



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

I hope your summer is going well and you are staying cool. Unless you like the heat like I do, then things are just right. I also hope you've been using your radio privileges recently. You've had several opportunities in recent weeks. There was the ARRL Kid's Day event on June 19th during the day. Although there wasn't too much activity that I heard for the event itself (I think the twenty meter band was close to dead), I did make a contact with Kruno, 9A2OM in Croatia. That was something new for me, not having had too much experience on HF. Another opportunity presented itself on the 26th and 27th. You know, ARRL's Field Day, to be exact. I hope you got a chance to participate, even if it wasn't at our site located at the Wolcott house in Maumee. I'm sure there's more on that subject elsewhere in the 'Beacon'. And although the TMRA's Field Day event is now history, I think most who were there would say that it turned out to be a worthwhile undertaking. Also, just a day or so ago, I helped out by volunteering for the Toledo Fireworks Display backup communication project, for a lack of a better name to give it. It was nice to participate with the event and make use of the radio frequencies allocated for our purpose. And it was easy work too! Plus I got fed! You can't hardly go wrong.



TMRA President Tom, KB8PAI, operates on Field Day.

kb8fxj photo

Speaking of food and getting fed... I haven't heard anything about someone who would be willing to be the chairperson for the club's picnic. So, if someone doesn't speak up, I guess the Executive Committee will have no choice but to table the matter and cancel the event until further notice. Sad to say that it may come to this, but getting more people to volunteer is getting harder every year.

And getting volunteers is just what Dave Robichaux, K5EYP will be looking to make his priority. Dave has taken on the task of being the Project Chairperson for ARES. And though, as much as I hate to resort to using this phrase: Thanks Dave, for 'stepping up to the plate!' Maybe your example will motivate the rest of us. Help Dave out and make his job easier by volunteering to chair an event, or just offer to help in whatever way you can. Even if you want to 'get your feet wet' and tag along with someone who is more experienced, just get out there and do it. With as many amateurs as we have in the area, there is no reason why we should

have to struggle to fill all of the positions for the various events that we are asked to take on. The community relies on us to help when called upon. Let's show them that we can do the job, otherwise they may find that we aren't deserving of our privileges.

I hope you enjoy and make the most of this time of the year. It is about the middle of the season for hamfests, projects, and of course, storms and severe weather. All involving some aspect of Amateur Radio. Think about how you can participate and make us deserving of our privileges, or at the very least, shed a good light on this hobby that we all enjoy to the 'outside world'.

Keep in mind that we may try to have another club event station for the Ohio QSO Party coming at the end of August. It may conflict with the Toledo Air Show, so it may not work out. More details to come.

73 de KB8PAI

Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman

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Field Day Hurrah

Field day 2004 was in my opinion a great success. We had a good turn out of club members and visitors. The weather was perfect! The temperature was always comfortable. The curator of the Wolcott House was pleased as well with their book sale that took place alongside field day.

We set up in a different location on the grounds this year. Many approved because it was closer to the facilities. The clubs tent acted as a shelter for the Get On The Air Station run by KC8TVW. It also housed Brian, WD8MXR and his 15 meter station and James, WD8IOL who had a variety of portable antennas. Chuck, N8NIR and Lynn had the comfort of their camper working 20 meter phone. They had it set up between the log cabin and the railroad depot with a 20 meter dipole strung between a portable pole on the camper and a distant tree.



Steve, W8TER, enjoys Field Day.

kc8tvw photo

Chuck, KB8FXJ and Brenda, KB8IUP were set up behind the log cabin in the portable camper working PSK 31. (if you have not experienced this mode, talk to me or Chuck.) I myself was set up in the clubs tent with my newly acquired rig from Dayton connected to a G5RV neatly strung, by use of a sling shot fired by none other than sharpshooter James, WD8IOL, between the church belfry and a nearby tree. I was operating pretty much whatever I wanted and worked everything I could hear. I ended up stealing some contacts from others on the field day site. Hey, I'm the field day chairman. I work hard and deserve a little fun. Tom, KB8PAI our Pres. was also set up in the club tent working 2 meter single side band and using an arm strong rotor. He had several successful contacts and I only stole a couple from him. (I think I stole a couple from just about everybody) As I so blatantly insist on repeating, this is an operating event, not a contest. The main idea was to have as much fun as we could by making contacts and checking out the equipment.



Welcome to the 2004 TMRA Field Day site.

kb8fxj photo

We set up the tent and strung some antennas on Friday. Also set some signs out to help people find the place. If you could not find us it was because nobody was monitoring the repeaters. Sorry about that but there just wasn't enough of us to handle that.

Saturday morning started the fourth full weekend of the month of June. Funny how that almost always seems to fall on the fourth Saturday of the month, which happens to be the Saturday for the LCARES meeting. What a coincidence. Well, instead of moving field day to the meeting place of LCARES, we opted to move the LCARES meeting to the field day site. There was a

nice turn out for the LCARES meeting and we shared donuts, coffee and information. The meeting lasted most of the morning and was over before all the donuts were gone. (A side bar here. If you have not gotten involved with LCARES and wish to, Contact me 419-893-1177 or Brenda, KB8IUP 419-866-5928. It is becoming very organized and there is much to learn. That is another story).



As field day began we were visited by a local dignitary, John Jezak , City of Maumee Safety Director, who came on an invitation from the field day committee. His visit was worth 100 points for field day. Steve, KC8TVW entertained him with a bit of "ham" conversation at the Get On The Air station. Several new hams came and participated and we hope that the Get On The Air Station has given them a little inspiration to become the best amateur radio operators they can be.

A special thanks to all who came and took part in this field day. One of my goals was to get as many to come out to the site and just check it out. It is always great to see the hams of the area get together especially on an occasion where we have an opportunity to operate, even just a little.

The PSK-31 station made almost 90 contacts on the 15, 20 & 40 meter bands

kb8fxj photo

Thanks to all who setup, tore down, cooked food and helped in anyway to make work little and fun important. I'm looking forward to next year.

73

Steve Bellner, W8TER
Field Day Chair

LCARES 4th of July Operation

On Sunday night, (July 4th) Amateur Radio operators were stationed at most of the Toledo Fire Stations as part of the contingency plan for the fireworks show. Amateurs were also stationed at the Unified Command Post and the Lucas County Communications Center.

Thank You to: Pat, KC8WQU; Mike, WA8SYD; James, WD8IOL; Dave, K5EYP; Rick, K8RKS; Nick, AF8CS; Rita, WB8FBG; Bill, WN8RUG; Bob, N8WBG; Tom, KB8PAI; Ed, WA8BHO; Chris, KC8UFV; Paul, K8PL; Chuck, KC8WLU; Becky, KC8ZNX; Bob, K8ADK; Martha, K8AAC; Chris, N8WGB and Chuck KB8FXJ for providing this valuable community service.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services works when you volunteer. Please participate in the upcoming ARES events.

Brenda, KB8IUP
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TMRA SWAP AND SHOP:

CURRENT AS OF July 7, 2004

FOR SALE:

BEN, N8JUD 419-893-2937 Butternut 10-80m vertical antenna - \$125.00. Butternut 2m antenna - \$40.00. Cliff Dweller 80m antenna - \$100.00. Date renewed 6/27/04. *

STEVE, W8TER 419-893-9106 or w8ter@arrl.net Cushcraft 2m Ringo Ranger antenna #ARX-2b - \$10.00 LDG model AT-11MP autotuner, handles up to 150w - \$100.00 30ft collapsible mast (TMRA's) - \$10.00 Date listed 7/6/04

LOOKING FOR:

ED WA8BHO 419-474-8046 Information on counterpoise for GAP antenna. Date listed 6/20/04 **

JIM WD8IOL wd8iol@arrl.net Software, or copy of, for AEA 232MBX pakrat. Date listed 6/27/04 *

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 .

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73 Brian WD8MXR

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July 2004

Next TMRA meeting on July 14.

Coming Events

Bowling Green Hamfest Sunday July 11. Wood Co. Fairgrounds.

To sign up for the "Ohio - Michigan Run" on July 25, call Chris, KC8UFV, at 7292302.

August 7, Mad Anthony Wayne Bike Tour. Call Scott, KC8BHV, at 6628082.

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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