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LCARA 2009 MEETING PROGRAMS

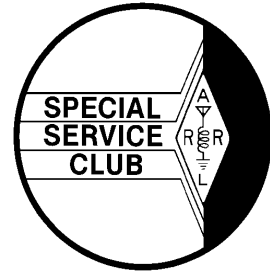
The following programs are scheduled for the Red Cross Building in Painesville, Ohio:

October 7, 2009 Time: 19:30, **Speaker:** Jeff Covelli – Radio’s of the Past

November 4, 2009 Time: 19:30, Home Brew Night

December 2, 2009 Time: 19:30, Election of New Officers

We look forward to all members joining us back at the Red Cross Building and enjoying a great Night of camaraderie.



MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board will meet next on October at the QTH of Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG. Would you 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**

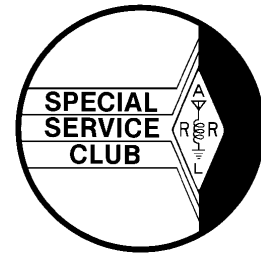
Next meeting is OCTOBER 7, 2009.

MINUTES FOR September 2, 2009 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill N8IJG President
Ted W4CID Treasurer
Neal KC8OMO Director at Large

Rick W8QL Vice President
Bill KD8HSI Secretary



MINUTES FOR September 2, 2009 MEETING (cont.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Bill N8IJG
Bill introduced Debbie from the Red Cross, who talked about the current status of the building we are in and its sale. This was followed by a round of introductions from the members.

Bill then introduced Kirk Lombardi (N3QHF) from the Cleveland National Weather Service, who gave an interesting talk about severe weather. Kirk's website is, www.mentorohioweather.com.

Patch: No amendments or corrections.

Minutes: The August meeting minutes were accepted as published in the Patch.

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

Correspondence: Received letter and a check from The Cleveland Touring Club.
Received the insurance renewal certificate from State Farm Insurance Company.

Board Meeting Report: Bill N8IJG presented a synopsis of the August 13, 2009 Board Meeting.

Items of discussion were:

- Need for election committee since two positions will be available.
- If we should sell repeater controller or keep for upcoming move.
- Possible new club meeting location at Lake County Historical Society.
- Possible ability of club members being able to update their roster information.

ARRL: Nothing to report.

DX: Jim AA8OY gave report on upcoming DX to listen for.

Public Service: Mike WB8ZGH talked about The Greater Cleveland Triathlon. The event was deemed a success, with eighteen HAMS participating along with five medical reserve units. Event had a number of medical responses. Mike also reminded everyone about upcoming Its Better in Mentor Days on the 19th and 20th of September.

Bob K8QXO indicated that he needs Patch articles ASAP.

Radio Officer's Report: Matt W8DEC gave thanks to Neal KC8OMO, Mike WB8ZGH, Don WA8TWM and Vance KA8YHZ, for helping move two cabinets from Lake East Hospital. Matt also



MINUTES FOR September 2, 2009 MEETING (cont.)

reported that repeaters are all working ok and reminded everyone that we will need help with move. Matt is attempting to contact repeater coordinator in reference to move.

Sunshine Report: Connie KB8ZZW received a letter of thanks from Donna Fox, Joe Phillip's WD8OTC's wif

10 Meter Net: Mike WB8ZGH reports that we have had good participation with occasional out of state contacts.

2 Meter Net: Need net controllers.

Swap & Sell: Rick N8BY has HEIL PR30 for sale at \$130.00, and Noise Gate Processor for \$400.00.

Old Business: none

New Business: Stu W8STU talked to Doug K8NFF and he is doing well.
Findley Hamfest September 13th, and Cleveland Hamfest September 27th.
Board Meeting September 16th at Bill's N8IJG
Ted W4CID reminds everyone about contacting their State representative to support PRB House Bill.

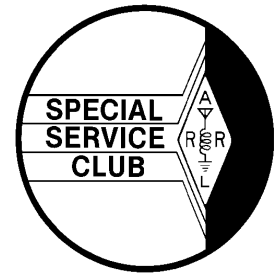
Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Jordan KD8HSI

Answers: 1. \$699.95 2. 370,000 3. Canal Zone 4. S-2000A 5. ATB-34

OCTOBER 2009 DX ALERT

FT5/G – GLORIOSO ISLANDS - The FT5GA license is valid through October 10th. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 with four stations active simultaneously. QSL via F5OGL. Keep an eye on their Web site at <http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>.



OCTOBER 2009 DX ALERT

5N – NIGERIA–5N0OCH (DL3OCH), Bodo, plans to begin construction a new antenna for 160 meters. Bodo hopes to be QRV on Topband by the beginning of next month. He will be in 5N until the end of October.

D2 – ANGOLA - UA0QMN, Vasily, has been operating as D2QMN has extended both his stay and license until August of next year. Look for him after 17Z during weekdays and after 06Z on weekends. He operates on SSB, RTTY and PSK.

TJ – CAMEROON - F5PSA, Lionel, is back in Cameroon and QRV once again as TJ3SL. Look for him on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters SSB in his spare time. QSL via F5PSA.

ET – ETHIOPIA - Jim, WU0I is staying in Addis Ababa momentarily and should soon be QRV as ET3JD in October. Activity will be on 40 to 15 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to ET3JD.

EY - TAJIKISTAN - Ken, K4ZW has been QRV as EY8/home call on 20 meters around 1200z and 15 meters around 0900z. QSL to home call.

FH – MAYOTTE - Willi, DJ7RJ will be QRV as TO7RJ from September 22 to October 25. The last three days of his activity he will be QRV as FH/DJ7RJ. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters, and possibly 6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

Happy Hunting!

Jim Pyle, AA8OY
Thanks to Weekly DX and ARRL DX

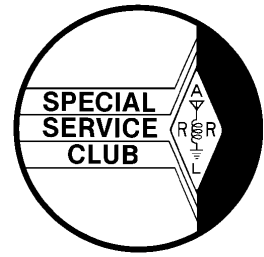
BACKSCATTER – OCTOBER

30 Years Ago: The World Administrative Radio Council (WARC) begins September 24th in Geneva, Switzerland. Hams hope for an allocation near 10 MHz, as well as elimination of short wave broadcasting on 40 meters.

The latest Tech/General call issued for the 8th area is N8BJK.

25 Years Ago: Jack Bricker, KB8WC, becomes the first in the area to operate newly radioactive China, BY.

The ARRL becomes a VEC, joining W5YI, DeVries, and a number of other organizations in administrating the new license program.



BACKSCATTER – OCTOBER

Newsletter editor Gary, KC8GN, reports “Blessed is he who expects no gratitude, for he shall not be disappointed”.

20 Years Ago: The program at LCARA’s October meeting is on the new mode of packet radio. This follows September’s program on the use of the new DX cluster.

The FCC gives 220-222 MHz to UPS, and establishes “Line A” along the Canadian border, prohibiting transmissions in the 420-430 MHz band to protect Canadian commercial users.

15 Years Ago: Eric, KF8YK resigns as newsletter editor.

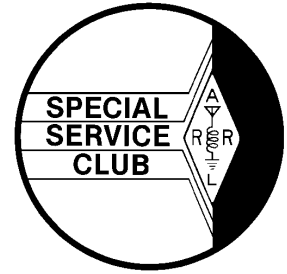
10 Years Ago: Newsletter Editor Tim, KQ8TC, discusses the September LCARA meeting, where “a lady from Mentor told a tale about a CBer neighbor that was worthy of the Jerry Springer ... show. The story involved sex, intimidation, wire taps, various conspiracies, and radio interference.”

5 Years Ago: A Quarter Century Quiz tests one’s knowledge of ham radio in 1979:

1. In 1979 a Heathkit SB104A HF transceiver cost how much?
2. The Radio Amateur Callbook listed how many US hams?
3. The country deleted from DXCC was _____?
4. The final tubes in Kenwood’s TS-520S were _____?
5. Cushcraft’s 3-band yagi was the -----?

Answers: See page 4

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 **2009** Amateur Radio license exams at **the Kirtland Library**, on the following dates:

Saturday, October 3

Saturday, December 5



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.

The tests will start at **12 Noon**. Please arrive a few minutes early.

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDER 2009

We have completed all the 2009 Public Service with the completion of the "Its Better in Mentor" two days of events. Thank you to all those who provided their services at this year's events, and we look forward to your assistance in 2010.

(Note: Mark your Calendar for 2010 when we publish the new events. Actual dates will be provided as soon as they are established).

Except for the parades you can volunteer a block of time or join the net as a relief operator. For more details on the above events, you can contact me @ 440-255-6560 or E-Mail to mjgoffos@sbcglobal.net.

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 in session and during the storm Season 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@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 are 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 w8dec@arrl.net. 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.

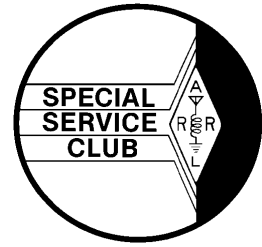
Matt W8DEC

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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.



NET INFORMATION

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob K8QXO – October 14
Rick N8BY – October 21
Cathie AB8GV – October 25

Best Wishes for a very Happy Birthday

FOR YOUR INFORMATION Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group

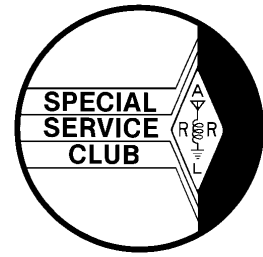
Next meeting of the group is at the Painesville Perkins on September 15th at 8:30. This group averages 20-30 people and is a great chance to meet many Hams. This is not a club event and is a great chance to meet other great Hams. Please encourage any Hams you know to attend. It is a fun gathering and a chance to meet Hams who may not be a club member.

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 Patch Yahoo Group:

Most members receive email notifications from our Yahoo Group page. I am noticing that some members have changed their email addresses and have signed up again for our group under several names. If there are any that you no longer use, would you please send me an email telling me which addresses are no longer in use, so that I can remove them. Please send this to KC8OMO@arrl.net



Have you noticed?

For a short while now we have been video taping the clubs presenters. We are attempting to capture the audio and post them on the LCARA web site like a Podcast. Hopefully members that are unable to make the club meetings will be able to hear the presentations that they would have liked to have attended. There is discussion on making the videos available on a CD/DVD that could be checked out for viewing by club members. We are still experimenting with this idea and there are a few presentations that are available now. When you sign in as a member you will have access to them in the lower left hand corner of the web page. Below are the current listings to choose from.

Visit the website often for up to date club information: www.lcara.org

Thanks goes out to Bill (N8IJG) and Bill Jordan (KD8HSI) for making this possible.

Audio Presentations

[Insurance Policy-ND8L-Ray Fallen,June'08](#)

[July '08 IRLP](#)

[Feb '09 USS Cod](#)

[Apr '09 Slow Scan](#)

FROM YOUR EDITOR

ONE FINAL NOTE

We are still trying 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

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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.

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