



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association is an ARRL Special Services Club Serving Northwest Ohio Since 1953



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## The Prez Sez:

Well it is that time of year again where I am obligated to remind all members and other readers of this fine newsletter that the membership year will soon be ending for 2004. We will now be accepting applications / membership renewals for 2005. Please find the enclosed application form and send it in with the required dues to continue to receive the newsletter and related benefits of membership. Those members that renew before December 31st will be entered into a drawing for a free membership for the year 2006, so don't delay! Our two lucky winners of a free membership for this upcoming year were: James, WD8MOQ and Bob, WD8OJK. This next year it could be you! There are a couple of stipulations though (you know there are always strings attached!) But seriously, two simple rules: (1) You must get the application in to me before the end of this year and (2) If you are eligible for a complimentary membership (70 +), then you can't win the free membership because you are already getting one! Why would you need to win? If you aren't sure if you qualify for this benefit, just ask and I will be glad to check on your eligibility.

There will be another application form next month for those people who seem to always lose the first ones we mail out. If you don't lose this one, and manage to get it to me, please give the one you receive next month to a friend, or get it back to me... and I'll give it to your friend later!

One of my duties as President is to appoint members to a Technical Committee, an Equipment Manager, and Control Operators. I have spoken to the existing volunteers and most have expressed their continued interest in their respective positions. The Technical Committee thus consists of: Mark, WB8OET current Chairperson; Chuck, N8NIR; Chuck KB8FXJ; Jerry, WJ8E; Larry, WD8PKI; Dave, KB8EH; Steve, N8XSF; Bill, KA8BFT; Mike, WA8SYD; and myself ex officio, as President. Brian Harrington, WD8MXR is continuing in the position of Equipment Manager and thus is also an ex officio member of the Technical Committee.

That leaves me to appoint the group of Control Operators for the Club's repeaters. This group is staying the same and consists of: Mark, WB8OET; Chuck, N8NIR; Brian, WD8MXR; Chuck, KB8FXJ; Paul, N8XDB; Bill, KA8BFT; Jim, KC8BAA; Steve, W8TER; and myself, KB8PAI.

Mark, WB8OET is also the Station License Custodian for W8HHF, until the license expiration on August 7, 2007.

Next month when you read this newsletter we will probably have a new Trustee. I will make the announcement in The Beacon after that person is voted-in by the membership at the next General Meeting.

Keep in mind the Club's Christmas party is just around the corner. Let's hope that the commonly associated Winter snow isn't.

73 de KB8PAI

Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman

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## Severson Award - Ohio

CW Specialist, Joyce Judy, KD8HB, Is 2004 Severson Winner

Joyce Judy, KD8HB, well known for her work in CW and Ohio traffic handling, is the 11th winner of the Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award. Joyce, a former Ohio Section Traffic Manager, received the award from Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

The Ohio Ham of the Year is named for former ARRL Leader Severson, AB8P, (SK) of Lakewood, OH who died in 1997.

A traffic handling specialist, both on phone and CW, Joyce was net manager of the Ohio Sunrise Slow Net (as it was known as then), rising to the office of net manager of the Buckeye Net Late. SM David Kersten, N8AUH, appointed her Ohio Section Traffic Manager from February 10, 1992, to August 15, 1997, when she had to resign for personal reasons. But she never stopped daily traffic handling as she is now active as net control and liaison on both Ohio Section and Eighth Region CW nets.

"It is not a resume for which Joyce qualifies for this honor but her daily spirit and manner she takes in traffic handling," said SM Phillips, "it is a spirit which causes everyone to do more and do better for ham radio - the same special spirit that Al (Severson) had demonstrated daily."

Among awards, Joyce has achieved the OSSBN merit award twice (for 1989 and 1997) and was recently awarded membership in the ARRL A-1 Operator Club

But her biggest ham radio triumph is her standing as a County Hunter. Joyce and her husband travel frequently to "run" counties, as she calls it. That and many state QSO parties and County Hunter CW contests. Her logs only go to the county Hunter Contest.

The Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award was originally the Ohio Ham of the Year award begun in 1992 by then PIC Joe Phillips, K8QOE.



The award was later renamed for the late Al Severson, AB8P (SK) in 1999 when Mr. Phillips became Section Manager. Each award certificate contains the line "The Dedication of Allan Severson to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership." Winners previous to 1999 have been offered new certificates to reflect the change.

Joyce Judy, KD8HB, accepts the Severson award certificate at the Ohio Section Conference from Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

(ARRL Photo By Scott Yonally, N8SY.)

## OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

### ARES

Lucas County Amateur Radio  
Emergency Service meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

**SARA** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at The Big Boy Restaurant, 1402 Reynolds Road, Maumee. (next to Hampton-Inn hotel ) Contact Paul Lentz, K8PL, 419-882-5906. Or email, [plentzk8pl@juno.com](mailto:plentzk8pl@juno.com)

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

## TMRA Nets

A good time to tune your radio to the 147.270 repeater is Sunday evenings. The Toledo Mobile Radio Association has, at present, three nets; the Question and Answer net, the Information net and the Swap and Shoppe net.

The *Question and Answer Net* is every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. This is an open net. The net controls are members of TMRA. This net is open to all amateurs. You do not have to be a member of TMRA to participate.

The first portion is a brief CW lesson that lasts about five minutes. We want to encourage hams to learn CW so they not only upgrade their license but also understand all modes of communications and the fun that there is in communicating. You are not required to learn CW but if you give it a try, you might be surprised at how easy it really is once you understand it.

The second portion of this net lasts the rest of the hour and its purpose is to help those who are interested in radio as a hobby, and to understand what the functions of amateur radio are. "Elmering" is just as much a part of ham radio as talking on the air and TMRA wants to promote amateur radio so that it can be an enjoyable hobby that can be shared with others. This net is a good opportunity to ask questions about anything that relates to radio, electronics or other associated topics. No question will be ignored and we encourage new hams to ask many questions. We try to cover as much as we can but if there is something that you are wondering about, bring it to the net. One of the reasons the net controls like to do this net is because they get to learn as well.

The *Information Net* is every Sunday evening at 8:30 P.M. Net controls are members of TMRA. This net is open to all amateurs. This is an open net. You do not have to be a member of TMRA to participate.

The purpose of this net is to share information about the events and participation of amateur radio activity through the week. This is where we can be reminded about the upcoming events such as the general meeting or ARES meetings and to share with others our experiences of the past events or programs that we have participated in. This is also a good net to just check in and say "Hi, I'm listening". We encourage all stations to check in and participate even if you just want to let us know you made it through another week.

The *Swap and Shoppe Net* is Every Sunday evening immediately following the information net. Net controls are members of TMRA. This net is open to all amateurs and is a directed net. You do not have to be a member of TMRA to participate.

The purpose of this net is to provide a listing of items that people are selling, looking for, or giving away. These items are usually of an electronic and or radio nature dealing with amateur radio. Prices are not mentioned on the air however, if the net control knows the price it can be listed in the newsletter that TMRA provides every month. They can also be viewed on the TMRA web site.

If you would like to learn how to be a net control, we are always looking for people to perform this task. These nets are a perfect place to learn and make mistakes. Just contact us at and let us know you are interested.

Steve, W8TER

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## ARRL GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION MARCH 19, 2005

The Great Lakes Division Convention, sponsored by the Toledo Mobile Radio Association, will be held on Saturday (March 19 for Convention) at the Holiday Day Inn - West, 2340 South Reynolds Rd., Toledo and on Sunday (March 20 for Hamfest at the Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key St., Maumee, OH (5 min. from convention). Doors open for the Convention Saturday at 11:00 a.m.; hamfest Sunday at 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. VE testing will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Convention (March 19). Seminars at the convention begin at noon. There are seven seminars to choose from. These will be followed by the banquet (6:00 p.m.) featuring Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. Wayne Mills, N7NG, ARRL Membership Services Department, will be presenting a seminar on Dxing; Wouff Hong ceremony (Saturday) 20 minutes after the banquet concludes. Convention is \$55.00 (includes hamfest ticket). Tables are \$20 (regular), \$25 (wall). Hamfest forum 9:00 a.m., Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. For convention information contact Jeanie Dalton, KB8QLC, 859-245-7703, ([kb8qlc@arrl.net](mailto:kb8qlc@arrl.net)), Hamfest information, Brian Harrington, WD8MXR, P.O. Box 9673, Toledo, OH 43697-9573 or [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org). Any questions contact Brenda, KB8IUP at [kb8iup@arrl.net](mailto:kb8iup@arrl.net).

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President, Tom, KB8PAI; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, Pat, KC8WQU;

Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Patti, KC8AKT.

Board Members: Dave, KB8EH; Ed, WA8BHO; Scott, N8BIR; Brian, WD8MXR; Howard, N8NEE.

TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org) Webmaster, Becky, KC8ZNX.

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 Q & A net meets every Sunday night at 7:30 PM, followed by the TMRA "Information & Swap 'N-Shop" net at 8:30 on the 147.270+ repeater. All amateurs are invited to check-in. *TMRA Voice Mail 419-535-6594*

