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LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS

The following programs are tentative scheduled for Veterans Park in Mentor:

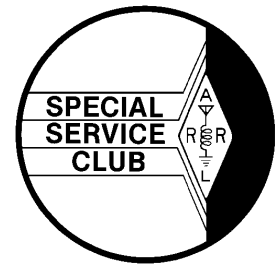
JULY 2 - (Under Development)

AUGUST 6 - (Under Development)

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

SEPTEMBER 3 - Radio Astronomy – Hal Braschwitz W8PN

OCTOBER 1 - NWS Severe Weather in N.E. Ohio – Kirk Lombardy



LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS (cont.)

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

NOVEMBER 5- Homebrew Night

DECEMBER 3 – Board Elections

Our **VP** has prepared a great series of programs so talk them up and invite your fellow amateurs to join us.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

“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.

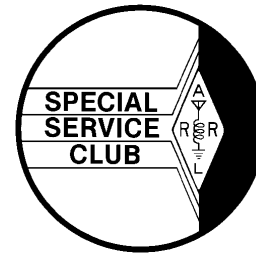
The ARES® Net is every Monday at 19:30 on 147.210+ (PL 110.9). All are welcome.

The SKYWARN Net meets at 20:00 local on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month on 443.700+ (PL 131.8). All are welcome.

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 May 7, 2008.



MINUTES FOR June 4, 2008 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick	N8BY	President
Bill	N8IJG	Vice-President
Ted	W4CID	Treasurer
Bob	K8QXO	Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Rick N8BY. Rick opened the meeting with a round of introductions of the members and guests present. He then turned the meeting over to Bill N8IJG to introduce the speaker, Ray Fallen ND8L who made a presentation on Indemnity insurance as it applies to Amateur Radio Equipment. Property insurance covers your own possessions, while Casualty insurance covers someone else's property. His first suggestion was that each of us sits down with our agent and discusses our antennas and what is covered under are policy's appurtenances and dwelling extensions. Keep notes on claims, take pictures, and record your own work. Inventory the damage and don't throw anything away until authorized by the claim representative. You want the policy to cover replacement value. Make sure that all contractors have liability insurance, has workers compensation and that is for all workers and subcontractors. After Ray's presentation (he took questions as he spoke), a short break was taken prior to the start of the business meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None this month.

TREASURER: No Treasurer's report as Ted W4CID was unable to attend the meeting

BOARD MEETING REPORT: Rick N8BY presented a synopsis of the May Board Meeting minutes and they were approved as presented. Next Board Meeting is to be held at Rick N8BY's home, but was shifted to Neal KC8OMO's home on April 17th at 7:00 PM.

NEW MEMBERS: None this month.

ARRL: Nothing to report this month.

DX [Jim AA8OY]: Provided updates on the activities currently taking place and scheduled for the month of June.

EDUCATION: Nothing to report.

FIELD DAY: There will be 3 SSB stations (20, 40, & 80 meters), 2 CW stations (20 & 40 meters), and 1 RTTY station. The payment for the steak dinner is to be given to Don WA8TWM and for breakfast to Reno WT8C. The Club call N8BC will be used and the log programs should show the club call.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Nothing to report this month.

SUNSHINE [Connie KB8ZZW]: Connie KB8ZZV provided an update on George N8GB who is improving and informs us that Ish Krall is at University Hospital



MINUTES FOR June 4, 2008 MEETING (Continued)

2 METER NET: The net is performing well and there were 100 check-ins for the month.

10 METER NET: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None to report.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 pm by Rick N8BY.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Mekinda K8QXO

BACKSCATTER

BACKSCATTER – JUNE

30 Years Ago: LCARA's monthly meetings move from the Painesville Perkins Pancake House to the Lake County Federal Savings & Loan, next to the square in downtown Painesville.

25 Years Ago: LCARA plans a joint Field Day effort with LGARC, to be held at the "soon to be newlywed" W8QKX's QTH.

The FCC drops the licensing requirement for CB, claiming a savings of \$500,000 per year.

20 Years Ago: ICOM introduces the IC-900 at Dayton. The first FM transceiver to offer more than two bands, it features a fiber optic remote mount control head.

Speaking of Dayton, Judy KB8DUB wins a Yaesu 727 dual band HT in the door prize drawing!

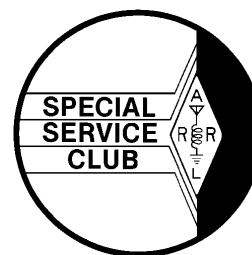
15 Years Ago: More Dayton stuff: JPS Communications features their recently introduced NIR-10, the first digital noise reduction unit. They sell out by 10AM on Saturday.

The number of autodial slots in the repeater is doubled with the addition of slots 100-900.

10 Years Ago: The LCARA fox hunt features a fox hidden 150' above ground. Dan N8NBC, the fox, attached the transmitter to a helium balloon and flew it above a school. Bruce, KB8ROP and his wife Sue were the first to find the high flying fox.

5 Years Ago: The Logbook of the World is in beta testing, with "reasonable success".

LCARA holds a Special Events station at President James A. Garfield's home. Thanks to the archery skills of Jim KF8VX, a number of dipoles were erected within half an hour. Over 200 contacts were made in six hours of operation.



JULY 2008 DX Alert (cont.)

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. July 16-30, Will have 2 full time stations on CW and SSB. Current operator list is as follows: KL5BU/C91CF, NQ7R/C91TK, W5SL/C91SL, 9M6XRO/C91XO (?), NZ5N/C91BD, K0OK/C91OK (?), AND DJ0YI/C91YI

NICARAGUA, YN. YN2KDJ will be active from July 13-24, mostly on CW & RTTY

Happy Hunting!

Jim, 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, August 2
Saturday, October 4
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 NCVEC 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 CSEs 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 <gpc@ncvec.org>.

PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDER 2008

(Note: Mark your Calendar for 2008 for the following events. Actual dates will be provided as soon as they are established).

July – Little Mountain Heritage Festival

August – Greater Cleveland Triathlon

September – IBIM Parade & Run

We are an active group, doing good things for the community, and having fun while doing it. Come and add your call to the 2008 events while building new friendships with other local hams.

Mike
WB8ZGH

For your Information

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.

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group

Next meeting of the group is at the Painesville Perkins on May 15th at 8:30. The date for June is the 15th. Keep these days open and join the group.



NET INFORMATION

ARES®/SKYWARN NETS

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

They Lake County SKYWARN Weather Net currently meet's on 443.700(+) PL131.8 the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2000 Local (8:00 PM).

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.

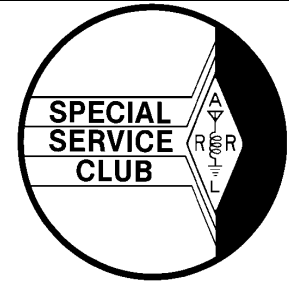
Come join us.

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.



VOLUNTEERING

Excerpts taken from the ARRL 1988 Communications Manual

A volunteer; A person who performs or offers to perform a service of his or her own free will, A person who renders aid, performs a service, or assumes an obligation voluntarily. Do you fit this description?

As the Great Lakes Division Legislation Action Coordinator (DLAC), I have asked the State Legislative Action Coordinators (LAC) when making first contact with prospective Legislative Action Assistants (LAA) to make sure before they accepted the position that they were asked to take, to read the description before they make a decision. In accepting the volunteer position they will be expected to do the work, knowing that circumstances do arise and that make it impossible to carry through. But all in all we all are expected to do the job we accept.

The LAC has asked you to take this position because they feel you can and will do the work involved. They have asked you to take this position because they need it done and feel you were the best person to do it. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the ARRL. They are difficult to find, more difficult to keep, and at times, we all can be difficult to work with. Volunteers come in a wide variety of shapes, colors, sizes, backgrounds, skills, experience, and levels of motivation. They have their own reasons for participating and their own specific needs which must be met if they are to continue to volunteer. Their needs, abilities, and accomplishments determine the ultimate success or failure.

We must remember that volunteers are human beings with human needs, goals, attitudes, abilities, strengths and weaknesses. Since volunteers are the basic resource that we will be working with, it will be to our advantage to get to know each other as well as possible. Generally, volunteers will do precisely what they are asked to do - no more - no less. As each individual has his own likes and dislikes, it maybe necessary to demonstrate the full value of some assignments which are important though unpopular. Volunteers must believe in what you are asking them to do is really needed. Volunteers don't like to be underutilized, and tend to disappear when kept cooling their heels for a significant length of time. They will work for long hours under the worst conditions as long as they can see the need for it. Most will do anything you ask as long as they're treated properly. If you mistreat or abuse them, they may not volunteer their help again.

It would be physically impossible to discuss in this article every possible reason why people join a volunteer group. Generally speaking, they volunteer and join to satisfy a personal need. The majority of your volunteers though joined out of a need they have to serve the public or hobby in a way they best know how: as communicators. These are the volunteers you should direct your efforts toward. You've got to find out what their needs are before you can attempt to satisfy these. In short, the best way to find out why your members volunteered is to ask them!

As volunteers they have a right to expect courteous, considerate, fair and impartial treatment from the leadership. Courtesy is always in order; rudeness will cost us dearly. In addition to learning and compensating for their weaknesses and being tolerant of their faults, you must also consider their feelings. Don't forget that you are taking precious time from their families. They also have the right to expect you to make a reasonable effort to learn and apply the skills and techniques of communications management. You will be expected to make mistakes – admit them openly, and learn from them as you grow into your new role. You will also be expected to keep them informed as to what is happening and why. Unfortunately, some members will expect much more of you than they have a right to expect, and often more than you can do. They may expect you to change situations over which you have no control, force other volunteers to change their habits, provide them with privileged treatment or status, fire a useful assistant because they happen to dislike him, or other equally inappropriate actions. In short, they will tend to forget that you deserve the same treatment from them that they expect from you. Each member has different job demands and family requirements, as well as other outside interests.

John D. Meyers, NB4K
Great Lakes Division
Division Legislative Action Chairman



FROM YOUR EDITOR

ONE FINAL NOTE

We would like to update the roster. 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.

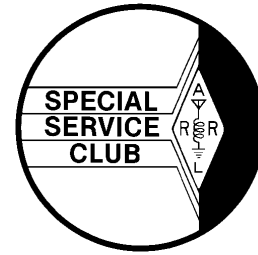
Bob K8QXO
Secretary

Kid's Day June 21, 2008

The day started at 9:00 am with Ron Corban, KC8BTN, Vance Roth, KA8YHZ, and Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG setting up stations to present Amateur Radio to the youth of Lake County at the Mentor Public Library. The club's communication trailer was on display and was well received by the public. The three stations allowed the kids to operate HF, UHF, and PSK31 digital mode. At each station presentations were given on the functionality of the equipment, and the importance of Amateur Radio to the county. Questions asked by the kids or their parents were answered.

At days end, twenty-five kids and eight parents had the experience of operating a radio station. Notable visitors included Rick Christian, N8BY, and Bob Mekinda, K8QXO, who helped with the questions that were asked. The event succeeded in giving the children that visited a positive experience to Amateur Radio. This event should be even more exciting next year.

Bill Wihebrink
N8IJG



**Kid's Day
June 21, 2008**



FIELD DAY 2008



Mike Goffos WB8ZGH & Larry Green EMA Director at Field Day

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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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