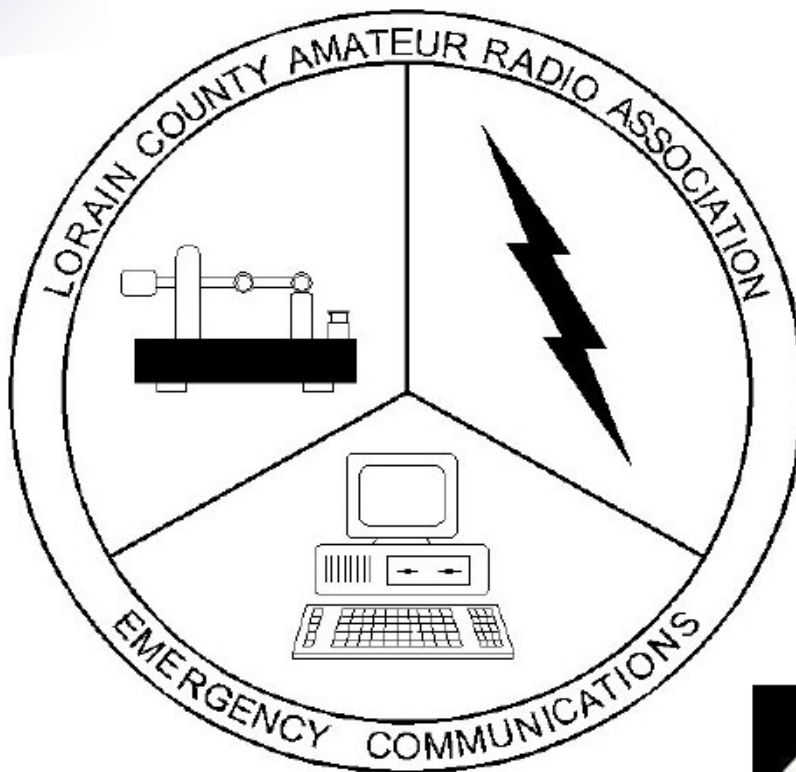


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L.C.A.R.A. @ A.R.C.
2929 West River
Rd, North
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Meeting:

Monthly Regular
Meeting @ 7:30 PM



Who's Who and What's What

LCARA Officers and Committee Heads

Officers and Trustees

President: Brian Hellinger—N8VUB
n8vub@yahoo.com

Vice-President: James Stirzaker—WA8UGC
wa8ugc@yahoo.com

Secretary: Pat Sweeney—K8PJS
k8pjs@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: (vacant)

Trustee: Lew Parsons—N8IXF

Public Service: Ken Roberts—KC8BQO
klr0007@windstream.net

Membership: Jerry Bodkin—KD8CES
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Committee Heads

Hospitality/Sunshine: Open

Skywarn: Ken Roberts—KC8BQO
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ARC Liaison: Brian Hellinger—N8VUB
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Bill Easterday-KB8FU
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LCARA Equipment & Exams

Amateur Radio Exams:

*3rd Sunday of the month
At the Lorain County Chapter of the American Red Cross
2929 West River Road, North
Elyria, Ohio 44035
Doors open @ 1:00pm.*

Repeaters:

*KC8BED/R 147.150 MHz +600
CTCSS 110.9 Hz to access remote receive sites in Clarkfield, Brunswick, and
Lorain*

*KB8BED/R 444.175 MHz +5
CTSS 131.8 Hz*

Nets:

LCARA Club Net

Every Sunday night @ 8:30pm

Burning River Traffic Net

Every Evening @ 9:30pm

Alternate Frequencies:

147.030 MHz or 146.460 MHz simplex

Skywarn net will be anytime as requested by NWS

Emergency Nets as needed anytime

Thanks to the Lorain County Chapter of the American Red Cross for the use of their copier to publish the monthly newsletter and their facility for our monthly meetings and exams.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December Meeting Minutes

The Dec 21st meeting of LCARA was brought to order at 7:40 by Pres. Brian Hellinger. 10 members were present:

In attendance were:

- Joe Shapko N8OUB
- Deano Shook KB8WNA
- Richard Stirzaker KB8MIS
- Ken Roberts KC8BQO
- Brian Hellinger N8VUB
- Keith Cook KD8GXL
- Larry Sherman KA8HKQ
- Joni Roberts KC8BXH
- Carl Rimmer W8KRF
- Jim Stirzaker WA8UGC

The meeting was brief and informal and the secretary was not present so these minutes are from memory and may not be all inclusive.

Brian Hellinger N8VUB mentioned that the two remote input sights have been tamper with. Antennas at the LCCC site had been moved but this will be rectified as soon as possible according the Mrs. Michaels.

Brian confirmed that Lew Parsons, N8IXF has accepted the responsibility as License Trustee. Thank you Lew.

Richard, KB8MIS confirmed that the Technician Class will begin on January 28, 2008 at 6PM at the American Red Cross. Check the LCARA website for contact information. He also stated that a General Class will follow in March. The ARRL states that they expect to have a General Class PowerPoint Presentation ready sometime in February.

Ken, KC8BQO, announced a retirement reception for Art Meade to be held at the Red Cross on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 3PM.

Since all officer positions were uncontested, all officers for 2008 remain the same except Treasurer which will be vacant.

The meeting adjourned 8:10 PM and most in attendance went to New Chinatown Buffet for dinner and friendship.

Club Notices

Net Control operators needed for the Sunday Evening Net. If you are interested please contact of Brian Hellinger (N8VUB@yahoo.com)

It is time to renew your membership. Go to the website and print off the application form and mail it to the address indicated along with a check for \$15.00.

Congratulations and a big LCARA thank you to Lew Parsons, N8IXF for taking on the responsibilities of our License Trustee. Lew is very active in the National Traffic System. You will hear him on many of the local traffic nets including the BRTN each evening which is held on our repeater.

Swap and Shop

If you have items you would like to place here, send an email to Carl W8KRF at w8krf@arrl.net. Please include the name, model number and description of the item, the condition of the item and any conditions of the sale or trade, the price, and contact information in the form of your name and a telephone or cell phone number. The item will be displayed here for 3 months or until it sells. Please notify me if and when you do sell the item.

From the Desk of the Editor

Happy Holidays to you and your families. I am enjoying the holidays with my family and friends, as I hope you are. As I look forward to the new year, I have many aspirations, and expectations for myself. I also have hopes and wishes for the LCARA. We have been in a slight slump for some time now and I have not been able to be as involved as I would like but, like many of you, I have other obligations and commitments. I am not able to check in to the Sunday nets because I am an officer in another organization that meets every Sunday night from 7-10PM. The Friday meetings are difficult to make because I often have events with my line dance group on the 3rd Fridays which I have missed to attend some of the LCARA meetings. However, I will make every effort to maintain the website and produced a newsletter. I need your help though. If you find something of interest that you think would be appropriate for the newsletter or website, send your idea to me. I will not print copyrighted material unless we have received permission from the author(s).

Let's all see what we can do to contribute to the growth of the LCARA. We have an important mission and we can not accomplish it without everyone's involvement and contributions. First, renew your membership for 2008 by printing off the application/renewal form on the website and mailing it along with your check for \$15 to the address on the application. Secondly, if your schedule permits, check-in to the nets on our repeater. The Burning River Traffic Net is held on our repeater every night at 9:30 PM. Just check-in even if you don't have traffic. Learn how to handle traffic by listening or even asking questions. The only dumb question is the one you don't ask. That is what the nets are about...training and gaining experience so when the "real" thing happens, we will be proficient and effective in our support of the agencies we serve. The LCARA net is on Sundays at 8:30PM. Check-in.

Again, if your schedule permits, attend the monthly meetings on the third Friday of each month at 7:30PM at the American Red Cross at 2929 West River Road N.

I am going to make every effort to be more involved this coming year. Will you do the same?

Have a great Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 73,

Carl W8KRF
Editor

Education Section, LCARA

As winter time approaches everything quiets down, less events, less hamfests, etc. The plus side of this is that it gives more opportunities to study and take classes so when Spring and Summer come around you will be ready to go with new skills to try out.

That being said, the focus of this article is training and preparedness for Disaster events.

Since 9/11, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has been trying to work with ways of coordinating all organizations in the US to work together in times of disaster. They have made progress. In years past, one of their biggest grips was about security and organization. People had been coming out to help with disasters with no information on who they where, who they represented, and how to work with other people to accomplish the mission. Each organization had their own method of doing things right down to what titles they held.

To fix this FEMA set down standards for organizations to follow if they wanted FEMA money and support.

The First was Photo ID's. A name with a photo is harder to duplicate and is one of the easiest ways of identifying you and who you represent at a disaster site.

The second was a series of courses that FEMA created to teach all organizations how to work with each other in times of trouble called the ICS Courses, or the Incident Command Courses. This makes sure that everyone is on the same page. The introduction course called ICS-100 introduces you to what happens at a disaster site and how you fit in. ICS-200 was a more in-depth class on the organization made for people at the Team Leader level. Both are wonderful FREE courses that I will list how to get them at the end of this article.

How does this relate to LCARA and Amateur Radio? A large portion of our organization is based around emergency communications for the Red Cross, ARES, and Skywarn. When we get called up to run Emergency Communications for an event we are representing that organization and it smoothes things over quite a bit when you have identification to back yourself up. Is it required in our club to be affiliated with one of these groups? No it is not. However in emergency disaster situations it is something good to have. Second in regards to taking the ICS courses, when arriving on scene as an Emergency Radio Amateur Operator, it is good to have an understanding of how an incident is being run. This is so you get the big picture; you can fit in better, and communicate more effectively all your organization's needs, and information.

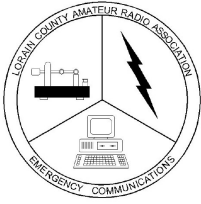
Once again ICS Courses are universally accepted with all Disaster groups and are free. To enroll in ICS-100 and ICS-200 go to: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp> When you get your Completion Certificate in your e-mail be sure to save it. There is no easy way of retrieving it from FEMA if you loose it. Secondly, some organizations will request a copy of it to keep in your records if you want to work for them during disasters.

Until Next Time,

73's Richard J. Stirzaker KB8MIS

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Years</i>	2 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	3 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	4 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	5 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P
6 <i>Net 8:30P</i> Art Meade Reception 3PM	7 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	8 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	9 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	10 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	11 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	12 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P
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20 <i>Net 8:30P</i>	21 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	22 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	23 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	24 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	25 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	26 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P
27 <i>Net 8:30P</i>	28 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P Class 6P	29 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	30 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P	31 <i>BRTN</i> 9:30P		



Lorain County Amateur Radio Association, Inc

2929 West River Rd, North
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www.qsl.net/lcara

Mini Application

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____ ARRL Member? Y/N
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
License Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Birth Date: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Meetings: 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm
Meeting held at American Red Cross—2929 West River Road Elyria

Dues:
Regular Member \$15/year (Prorated @ \$3 plus \$1 for each month remaining in the calendar year for new members.) A second family Regular Member at the same address \$10/Year (Prorated @ \$1 for each month) Additional family Regular Member at the same address \$5 (Prorated @ \$1 for each month)

Associated Members \$7.50 year (Not Prorated) Novice class licensees or non-licensed individuals with an interest in electronics, communications and/or public service. Non-voting