly tube gear.

5 Years Ago: After 72,000 orbits and a similar number of charge/discharge cycles of its NiCad batteries, **UO-14's** service life is over. An FM voice LEO satellite, working it required minimal gear, with a 5 watt dual band HT and a rubber duck often being sufficient to make QSO's.

Submitted by

Scott KO8O



DECEMBER 2008 DX Alert

TUNISIA, 3V. Alex, GM0DHZ is QRV as 3V8SS until December 20. Activity is from the club station on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

NORTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Aki, JA1KAJ is QRV as E51QQQ from Manihiki Atoll until December 9. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly digital modes. QSL to home call.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, E7. Members of the Radio Club Trebinje are QRV as E760DPR until December 31 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their club. Activity is on 80, 40 and 20 meters using CW and PSK31. QSL via E73DPR.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Jean, ON5JV and Georgette, ON6AK will be QRV as EA8/homecalls from Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, from November 22 to February 3 mostly during their evening hours. Activity will be mostly on 40 and 20 meters. QSL to home calls.

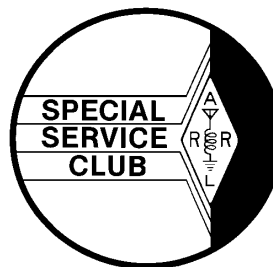
NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Jean-Pierre, F5AHO will be QRV as FK/F5AHO from the islands Grande Terre, IOTA OC-032, Lifou Island, IOTA OC-033 and Pins Island, IOTA OC-032, on various days from November 23 to December 12. Activity will be on 40, 20 and 17 meters near the IOTA frequencies. QSL to home call.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. RW3RN, UA4HOX and RA3AUU will be QRV as TO3R from November 25 to December 6. Activity will be mainly on the low bands. QSL via RW3RN.

PALAU, T8. HA7TM and HA5AO are QRV as T88CJ and T88CI, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until December 3. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL to home calls.

Happy hunting!

Jim Pyle, AA8OY
Thanks to ARRL DX & Weekly DX



If you are a LCARA club member and want to start a monthly column or have an article you would like to see in the next newsletter don't be shy. Contact Bob K8QXO and get it in print! All submissions have a deadline of the 18th day of the month.

HAM EXAMS IN LAKE COUNTY EVERY OTHER MONTH

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association will be holding its **2008** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, on the following dates:

Saturday, December 6

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.), and will be held at the Kirtland Library, 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306. The library is on the left, immediately after the Marathon gas station.



To register, you will need the NCV EC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, you can find it at arrl.org/arrlvec/ncvec605.pdf. Please arrive by the following times:

Theory	12:00
Morse Code	1:00

Please bring **the original and a copy of both your license and any CSCEs you may have to the exam**. The cost is \$14.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification is also necessary, with a picture ID. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440)256-0320.

New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Now in Effect:

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released a new pool of 741 questions and 12 graphics <<http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=338>> for the Amateur Extra class license. This pool will become Effective for examinations given on or after July 1, 2008, and should be in service until June 30, 2012. It can be downloaded from the NCVEC Web site in Word, PDF or RTF formats. If you have any questions concerning the new Amateur Extra question pool, please contact the NCVEC's Question Pool Committee via e-mail <qpc@ncvec.org>.



PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDER 2009

(Note: Mark your Calendar for 2009 for the following events. Actual dates will be provided as soon as they are established).

Event	Month	Date
MS Walk	April	TBA
Sunday in June	June	TBA
Field Day	June	27/28
Mardi Gra Parade	July	2nd
Heritage Fest	July	TBA
Greater Cleveland Triathlon	Aug	TBA
IBIM Parade/ Run	Sept	19/20

We were an active group in 2008 doing good things for the community, and having fun while doing it. Looks like 2009 will be even busier so come and add your call to these events while building new friendships with other local hams.

Mike
WB8ZGH

NET INFORMATION

ARES®/SKYWARN NETS

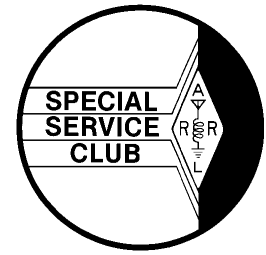
The Lake County ARES® Net currently meets on 147.210 every Monday of the month at 1930 Local (7:30 PM).

The Lake County SKYWARN Weather Net is now on Hiatus but during the storm Season it normally meets on 443.700(+) PL131.8 the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2000 Local (8:00 PM).

There has been a Yahoo group established for Lake County SKYWARN. It is <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/lcskywarn/>. You can copy & paste the link to your favorite browser instead of typing it all. Once on the website click on the "JOIN THIS GROUP" button to sign up. You can also send a blank email to lcskywarn-subscribe@yahoo.com to sign up.

The purpose of the group is to provide another avenue for information about potential severe weather in Lake County. This has been proven to be useful to allow more time to prepare your station before the potential storm hits. The other purpose of the group is to contain useful information about weather in general and resources to keep your weather spotting skills up to par.





ARES®/SKYWARN NETS (cont.)

Also, please remember that all Lake County SKYWARN and Weather Net activities are on the 443.700(+) PL131.8 CLARA repeater in Eastlake. 147.210(+) PL 110.9 LCARA repeater is the alternate repeater in case 443.700 is unavailable.

The District 5 Net on the 443.450 in Montville and the NWS Cleveland Six Meter repeater(s) are closed and limited to SKYWARN Coordinators only.

For more information, please contact Scott W8OXI at callmeox@yahoo.com or Matt at KB1LCS@gmail.com. You do not have to be ARES® or SKYWARN members to participate in these nets. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please mark your calendars' for Mondays at 1930.

Matt KB1LCS

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10 METER NET

The 10 Meter Net is up and running come join your fellow hams on Wednesday's at 8:30 PM on 28.450 MHz. This is an informal roundtable where the group can chat about anything that come to mind and even correct some of the world's problems.

You don't need to be a LCARA member, just at least a Tech ticket and some 10 meter gear. Here is a good chance to meet old and maybe some new friends. We might even have a check in from out of the local area.

Come join us.

2 METER NET

The 2 Meter Club Net meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM on the club repeater frequency of 147.210+ (PL 110.9). All are welcome.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

Today all our nets need Net Control Operators, people go on vacation, can not be home on at Net time and unfortunately get ill. We are going to pass around a sign up sheet, think about it and see if you can fit it in your schedule and serve once a month or once every two months. Thanks in advance for your help.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(A New Monthly Feature)

Don WA8TWM – December 2

Mike WB8ZGH – December 27

Best Wishes for a very Happy Birthday



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group

Next meeting of the group is at the Painesville Perkins on December 16th at 8:30. The date for January is the 20th. Keep these days open and join the group.

CLUB APPAREL

For those interested in purchasing club apparel with the club's logo and your name and call please go to <http://www.callsignwear.com/index.php> and pick out what you would like to order. Placing the order through the club will eliminate shipping charges. If you order direct you will incur shipping expenses unless you are placing a large order.

LCARA HOLIDAY DINNER

This is the second notice of what we hope is a party which all members will look forward to attending:

Event: LCARA Holiday Dinner
Date: December 13, 2007
Time: 5:45 P.M.
Location: Family Restaurant (same place as last year – Just a NEW NAME)
1945 Mentor Avenue
Painesville, OH 44077

We will order off the menu and separate checks will be available.

FROM YOUR EDITOR ONE FINAL NOTE

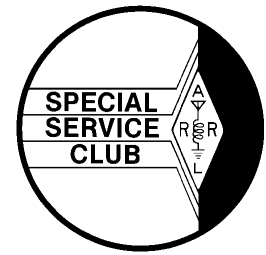
We would like to update the roster with the following information: We will have some update sheets at the meeting and we would like the following information to add to the database: Current E-Mail, Current Phone Number, Birthday (only month and day), Spouse's Name, Class of License, Are you a member of ARRL? Thank you in advance for your assistance in updating our records.

I continue to try to get new articles and expand our newsletter with each issue. Some of what I do may be good and some may not, however I need feedback for improvement. I am beginning to see other clubs newsletters and I hope in the next year to add a number of new features. So remember this is your newsletter and I want it to provide the information and updates on our hobby that you want to see. I want the **PATCH** to be a newsletter you look forward to receiving and reading every month.

Bob K8QXO
Secretary

ELECTIONS

We have three positions on the board up for election this year and so far everyone that has been contacted to run for office has turned the nomination committee down with the exception of Bill Jordan (KD8HSI) and we have one board member whose term is up who has agreed to run again, however we need additional members to step up and fill these positions and bring new ideas to the board. Here is Ted W4CID'S BIO.



Ted Huddle W4CID



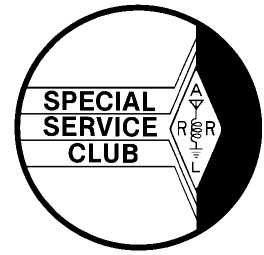
I have been a ham for 49 ½ years having been licensed back in High School. I have been active throughout all those years with many interests but primarily on the HF bands. My current primary interests are in 75 meter rag chewing and DXing.

In the past I served as Section Manager for the Kentucky Section for 10 years and worked both the phone and traffic nets in Kentucky and the 9RN CW nets. Today I work about 50% phone and 50% CW with a CW proficiency of about 40 WPM.

My most enjoyable part of ham radio is the camaraderie among the “fraternity” of hams and helping others learn the hobby and become more proficient with their stations. My belief is that clubs should be fun. The meetings should be fun, the activities fun and the people fun. I believe LCARA is a great club with great people. Sometimes we get off on a tangent but I think all in all that our members enjoy getting together. I want to continue improving the format and content of our meetings so that people will look forward to coming to them.

Our repeaters are important to our Club as that is what brings us together. We have been very fortunate in the past few years to be able to support some very fine repeaters. It is important that we continue to improve these systems and make them available to all hams in our area. Emergency preparedness is also important with our repeaters but also with individuals as that is the reason for our being. Today radio spectrum is an extremely valuable commodity and no one will support our using the huge amount of spectrum that we enjoy just to have a hobby. Emergency preparedness and Public Service must be a cornerstone of LCARA. We must do our part with the tremendous resources we have available.

On a final personal note, I am the Chief Information Officer for a large downtown Cleveland law firm but I try to avoid too much “lawyering”. I also enjoy sports cars (Corvettes) and photography but amateur radio is my main true love. I have served LCARA as Vice President for a year and as Treasurer for the past two years.



2009 LCARA ELECTION BALLOT

Elect **THREE (3)**

Ted Huddle W4CID _____

Bill Jordan KD8HSI _____

WRITE-IN _____

WRITE-IN _____

WRITE-IN _____

In the event you cannot make the meeting and want to cast your vote by phone, Please call one of the board members prior to the Wednesday meeting.

Please remember that we are now accepting 2009 Dues.

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Other): _____

E-Mail address: _____

Is this the address you use for LCARA Patch Yahoo groups? Yes ____ / No ____

The following information is optional:

Your Spouses Name: _____

Your Month of birth: _____ Day of birth: _____ Year of birth? **NOT REQUIRED!**

Please bring this to a meeting or mail to: **Lake County Amateur Radio Association**
P.O. Box 868
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LCARA– The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

Regular LCARA meetings are open to all people interested in Amateur Radio, whether licensed or not! We meet at 7:30PM at the:

**Red Cross Building
1016 Bank Street
Painesville, OH 44077.**

Voice Repeaters N8BC

147.210 with a .600 Mhz+ offset PL tone of 110.9 Hz.
224.500 with a 1.6mhz.-offset, PL tone of 141.3 Hz.
444.650 With a 5.0 MHz. +offset, PL tone of 131.8 Hz.
(Repeater & N8BC trustee, Bob Liddy, K8BL)

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