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LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS

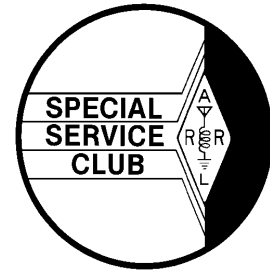
The following programs are tentative scheduled for the Red Cross Building in Painesville:

NOVEMBER 5- Homebrew Night might extend into another meeting if anyone needs more time to complete the project due to time constraints of the meeting room– Bring a soldering gun, solder, and wire strippers and let's build an Anderson PowerPole power extension box.

DECEMBER 3 – Board Elections, Presentation of the 2009 Budget and Presentation of 2009 Candidates for Office, followed by a membership vote for the 3 open Board positions.

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 prepared a great series of programs during the 2008 year and the programs for 2009 will be even greater so talk them up and invite your fellow amateurs to join us in the coming year.



MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

November 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the QTH of Ted W4CID, please advise if attending.

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 November 5th, 2008.

MINUTES FOR October 1, 2008 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick	N8BY	President
Ted	W4CID	Treasurer
Bob	K8QXO	Secretary
Neal	KC8OMO	Director at Large

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. After the introductions Rick proceeded to introduce our speaker for the evening Kirk Lombardy of the National Weather Service in Northeast Ohio. He provided an excellent presentation on the different



MINUTES FOR October 1, 2008 MEETING

types of storms and storm conditions. Through his use of an excellent computer program we were able to see various types of conditions and storms including tornados and flooding. Watching the various videos of the conditions showed just how dangerous they can be and what can happen. The presentation was excellent and well received by all the members present. After a short break, Rick began the general business meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: We received letters from our previous insurer and they advised us our old policy was now cancelled, but they look forward to working with us in the future.

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 September Board Meeting minutes. Information was then presented on the board approving a previously budgeted expenditure for a 2 – Meter antenna. It was determined that the board acted in accordance with the club bylaws and the expenditure did not require membership approval. Next Board Meeting has been scheduled for October 8, 2008 at the QTH of Neal KC8OMO.

NEW MEMBERS: None this month.

ARRL: Nothing to report this month.

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

EDUCATION: No report.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Mike WB8ZGH thanked the members for their participation in the Its Better in Mentor Parade and Run/Walk on September 20-21, 2008. He also thanked those who participated in the Perry Plant simulated emergency practice on September 17th and reminded everyone to be prepared and available for the actual simulation October 7th. Mike than provided an update on the Tri-Point Hospital; he was informed that we will get space on the roof for our antenna and equipment but they don't have any finalized information that we can use yet.

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: 2 Meter Antenna for the repeater needs to be taken down to determine if it requires repairs and if so we would require an antenna to put up in its place while work is done on existing antenna. Need to develop a technical committee for future work and up keep of the equipment.

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.



MINUTES FOR October 1, 2008 MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Mekinda K8QXO

From the desk of the Vice-President,

November is a two-fold event.

First anyone who has built or homebrewed a project, or electronic device please bring it to the club meeting and describe to the membership what you have built.

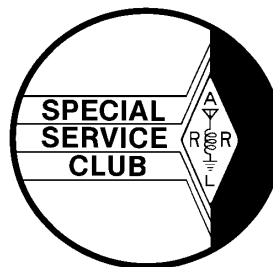
Second, we will be building a 15 amp Anderson Power Pole extension box. PowerPole connectors are now the standard DC power connection for ARES, EMA, and similar organizations. So get your project building equipment together and let's solder some wire and build this power box together. The project level will be beginner, allowing all to participate. If you haven't built a project before, we will offer instructions in the layout of the project, soldering, and assembly. Please bring your toolkit with you, with hopes that you can let others use some equipment. If you don't have a tool kit, we will have equipment available.

Extra loaner tools needed for project:

Cordless drill, 1/16" and 5/64" drill bit, soldering iron or gun 30 watts/higher, 12 inch English ruler, solder, solder flux, scissors, wire strippers, wire cutters, PowerPole crimper, Phillips and standard screwdriver, various lengths of 14ga. Solid Wire, portable vice, coping saw, plunge saw (Roto Zip brand or similar, small cutting bit).

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



BACKSCATTER – NOVEMBER

30 Years Ago: Plans are underway to move the repeater to a new site on the roof of the hospital in downtown Painesville. 60' of tower are purchased, along with a Phelps Dodge four dipole array.

Plans are also underway for the first Hamfest. WB8ZWR, Wayne, chairs a committee to “organize the whole show”.

25 Years Ago: The FCC surprises the amateur community by authorizing 13 regional VEC's, rather than the single national VEC as was expected. The FCC plans to continue tests at its own Regional Bureaus, but on a reduced scale.

Cambodia is active! XU1SS and XU1KC are on the air and will count for DXCC credit, despite four governments claiming control of the country: Heng Samrin, Prince Sihanouk, Pol Pot and Son Sann.

20 Years Ago: LCARA's 220 MHz repeater comes on the air, despite occasional QRM from WMMS. It seems the 2nd harmonic of many FM receivers' local oscillators are in the 220 band.

15 Years Ago: We're #4. Early indications from the ARRL shows LCARA's Field Day team placing 4th nationally of all classes!

We're #1. KQ8M, Tim, places first in the CW Worldwide DX CW contest in the single-op, all band, and packet assisted category. And Pat, N8ONI, places first in the fox hunt at the Atlanta, Georgia Monitoring Times Convention.

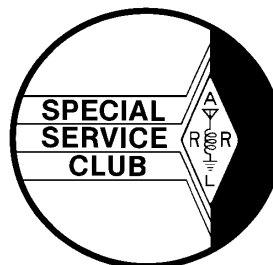
LCARA's roster shows 207 members.

10 Years Ago: Form 605 is born. Form 610 RIP.

5 Years Ago: We're #1. LCARA's Field Day team places first in class 7A.

Submitted by

Scott KO8O



NOVEMBER 2008 DX Alert

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. A group of operators are QRV as P29NI until November 3 from Garove and Hermit islands, IOTA OC-181 and OC-041, respectively. Activity is on all bands.

CAMBODIA, XU. Retu, OH4MDY is QRV as XU7MDY until November 8. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW. QSL direct to home call.

Vietnam, 3W. XV4BM and XV4CC will be active Nov. 5-13 on CW & SSB on 15-80 M. QSL XV4BM via RL3BM and XV4CC via UA4CC.

FIJI, 3D2. 3D2YA will be on Nov. 21-27 10-80 M CW. QSL via JA1NLX.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Z21LS will be operating from Nov. 30 Dec. 9. QSL via DE1ZHB (Buro)

ALBANIA, ZA. Look for ZA1/XE1MO on 10, 15, 20 & 40 M SSB from Nov. 1-9. QSL via KE5FAH.

DX opportunities will be improving as "major" contests will occur in October and November. The first is the CQWW SSB DX contest on Oct. 25 & 26, so here's your chance to get some new ones!

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.

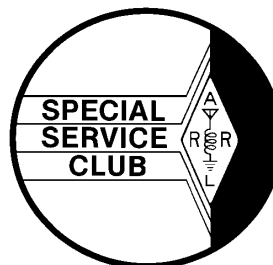
HAM EXAMS IN LAKE COUNTY EVERY OTHER MONTH

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.





HAM EXAMS IN LAKE COUNTY EVERY OTHER MONTH

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 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

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 is now on Hiatus but during the storm Season it normally meet's 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@yahoogroups.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.

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

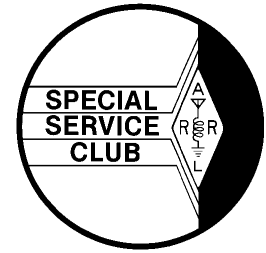
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10 METER NET

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(A New Monthly Feature)

Liz KC8TFZ – November 2
Vincent KD8CNX – November 3
Jim KF8VX – November 9
Doug K8NFF – November 15
Lori KD8HKA – November 28

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 October 21st at 8:30. The date for November is the 18th. Keep these days open and join the group.

CLUB APPAREL

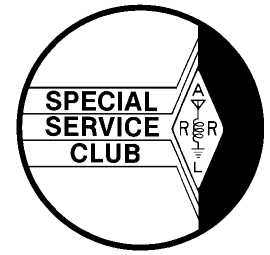
For those interested in purchasing club apparel with the club's logo and your name and call please go to <http://www.callsignwear.com/index.php> and pick out what you would like to order. Placing the order through the club will eliminate shipping charges. If you order direct you will incur shipping expenses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

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



FROM YOUR EDITOR

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. 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.



Ted Huddle W4CID(cont.)

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.

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.

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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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