



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

I have some news this month... some bad, some good, and the usual ramblings that I always have.

Bad: As some of you may have heard, our Public Information Officer (PIO) Paul Hanslik, N8XDB has resigned due to a conflict with his work schedule. I would like to thank Paul for his years of service to the club in that capacity. Now, some Good news: I have found a willing volunteer to take up the task (actually a couple of them). So, I will announce that I have appointed Patti Bellner, KC8AKT, to take on the duties of PIO. Also volunteering as an assistant is Steve Stalker, KC8TVW. Thanks go out to both of them also, for their willingness to promote the club, and ham radio. So if you have anything that you think the club should be publicizing, let one of them know so they can get the word out! Or, if you know of some new contacts in the 'media' world, I'm sure Patti or Steve would be happy to get the information from you.

Now though, more on the 'bad' news front: Our current webmaster, Corey Ferguson, KC8HQG, has also informed me that due to his new job and a limited amount of free time to devote to the TMRA's website, that he will also have to resign. I would also like to express my appreciation to Corey for his many efforts with the website responsibilities to this point. So with this unfortunate news, the position of webmaster is currently vacant. But, I don't think it will be for very long (...more Good news). I've got a couple of individuals who have expressed interest in helping out, so I just need to decide on the next course of action. I'm thinking that due to the amount of time and effort required to keep the website up to date and 'fresh', that I will be putting a small website committee together to work on this project. I hope that this will also serve to keep the website as a great representation of our club to the rest of the world, and as a useful benefit to our members who 'surf the web'. Since the news of Corey's resignation, I've been informed of some ideas for our website that are in the early stages, that may make it an even better place to visit during your 'virtual' travels. If you have any suggestions for the website, please make them known either in an e-mail to me, or on the contact form page of the website itself. It is still being checked for messages, and all ideas are welcome and encouraged.



2004 Dayton Hamvention concludes with prize drawings.

Now on to the 'ramblings', I mean, on the membership front: We currently stand (or sit, if you prefer) at 202 members, with the latest batch of late renewals. And take note: If you're reading this off of the internet and you didn't get your own personal copy of the 'Beacon', then that would probably mean that you didn't renew your membership. Shame on you! Check with me and I'll be glad to look into the status of your membership, and let you know that you should renew!

The annual Granddaddy of all hamfests has now passed us for yet another year. I hope that if you went, that you had as good of a time as I did. And I didn't hardly even get out to the flea market! Yes, unfortunately it rained on our parade, I mean our

Saturday trip. But, it didn't seem to dampen many spirits. I just chose not to go outside. But there was, as usual, so much to see inside that I kept myself plenty occupied, but possibly not 'out of trouble' (that's no fun). I think it was, and always will be, an event that all hams should experience at least once in their lives. Plan now to attend and to take the bus down with us next year!

And speaking of an event that everyone should experience... Field Day is coming up real soon. Make plans to check out what we've got going on... whatever it may be!

And even more rambling... but yet, very important rambling. The club is in need of someone to chair the picnic. I will bring this up at the next general meeting too, but if no one wants to take charge of this club event, then we may decide to not have the picnic. The choice is really up to you, the members. So, let me know what you think of this issue.

And finally, to let you know that June's executive committee meeting will be held at the Bay View Yacht Club.

73 de KB8PAI
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman
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Field Day

June 26th and 27th

As you may have heard field day is this month! I am in the process of putting together some last minute things and getting a list of participants.

I need help setting up at the Wolcott House Museum (River Road) on Friday at 12:00 noon and Saturday at 8:00 AM. If you can help please show up then or call me at 419-893-1177 or 419-893-9106.

ARES will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday at 9:00 AM at the field day site.

I have taken the opportunity to invite TRAC to our field day. They are very instrumental in maintaining some very important repeaters around town. Most of their members are interested in EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

Field day is all about emergency communications and our ability to setup and operate in less than ideal conditions. I hope that those who attend would bring ideas and experience to share. I for one am always interested in innovative communications techniques.

The only contesting will be by choice. If you wish to work as many stations as you can then, go for it! We ask that you keep a log of your contacts so that we may send them into ARRL. I will be analyzing my station and trying to come up with ways to make myself even more efficient. I will be also attending the GOTA station along with KC8TVW and some others. If you wish you can come and chat with us and participate in the fun of showing off what amateur radio is about.

OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

ARES

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.

Tell your buddy about field day. If you want to participate call me so I can get you on the list. If you don't have any equipment, we will be set up with the GOTA station so you can operate. We can supply ample power from two 6500w portable generators and we will have some food too. The food will be submarine sandwiches for Saturday afternoon and hotdogs, soda pop, and popcorn for Saturday evening. If you want anything extra you will have to supply it yourself. You will be on your own for Sunday breakfast. There are restaurants close by so you can eat in or carry out. There is a refrigerator and we will have a grill. There are also indoor facilities. That is one nice thing about the Wolcott House site.

Camping all night is encouraged but you don't have to. You can leave your gear setup and come back Sunday morning. Someone will be at the site the entire time. If you don't know where field day is being held, you can contact me or give a call on the 147.270 repeater. Most of you are familiar with the caboose and boxcar located in Maumee. Well, it just so happens that is where field day is going to be held.

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody there even if it is just to stop and check things out.

73
Steve, w8ter

OHIO Section News Highlights

June-04

June Section News - This is Field Day month (June 26-27). Yes, have fun, get caught up in a high score, eat well and get new hams excited with the GOTA station. But remember the first objective is to practice our message handling skills and put these skills on public display. Also remember these important facts: (1) CW and Digital contacts are two points each and ORP (5W) contacts are five; (2) Deadline for getting your entry postmarked is July 27; (3) read all the rules at <www.arrl.org/contests>. and (4) new this year - ability to file on-line. The form is at <www.b4h.net/cabforms/>.

The West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA (Butler County - Voice of America) will run a special events station beginning 8 a.m. Sunday, June 6 until 5 p.m. or longer if traffic permits. This is, of course, the 60th Anniversary of the 1944 Normandy Invasion (better known as D-Day). Freqs: SSB 28.305, 21.305, 14.275, and 7.275 CW up 35 kHz from lower band edge: 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters.

Ohio Section Net News - Henry Koenig, WD8Q, of Mansfield, is the new Net Manager (NM) of the Ohio Slow Net (OSN). He succeeds Ken Buser, WB8KQJ, of Hinckley, who retired after 10 years of managing this net. 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). "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."

Remember the Ohio QSO Party is coming up in August, Make your plans now.

Ohio Section June Hamfests... (Sunday-13) Fulton County ARC in Wauseon (west of Toledo); For more information, see <www.fcarc.8m.com> or E-mail: <fcarc@hotmail.com> and (Saturday-19) the Milford ARC, in Milford. For more information, E-mail <kb8snh@cs.com>.

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Next TMRA meeting on June 9.

Coming Events

June 13, Fulton County ARC Hamfest.

June 20, Maumee Bay Tri-Athlon. Radio ops needed.

To sign up for the "Ohio - Michigan Run" in July, call Chris, KC8UFV, at 7292303.

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

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TMRA Home Page www.tmrahamradio.org Webmaster, Corey, KC8HQQ

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