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LCARA 2008 MEETING PROGRAMS

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

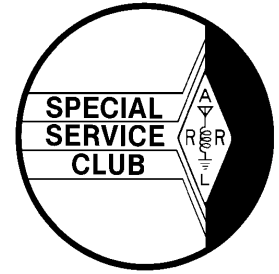
SEPTEMBER 3 - Radio Astronomy – Hal Braschwitz W8PN

OCTOBER 1 - National Weather Service in Northeast Ohio – Kirk Lombardy

NOVEMBER 5- Homebrew Night – Bring a soldering gun, solder, and wire strippers and let's build an Anderson PowerPole power extension box.

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

BOARD MEETING – September 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the QTH of Bob K8QXO, 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). 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

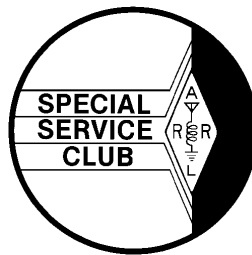
Next meeting is September 3, 2008.

MINUTES FOR August 6, 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 7:39 pm by Rick N8BY. Rick began the meeting with a round of introductions of the members and guests present. He then began the general meeting as the speaker had not arrived and would not be there do to other pressing matters of which he had no control over.



MINUTES FOR August 6, 2008 MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Received the 2008-09 insurance policies.

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 July Board Meeting minutes. Next Board Meeting has not yet been established for August.

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 August.

EDUCATION: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Mike WB8ZGH passed around a sign up sheet for the Cleveland Triathlon on August 10th. He finished by advising of the other upcoming events which include the Perry Plant simulated emergency – Practice September 17th and the actual simulation October 7th, and Better in Mentor Days.

SUNSHINE [Connie KB8ZZW]: It was reported that George N8GB is now getting around in a wheelchair and would like visitors (Room 302). Get well cards were sent to Ish Krall and Rick Christian.

2 METER NET: No report.

10 METER NET: No report.

OHIO QSO Party: Reno WT8C reminded all the members of this contest on August 23, 2008 and where to obtain information on the rules of the QSO Party and what logging programs will work for it.

NEW BUSINESS: None to report.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Mekinda K8QXO



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The LCARA Board has received questions on where to locate the dates, times, and location of Board Meetings.

All LCARA Board Meetings can be found on the upcoming events window on the club's web site, also the board will use club meetings, and the [Yahoo](#) Patch to distribute future meeting date notices.

In the past the board meeting time and location was announced at the membership meetings if they were even scheduled at the time of the membership meetings. Also, it was easier for membership to have an idea of when the board meetings were because they were almost always the Wednesday after the membership meetings. In the past several years Wednesdays have not always been the day. Being more flexible was necessary in order for volunteers to be able and willing to contribute to the club. This is the case these days in any situation where people are giving up their time to contribute to a cause.

In the past, the club website was rarely updated and was not a good tool for information sharing. That is no longer the case. It is unfortunate that the website was down during this time but websites do have to go down for maintenance every now and then. We have better than we ever had with our website.

It is not the board's responsibility to personally invite members to the board meetings. In the past, members who wanted to attend simply called the board president. Even if they knew when the meeting was, the call was to let the president know as a courtesy to the host of the meeting and to make sure time, date, and location did not change.

No one has ever made a big deal out of missing a board meeting. The attitude has always been the information or concerns could be shared at another time and place or at the next board meeting. This is supposed to be a club and a hobby. We are supposed to be having fun and working together to promote the hobby. This club would be a lot more enjoyable to be a part of if we remember we are all human and are going to make mistakes. When we make those mistakes, let's learn from them, put processes in place to minimize them, and stop taking everything so personal.

It's my pleasure to serve each and every one of you as your president, I know sometimes things are forgotten to be mentioned in meetings or on the various nets.

Thanks for you continued patient and support.

Rick N8BY

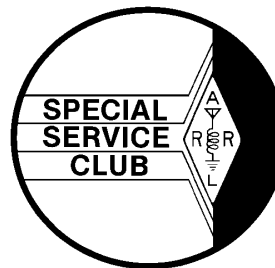
FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

LCARA events in review for August

August Meeting Presenter: Dan Greathouse, N8NBC on Hot Air Ballooning. Scheduling conflict prevented Dan from talking to club. Look for his presentation in 2009.

Public Service Events:

Triathlon at Headlands Park
Lake Count Heritage Festival



LCARA Events in review for August (cont.)

Club Picnic at Veteran's Park

Computer winner: Fran Goffos

50/50 winner: Betty Schnolz, KC8FF from Geauga Radio Club

Club Nets:

Wednesday 10 meter round table

Thursday 2 meter net

LCARA Events for September

Sept 3: LCARA Meeting, Presenter Hal Braschwitz W8PN: Radio Astronomy

Sept. 6: State Parks on the Air

Sept. 7: Findlay Hamfest

Sept 20-21: Better in Mentor Festival

Submitted by: [Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG](#)

BACKSCATTER - SEPTEMBER

30 Years Ago: 81/21 now has autopatch capability. Thanks to Ed, WB8ZGK and others, this state-of-the-art system allows members to phone from their cars.

The repeater's call changes from WD8DQW/R to WA8HAR/R. Dave, WD8DQW, takes a new job, and moves out of the area.

25 Years Ago: Motorola agrees to supply an HT for space shuttle flight STS-9 and astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, will be the first ham in space.

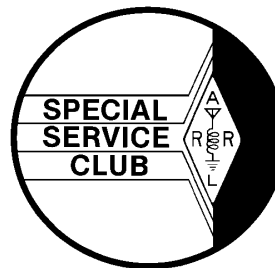
Ken, N8EIH, and XYL Deena are the fox(s) for the club hunt, disguised as a young couple parked beside a bridge over Cascade Falls. Winner Mike, WD8IVL, explains his 1st place finish, saying he knew the area well from his high school days.

20 Years Ago: LCARA launches an information net, meeting on .21, Thursday evenings at 9PM.

Time changes. Bob, K8BL, encourages use of the repeater for DX spotting.

15 Years Ago: Bruce, N8LXS, announces the start of his new company, RF Applications, to design and manufacture amateur radio accessories. His first product is a digital wattmeter.

Bob, K8BL makes Honor Roll.



BACKSCATTER - SEPTEMBER

10 Years Ago: The FCC releases NPRM 98-143 detailing its proposal for license restructuring.

5 Years Ago: Mike, WB8ZGH, reports on the August 14th blackout. 81/21 was up, powered by the hospital's emergency generator. Lake County ARES/RACES was on standby, and the EOC was partially activated. But with phones continuing to function, and the cellular system fine by 7 PM, everyone went home by 11 PM.

SEPTEMBER 2008 DX Alert

KENYA, 5Z Valery, RW1AU is QRV as 5Z4/RW1AU for the next several months while on work assignment in Nairobi. He is active mostly on SSB, but may be on CW soon. QSL via K5XK.

TUVALU, T2. JA1KAJ will be QRV Sep. 2-8 including the All Asian Contest on 80-10 M CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly PSK31. QSL via home call.

EY, TAJIKISTAN. EY8/KZ4W, will be QRV Aug. 28- Sep. 4. Credit will be available on LOTW or QSL home call.

ZP, PARAGUAY. DL7UFN and DL7VEE will be active as ZP6/DL7UFN and ZP6/DL7VEE from Sep. 7-14.

A number of expeditions are planned for fall as the contest season ramps up. More to come as the plans are finalized and announced.

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.

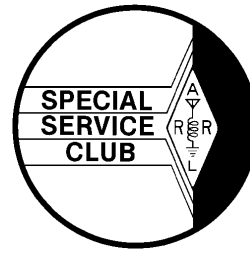
HAM EXAMS IN LAKE COUNTY EVERY OTHER MONTH

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

Saturday, 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





HAM EXAMS IN LAKE COUNTY EVERY OTHER MONTH (CONT.)

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 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 <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).

August 10th – Greater Cleveland Triathlon

September 17th – Perry Nuclear Plant Practice Dry Run

September 20 & 21st – IBIM Parade & Run

October 7th – Perry Nuclear Plant Practice Drill- FEMA/DHS

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



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).

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.

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

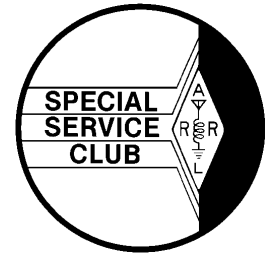
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10 METER NET

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(A New Monthly Feature)

Donna W8DMP - September 11

Best Wishes for a very Happy Birthday

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group

Next meeting of the group is at the Painesville Perkins on September 16th at 8:30. The date for October is the 21st. 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.

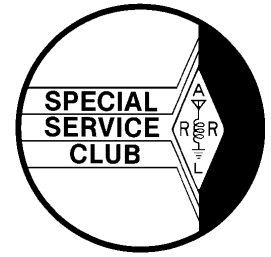
FROM YOUR EDITOR

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 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



In closing this Issue a couple Great Pictures from "KID'S DAY"

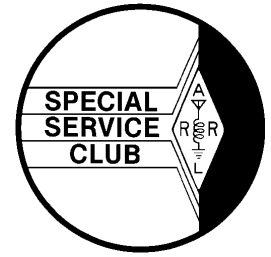


**CONFIRMING KIDS DAYS QSO
WITH: N8BC MODE: SSB
ON JUNE 21, 2008 AT 1817 GMT
UR RSE 59 FREQ: 14.286MHZ**

PSE QSL!

**ON THE FRONT (L TO R):
ALEXA(8), KYLIE(4), REX(4),
RJ(8), AND HULA(2)
73 FROM STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN**

Dave K9TY



KASYHZ/portable

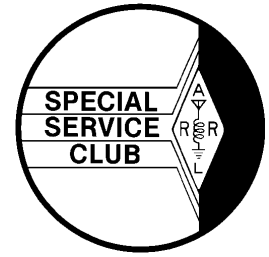
Vance Roth

(N8BC, LCARA Club call for ARRL Kids On The Air Day)



STATION	FREQ.	MODE	S. RPT.	DATE	TIME	COMMENT
K9TY	14.286 mhz	SSB		June 21, 2008	1817 Z	Nice talking to Alexa, Kylie and you, Dave.

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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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