

The LCARA Patch

Volume 30, Issue 6

JUNE 2008

The LCARA Patch

Published by the Lake County Amateur Radio Association
P O Box 868
Painesville, OH 44077-0868

The Patch Staff

Editor: Bob Mekinda, K8QXO

LCARA Officers

Rick Christian, N8BY, President
Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG, Vice-President.
Bob Mekinda, K8QXO, Secretary
Ted Huddle, W4CID, Treasurer
Neal Linder, KC8OMO, Director at Large

Correspondents

Jim Pyle AA8OY DX
Scott Farnham KO8O History
Mike Goffos WB8ZGH E-Comm
Matt Welch KB1LCS Radio Officer
Reno Tonsi WT8C Contest
Bill Wihebrink N8IJG Web Master LCARA
Lori Martin KD8HKA Fundraising Committee

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

LCARA 2008 Programs	1-2
Monthly Happenings	2
From the President	3
May Meeting Minutes	3-4
DX Alert	5
Ham Exams	6
Public Service Calendar	7
For Your Information	7
Fundraising Committee	7
Net Information	8
1983: A Quarter Century Flashback	9-10
Field Day – 2008	10
Hamfest Calendar	10
From Your Editor	11

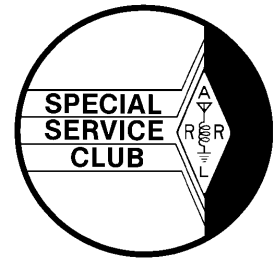
LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS

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

JUNE 4 – Insurance Policies for Amateurs – Ray Fallen ND8L

JULY 2 - (Under Development)

AUGUST 6 - (Under Development)



LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS (cont.)

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

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 on the 2nd & 4th Monday's 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, however our next meeting will be held:

Veterans Park

Mentor, Ohio 44060

Next meeting is June 4, 2008.



From the President:

Hello All,

Get out the burgers and Dogs, fire up the grill. Get out the portable ham gear its time to operate. Hey Field day will be here before you know it. It's always the last full weekend of the month June 28th-29th this year. We will again be at Shadybrook, this year (the old Lake County Historical Society).

Remember what I've always said keep it "FUN" nobody enjoys clubs that are dull, boring, and ultra-serious. We want you to come out and operate this year, get involved ask hey is there any way I can help out? Come on out even if it's only a couple of hours someone will get you on the Air. We have hamburgers and hot dogs, its fun it is a LCARA function and bring a friend we want you to be active in your club.

But before field day we have the June membership meeting on the 4th I will bring the charcoal you bring what you want to cook. Remember it's at Mentor's Veterans Park.

73 and God Bless

**Rick N8BY
President LCARA**

MINUTES FOR May 7, 2008 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Bill N8IJG. Bill opened the meeting with a round of introductions of the members and guests present. He then proceeded to introduce our speaker for the evening, Anthony Luscre K8ZT. The presentation was on QRP and he gave a very interesting presentation and had numerous pieces of equipment and articles on the subject to pass around to the group to have a greater appreciation of what are available to operate with. Anthony began by telling how he got into Amateur Radio and ORP, following up with what is QRP operation. The different types of ORPers, the Myths, getting involved and finally provided a list of Resources. He concluded by opening the floor for any other questions the membership had on QRP that he might not have answered. After Anthony's presentation a short break was taken prior to the start of the business meeting.



MINUTES FOR May 7, 2008 MEETING (cont.)

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None this month.

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

BOARD MEETING REPORT: Bill N8IJG presented a synopsis of the APRIL Board Meeting minutes and they were approved as presented. Next Board Meeting was to be held at Bob K8QXO's home on May 13th at 7:00 PM.

NEW MEMBERS: No new members were in attendance at our latest meeting.

ARRL: Nothing to report this month.

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

EDUCATION: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Mike WB8ZGH provided an update on the trailer now located at the EOC garage and provided drawings depicting the stenciling and painting to be done on the trailer on our behalf. See the Public Service Calendar for the latest listing on the events.

FIELD DAY: Discussions with Holden Arboretum have concluded and we have a signed Contract for our use of Shadybrook for Field Day. Have been informed that the Historical Society is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds and I should contact them toward the end of the month to ensure that they cut the lawn prior to field day.

RADIO OFFICER [Matt KB1LCS]: Matt reported that the repeaters have been reset and has run a test on the repeaters for the return of the PL tone and found it is working with all those that checked in and therefore it was agreed that the PL tone will be reactivated after notice in about a week. He is learning and adding the necessary macros to the equipment by taking slow steps to ensure that the equipment continues to work correctly. He has established a tentative date of June 15th for an antenna party to rework the 4-bay VHF antenna by taking it down to evaluate it and put back in service.

SUNSHINE [Connie KB8ZZW]: Connie KB8ZZV and Reno WT8C provided an update on George N8GB. He currently has an infection and a later update at the Tuesday morning Breakfast it was learned that he is now talking slowly and making some progress. We were again reminded that all visitors are now welcome. He is recovering at Altercare which is next to St. Gabriel's Church on Rte. 84.

2 METER NET: The net is performing well each week.

10 METER NET: Paul W8PJW reported the Net is doing well. The Net begins at 8:30 pm on Wednesdays on 28.450 except the first Wednesday of the month which is the LCARA's club meeting night.

NEW BUSINESS: The club will set up a station for Kids Day on June 21st at the Mentor Library. It is planned to have a number of stations operating and hope to have the new communications trailer there.



Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm by Bill N8IJG.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Mekinda K8QXO

JUNE 2008 DX Alert

. **UGANDA, 5X** Franz, DC7NF is QRV as 5X7FN until the end of June. Activity is mainly on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and generally around 1700 to 2100z. QSL to home call.

OMAN, A4 Alex, A45WD has been active on 30 meters using CW and PSK31 at various times throughout the day. QSL via YO9HP.

CHINA, BY Look for special event stations BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON to be QRV from May 18 to September 17 in celebration of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. QSL via BA4EG.

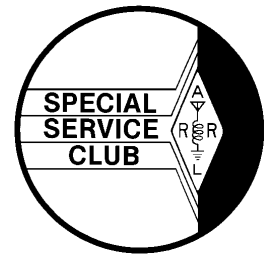
MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Rodrigo, C91R is QRV until August 1. QSL via CT1BXT.

MONGOLIA, JT. Nicola, I0SNY is QRV as JT1SNY/8 and has been active on 20 meters using PSK31 at various times. QSL to home call.

CHAD, TT. Duarte, CT1CPP is QRV as TT9/homecall for about one year. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

Happy Hunting!

Jim Pyle, AA8OY
Thanks to ARRL 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, June 7
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 NCVETC 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:

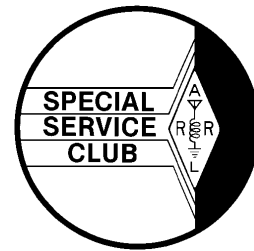
Theory	12:00
Morse Code	1:00

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 Released:

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has 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).

June 8th – Sunday in June Bike Ride
Burton Village (Geauga Co.)

June 28-29th – Field Day – Shadybrook
(Same place we have been at)

July 26th – Little Mountain Heritage Festival

August 10th – Greater Cleveland Triathlon

September 20-21st – IBIM Parade & Run

September 17th – Perry Nuclear Plant Test (Dry Run)

October 7th – Perry Nuclear Plant Test – FEMA/PHS

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 June 15th at 8:30. The date for July is the 15th. Keep these days open and join the group.

Fundraising Committee

Hello, this is Lori Martin, KD8HKA, and I am the Board-appointed Chairperson for LCARA's newly created Fundraising Committee. This committee's goal will be to research legal, compliant, and viable (as well as hopefully fun) ways of generating funds for the club, and then organizing and carrying out those fundraising events. We are still looking for additional members and more ideas so if you have some of your own that you would like to share and are also willing to help see them come to reality, we would love to have you join the committee. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible at (440) 527-8088, (440) 749-3937 or at KD8HKA@yahoo.com



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

'ARES' is a registered trademark of the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated, and is used by permission.



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.



1983: a quarter century flashback From Cleveland Chapter 1, QCWA

The year 1983 was a newsworthy one for Amateur Radio. Ronald Reagan was President then when Owen Garriott, W5LFL, became the first ham in space. Nearly 300 worked him on two meters as he orbited the earth.

Band conditions were good then, enabling Midwestern operators to chat with South Americans on 10 and 15 meters. Compact disks were replacing vinyl LPs in 1983 and a first-class stamp was only 21 cents. Computers were being used by radio hams, with a book showing how to use a TRS 80 to send RTTY.

Popular rigs of a quarter century ago included the Kenwood TS-830S and Yaesu FT-102, both with 6146B final tubes. These were being replaced by new solid-state TS-430S and TS-930S transceivers. ICOM offered its IC-740 covering 160-10 meters, while Ten-Tec's Corsair HF model was advertised at \$1,169.

Those who enjoyed building gear could select a Ten-Tec 200 milliwatt MX2HT kit for two meters at \$129.95. Cubex also offered a two-element, three-band quad kit for \$189.

The invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada was reported to the world by two hams there: KA2ORK and J37AH. They told the details on 20 meters. Also during 1983, Amateurs provided communications during Hurricane Alicia and floods in Louisiana and California.

FCC actions in 1983 included a veto of ARRL's request to allow Novices to operate 'phone in the 220-225 MHz band; dropping the requirement to keep station logs; extending the terms of ham licenses to 10 years; and authorizing the AMTOR digital teleprinter mode.

A controversial issue introduced by the FCC was the possibility of a code-free Amateur Radio license. After polling its members, the ARRL opposed the idea, and the FCC agreed.

License examinations by a corps of volunteer Amateur examiners were authorized by the FCC in 1983. Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, introduced a bill in Congress to permit collection of out-of-pocket expenses by VE's.



And that's the way it was a quarter century ago.

If you've been licensed since 1983, you qualify for membership in an elite corps of fellow veteran operators who make up the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). Many member benefits and application information for QCWA and Cleveland Chapter One are posted on the Web:
<http://qcwa-cleveland-1.org>. ■



Field Day 2008

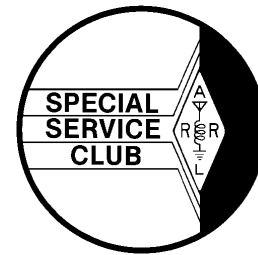
June 28-29, 2008

Mark your calendars now

Field day will be here before we know it. We hope you are planning on attending and operating this year. For those of you that have never experienced Field Day We hope that you will plan to take part this year. Watch for upcoming announcements.

Hamfest Calendar

NONE TO REPORT THIS MONTH



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

LCARA was organized for the purpose of furthering Amateur Radio by increasing the technical knowledge and operating proficiency of radio amateurs through continuing education, public service and acting as a vehicle of communication by, between and with the members of the association. LCARA is an incorporated association chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio and is an exempt organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to LCARA are fully deductible from Federal Income Tax. Regular and Senior Dues are \$20.00 per year, Students \$10.00. Items may be reprinted by other non-profit publications without prior permission providing credit is given to the original source and The LCARA Patch. Articles from members are welcome.

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)

Internet address: www.lcara.org

E-mail address: lcaraeditor@lcara.org

To receive the Patch via email in PDF format

Send an e- mail to lcara_patch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com