



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

Hello, I hope that everyone is thinking 'spring' and extra warm weather.

Well, it is spring and more specifically April. How time flies when you are so busy and having fun too! So much has happened, and there is much more to come. Let's see if we can recap some of the recent activities.

In early March, the ARES group had their annual Skywarn training and it was a great success. Thanks to all who made it happen. I hope you had a chance to attend this informational event.

Later in the month was the Northwest Ohio Science Fair held at the University of Toledo. The club donates monetary prizes to the fair each year. This year it was scheduled for the day before the hamfest. A few of us, Brian, WD8MXR, Mike, WA8SYD, and myself, volunteered to judge the entries and award the prizes that the club donates. All went well and we judged some fine presentations. I believe there will be more details about this in another article in this issue of the 'Beacon'. We finished our duties as judges and with plenty of time, made it over to the Rec Center to help with the setup for the hamfest.

As far as the hamfest is concerned, it is over for this year, whether for good or for bad. The official figures aren't in just yet as I type this, but personally I think the Hamfest was a success. We will let the membership know more details about the hamfest at future meetings or in a future newsletter. All I know is that I kept very busy talking with everyone about memberships, my personal items I was trying to sell, and other miscellaneous topics. I enjoyed myself though, and it definitely was worth the cost of admission.



Mike, WA8SYD, pulls winning tickets from the ticket barrel.

Even though this year's hamfest has passed us, planning will begin very soon for our next one. And it is going to be extra special because in conjunction to hosting our ever popular hamfest, we will also be hosting the Great Lakes Division Convention. That's right, the ARRL has honored us by offering us to host the convention for this area. If you didn't know, the area consists of Kentucky, Michigan, and of course Ohio. I hope everyone can support this venture the club is undertaking and show the rest of the division how it should be done.

Next, we are sponsoring the entry-level Technician classes. They are scheduled early in the month, so they are probably occurring as you read this. In next month's newsletter I'll have a report of new members who have graduated from the class and have a new 'ticket' to show for it. Good luck to all of the students.

Be sure to attend the next general meeting for two reasons. Firstly, if you didn't win a prize at the hamfest (like most of us, unfortunately), we will be raffling off the remaining unclaimed door prizes at the next general

meeting. And secondly, because there will be a presentation of the upcoming year's budget. So come to this important meeting not only for a chance at a prize, but the club's budget will be discussed, and club members do have a say in the matter. You can't be heard if you don't attend.

I have two other quick things to add to this month's article. First, our membership currently stands at 180 members. I need more of you to renew, enough said. Secondly, amongst other events, the next big one is Field day. More to come...

73 de KB8PAI
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman
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Winners And More Winners:

At the TMRA Hamfest, the winners of the three main prizes were: first prize, Don Karvonen, K8MFO, of Apple Creek, Ohio; second prize, Michael Berning of Sylvania, Ohio; and third prize, Chris Burkett, N8MM, of Monclova, Ohio. TMRA says thanks to all who bought tickets, came to the Hamfest and supported our vendors, and, of course, thank you to the vendors who make it all possible.

My thanks to the Chairpersons of the various committees, and to all the club members who worked to make the Hamfest a success. Even though it's a year away, it's not too soon to start thinking of next year's Hamfest, which will be held in conjunction with the ARRL Great Lakes' Division Convention. Brenda, KB8IUP, will be keeping us all informed and up-to-date on that important event as the year progresses

The day before the Hamfest was the Northwest District Science Day at the University of Toledo. The TMRA sponsors the Amateur Radio Awards, three money awards for the top three projects, as judged by a panel of TMRA members, that involve radio, electronics, electricity, or computers. This year's awards went to: first place, Jordan Bolbach, 9th Grade at Emmanuel Baptist Christian School – “The effects of a Parasitic Element on a Two Element Dipole”; second place, Marcus Baez, 7th Grade, Bowling Green Christian Academy – “The Effects of Increased Battery Power on Fan Motors”; third place Shannon Canary and Kelsey Krull, 8th Grade, Gesu – “What is the Best Conductor of Electricity?”

Brian, WD8MXR, Hamfest Chairman

OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

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Lucas County Amateur Radio
Emergency Service meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of the month in the "Private Dining Room" in St. Luke's Hospital, at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to meet in the cafeteria for breakfast before the meeting. Alternate meeting locations and information will be announced on the daily 6:40 PM net. Contact Brenda, KB8IUP at 419-866-5928. **ARES NTS and Training Net** meets daily at 6:40 PM. 146.940- Alternate frequencies are: 147.375+ or 147.270+.

SKYWARN Net as needed by the NWS, 147.375+ Alternate frequencies are 146.940-, 147.270+ or others announced by "net control".

GTARA (146.610-) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

SARA Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Twp. Hall, 7617 Angola Rd. at 7:30 PM. Contact Tom, N8MAV, 419-826-7401.

TRAC (147.375+, 146.940-) Meets 1st Thursday of the month at the Springfield Twp. Hall, 7617 Angola Rd. at 7:30 PM. Contact Terry Caldwell, KC8HQB, 419-874-2173.

QCWA Chapter 142, meets 1st Saturday of the month at The Big Boy Restaurant, 6609 Airport Hwy. (Across from Spring Meadows) Contact Paul Lentz, K8PL, 419-882-5906. Or email, plentzk8pl@juno.com

FRAT (52.360, 146.835-, 224.280-, 444.650+) Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. FRAT net follows the Rain Dialup and Amateur News Weekly on Thursday nights starting at 8:30 PM.

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Mark Reising, WM8R, Is New ACC For Ohio Section

Mark Reising, WM8R, of Mainville (near Cincinnati) has been appointed Affiliated Clubs Coordinator for the Ohio Section effective March 15. The appointment was announced by Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE. He succeeds Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, of Monclova (near Toledo) who has been appointed Emergency Coordinator of Lucas County. Mrs. Krukowski has also been recently appointed location manager for the 2005 Great Lakes Division Convention.

"We welcome Mark to the Ohio Section Cabinet," said SM Phillips. "He will be contacting clubs soon." Phillips thanked Mrs. Krukowski for her work the past three years as ACC but "being EC for one of our most important county ARES programs and organizing the 2005 Great Lakes Division Convention, she is hardly going on vacation." Mrs. Krukowski added, "Over the past three years. I have learned a lot about the Ohio clubs and have seen what great things the clubs have done for the amateur radio community. Mark will do a great job in this position. Again, thank you for the honor as being the ACC for the past three years."

Mr. Reising has been involved in ham radio since 1969. In the Cincinnati area since 1988, Mark has been most active with Queen City Emergency Net (QCEN) currently serving as president and is also currently serving as first vice-president of Greater Cincinnati ARA. He has a long list of ARES credits as well.

One of Mark's passions has been youth scouting. The last two years he took a leadership role installing a ham station at Camp Freidlander Boy Scout camp. In addition to the public service activities, he enjoys HF mobile operation.

House Passes Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act

Washington - Mar 11, 2004 - The House of Representatives approved the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004 by a vote of 391 to 22. This act, which modifies the Communications Act of 1934, increase the maximum fine for radio and TV indecency. The bill would raise the maximum fine for a broadcast license holder from \$27,500 to \$500,000. The fine for a performer would also increase from \$11,000 to \$500,000.

Decency has been a hot topic in the news lately, and opponents of the legislation feel that this action undermines free-speech rights. Clear Channel has already announced it will require its air talent to pay part of any indecency fines. AFTRA has opposed the Clear Channel move saying that the station licensees are responsible and that performers are following owners' mandates.

The Senate has a bill that will also raise fines to \$500,000. On March 9, the Senate Commerce Committee unanimously passed a bill to increase fines for broadcast indecency violations. The measure is listed as S. 2056. The Senate bill includes wording to direct the FCC to conduct a mandatory license revocation hearing after three indecency violations.

The House bill is listed as H.R. 3717.

To receive the Radio magazine Currents Online Weekly E-mail, go to:
<http://www.mailcubed.com/news/primedia/assent.asp?t=sub>

submitted by Chuck, N8NIR

Comment Period Opens For Restructuring Petition

In case this news hasn't already caught up with you, the FCC assigned the number RM-10867 to the ARRL restructuring petition and opened the comment period on it and three additional petitions by issuing a Public Notice earlier today. You can find Rm-10867 at

http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6516083735

To comment, go to: http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi insert the required information and enter your comment.

The other petitions listed in the Public Notice are identified as RM-10868 through RM-10870. The comment period is open for 30 days.

73, GL,

ARRL Great Lakes Division

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Will Shortwave Broadcasting Survive?

Recently Swiss Broadcasting announced it will end shortwave broadcasting at the end of 2004. Their transmissions have been a favorite of SWL's for many decades

Radio Denmark (relayed by Norway) has also ended SW programming, claiming that Danes living outside Denmark no longer are regular listeners.

Ireland (relayed by the BBC) is no longer broadcasting. The BBC itself has reduced its programs to North America, although it can be monitored on transmissions aimed at other areas.

Ken McCartney
KC8CCO -- SWL

The Ohio Section Journal

The Ohio Section Journal, a 12 - page journal published four times each year, is available for free download on the Web. The URL is <http://www.iarc.ws/Ohio%20Section/Section_journal.htm>.

The spring, 2004 issue is now available for downloading. It contains news about the section (New ACC, ARES upcoming annual conference, club news, 13th annual newsletter contest rules, happenings in Ohio).

There are also stories about changes in The Dayton Hamvention, listing of hamfests in Ohio, listing of ham radio exams throughout the state, reports from assistant section managers, and a lot more. The Ohio Section thanks Assistant Section Manager Ron Griffin, N8AEH, of Findlay who continues to edit this fact filled journal in his 19th year.

The web site with the OSJ is operated by Ohio Public Information Coordinator, Scott Yonally, N8SY, and the Inter City Amateur Radio Club of Mansfield.

New NM For Ohio Slow Net

Henry Koenig, WD8Q, of Mansfield, has been named Net Manager (NM) of the Ohio Slow Net (OSN) effective April 15. He succeeds Ken Buser, WB8KQJ, of Hinckley, who retired after 10 years of managing this net. The announcement was made by Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

The OSN, Ohio's longest continuing traffic net, currently passes traffic in CW at 3.708 MHz each day beginning at 6:10 p.m. (1810 local time; 2310 Zulu).

"Ken's leadership was outstanding in continuing this net in times difficult for a CW traffic net," said SM Phillips, "the Ohio Section thanks him for his excellent service."

New NM Koenig, a ham radio operator for 24 years, has served his local club, IRAC of Mansfield, in several capacities including President. His first OSN experience was January 2003 but quickly became a regular member and currently holds the Net Control Station slot on Tuesdays. He is active on the Buckeye nets and 8th Regional Net (8RN) and on phone, Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN). Henry's appointment to be NM was recommended by Ken. "There are more popular ham radio activities than a CW traffic net," said SM Phillips, "but this does not diminish the dedication and value to public service the OSN under Ken Buser and now Henry Koenig serves amateur radio. These amateurs contribute greatly to the strength of the Ohio Section."



Lots of good deals were on the tables at the 2004 TMRA Hamfest. Next year the 2005 Hamfest will take place on March 20. On March 19 the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn West on Reynolds Road. The Convention will draw Hams from Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky. More details on the Convention will be available soon.

*Next TMRA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, at the Electrical Industry Building.
Next LCARES meeting will be on Saturday, April 24, at St. Luke's Hospital, in the "Private Dining Room".*

March, 2004 TMRA VE Testing

It is my pleasure to announce the following upgrades from the March 13 Volunteer Exam Session at Maumee: Wayne Fast, KC8WCN, upgraded to Extra Class. John Jones, KC8THY, upgraded to General Class. Wayne and John are both from Toledo.

We also congratulate Harry Jung of Toledo and John A. Pace of Mount Gilead on becoming new Hams by passing the Technician Class test.

It was a very good test session in the enjoyable surroundings of our new testing site at Maumee Fire Station #2.

73
Ross, NS8C
Exam Team Liaison

TMRA Swap And Shop:

Current As Of April 2, 2004

For Sale:

Brian, WD8MXR 419-385-5624 KLM 14 ele 2m beam with instruction manual, assembled, never used - \$110.00
Color monitor, Dell 17" flat screen - \$45.00 (Date listed 3/7/04) ****

Matts, N8RMW 419-476-0882 Hy-Gain vertical antenna 10/15/20/40/80m #18-AVT/WB-8 with manual. Date listed 3/7/04) ****

The number of * following each listing is the number of times that it has been on the Sunday evening Net.

The Swap and Shop is a service of the TMRA, open to all amateurs or interested persons in the coverage area of the repeater.

To list items of Amateur Radio interest, check into the Net Sunday evenings after the TMRA Information Net on 147.27/87, or call me at 419-385-5624, or mail to my address, or leave a message for me on the TMRA packet BBS W8HHF, or if you see me in person, or to my e-mail bharrington@mco.edu

The TMRA reserves the right to decline to accept any listing. *Any descriptions of items listed are those of the person listing the item(s).* Items are kept on the Swap and Shop listing for a period of 4 weeks, i.e. 5 Sundays on the air - after which they are dropped from the list; renewals are welcome. Please notify me promptly when there is no longer a need to continue a listing.

When the TMRA Newsletter is published each month, the then current Swap and Shop listings are included the Newsletter. Prices are not mentioned over the air, but will be shown in the Newsletter

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April 2004

On April 25 one of our favorite public service events will take place. The Glass City Marathon, starts at 8:00 AM. For many area Hams, the Glass City Marathon was the first event they ever worked. Contact Bob, K8ADK, 419-382-2529 to volunteer. This is one of the best organized events of the year. The runners really appreciate the work of the volunteers who assure a safe event.

Check into the 7:30 PM TMRA Question and Answer net on Sunday night. Lots of good information. On the TMRA, 147.270+ repeater. TMRA Swap-N-Shop net follows at 8:30.

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TMRA W8HHF Repeaters; 29.680-, 147.270+, 224.140-, 442.850+ (TMRA 2 meter, 220, and 440 repeaters operate with a 103.5 "PL", or a touch-tone access code of 1-2-3) Please "ID" before using phone-patch.
(10 digit dialing, *up and #down)

TMRA W8HHF Packet BBS Frequencies 51.780, 145.690, 223.480, 441.060

The TMRA meets at 7:30 PM every second Wednesday in
The Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. Rossford, Ohio.

The TMRA information net meets every Sunday night at 8:30 PM, followed by the "Swap 'N-Shop" net on the linked 147.270+ and 442.850+ repeaters. All amateurs are invited to check-in. Voice Mail 419-535-6594