



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

For those that are familiar with our General Meetings... we had an interesting experience at the last meeting. It seems that we were locked out of our usual meeting place; the Electrical Industry Building. I understand that it was some mix-up with the keys and security, through no fault of ours. Well that was one heck of a way to throw a wrench into matters. Thanks to Mike, WA8SYD for procuring another meeting space within the Local 8's training center, and saving the meeting. I think we will have all the bugs worked out for next month, and I invite all members and guests to attend the event, hopefully without quite so much excitement (at least the unexpected kind.)

I need to thank to Steve, KC8TVW for volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee with Dave, KB8EH. Hopefully the slate of nominees will be full (to make their task easier) and we won't have to beg anyone to be an officer. If you might be interested in running for an office, let one of us know. I think it would be safe to say that any one of the officers or Nominating Committee persons would be glad to explain what the responsibilities of each office consists of. The Club's By-Laws spell some of that information out, too. We will need to have a slate of candidates ready for the August meeting, so please consider participating in this democratic process.

Thanks also go to Brenda, KB8IUP for volunteering to head-up the Picnic Committee. It is scheduled for August the 27th, and you should have all the RSVP and other information in this issue of the newsletter. I hope everyone will plan to attend. This is also the date of the Ohio QSO party. I am planning to operate from the picnic site, so if anyone else would like to do so, let me know and we'll coordinate the plan.

Time to get out the old soapbox for a moment. I'm sure I'm not the only member who would like to see some more 'content' in this newsletter (no offense to those that have contributed, or to the editors). But, let's face it, we need more than just two or three members to write all of the articles for the whole year. Have an idea? Jot it down. Have a suggestion? Pass it along to the editors. Chuck and Brenda do a remarkable job with what they have to work with. Can't we make 'our' newsletter better, and in turn, make it easier for them to manage? The editor's can't continually do it all by themselves. Heck, even letters to the editor complaining about the Club's president could be interesting! I hear there are a few persons out there who are interested in RC airplanes and fishing for example?. I encourage you all to enlighten us in your other interests.

On a brighter note: Check out the ARRL soapbox webpage. (You gotta admit, that turned out to be a pretty cool segue.) You can find it at www.arrl.org (you should know that!) Then click on operating activities, contests, then soapbox. Select the contest (Field Day 2005, of course) and this should bring you to pages of submissions from groups like ours that wanted to share their Field Day experiences. You can search for the club's callsign W8HHF (something else you should know!) This should take you right there to our listing. If they didn't edit my smart-aleck remarks, you can share in our experience. I think we did good and I'm pretty certain we had fun!

73 de KB8PAI,
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman
kb8pai@arrl.net

2005 Ohio QSO Party Announcement

The 2005 running of the Ohio QSO Party will be Saturday, August 27. It goes from noon to midnight, EDT. Activity will be on the HF bands, 10 through 80 meters, CW and SSB.

Stations inside Ohio can work anyone, anywhere. Stations outside of Ohio (anywhere in the world, and yes, we do get entrants from Europe) can only work stations in Ohio -- so we Buckeyes are the hunted, not the hunters for a change!

There are numerous awards (certificates and plaques) available -- including a club competition. To date, these are the sponsored plaques, available to the top scorers in each category:

Ohio Single Operator High Power, Ohio Single Operator Low Power, Ohio Single Operator QRP, Ohio Single Operator Phone, Out of State Single Operator High Power, Out of State Single Operator Low Power, Out of State Single Operator QRP, Single Operator DX, Ohio Multi Operator, Ohio Mobile, Ohio Club, and YL

The OQP Organizing Committee is hoping that Ohio hams are making plans to be active, whether from home, camp or mobile in the Ohio countryside. The OQP Committee's annual goal is to have all 88 counties on the air. There will be plenty of activity for all 12 hours. Operate for a short time or the whole contest period -- whatever suits your time budget.

Full details are on the official OQP web site, <http://www.oqp.us>.

Past scores, a "Quick Start Guide" to the OQP, logging software information, paper forms and operating aids, and a regularly updated page showing planned activity, county by county, are all there for you.

For the latest OQP information, there is also an e-mail reflector. You can sign up for it on the OQP Web Site.

If you have any questions, they may be directed to af8a@arrl.net or jimk8mr@aol.com.

We hope you'll join in the fun of the 2005 Ohio QSO Party, Saturday August 27!

For the Ohio QSO Party Committee

73 de Gary, AF8A

Ohio Section Clubs Are On The Move!!

What enthusiasm we have here in the Ohio Section with our Clubs! What participation! Field Day produced lots of "traffic handling" many, many, messages were sent to Section Leaders like myself during this event.

Club newsletters I have been receiving mention the many "public service events" they are participating in this year, the "coffee-breaks" are another service many clubs across the Section have been more active in during the holiday weekends.

My calendar for July is "filled up" with requests for visits and presentations. I have two dates already scheduled in August. As I said Ohio Section Clubs are on the MOVE. More club officers are filing their Club annual

report form, the club affiliation renewals are on the upswing, and club re-activations of affiliation have drawn more interest just in the last few months.

Congratulations to Western Reserve Emergency Communications Service Club! This Club has just recently become an Ohio ARRL Affiliated Club. The ARRL Executive Committee has approved this club's application for affiliation. And now this club joins the many other Ohio Section Clubs as a duly affiliated society. AND one of the proud duties of mine is to present this Club with the "charter" of affiliation.

Remember to have your Club Secretary check the club records for renewal dates. These are most important. Keep the clubs here in Ohio, On The Move! I am "working" with several clubs now to obtain their Special Service Club status. Clubs that are not SSC's can check the ARRL Web site for information about how to obtain this Club Status. Remember I am always here to assist!

If you need a speaker for one of your club meetings, feel free to contact an Ohio Section Cabinet Member (the Ohio Section Journal) has a full list of Cabinet members available to meet your needs. If your Club is not receiving the OSJ, contact me and I will get your Club on the mailing list.

Support all Ohio Section Hamfests and activities. Keep Our Clubs on the move. Invite friends and neighbors to your meetings and activities. Make the Ohio Section stand out front, keep us on the move!

Maybe the next edition of this Monthly will contain your Club's name.
Best 73, Joanne, KJ3O

From the Section News (Ohio Section) for August, 2005

My Gray Towel

The color of my little pickup truck is black. The interior is dark gray. I have mounted my Icom 2720 on the hump in front of the seat. It is in a slide mount incase I need to remove it for use elsewhere. My previous vehicle was similar but I had to mount my rig on the glove box using an improvised mechanism so I could remove it for external use.

With every vehicle there seems to be a different way of mounting the rig. Now with the new and versatile rigs that allow installation under the seat and elsewhere, it makes it easy to set your station up in the car or truck.

Recently I have heard of some unfortunate incidents that have happened to hams. Mainly this involved someone breaking into his or her vehicle and stealing the rig. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There is no way you can stop some body from breaking into your vehicle if they want to. But, if they don't have a reason to break in then the chances of that happening goes way down.

I do not like taking my radio out of the car unless I have to. It gets to be a hassle and if I'm just going into the store for a half hour then it almost seems like it is not worth taking it out. After all I'll be right back just as soon as I check out all the neat tools and stuff that happen to be in the center isle of my favorite store.

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, KC8HQH, 419-874-2173.

QCWA Chapter 142, meets on the 2nd 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, pelentzk8pl@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.

Unfortunately it only takes less than 5 minutes for some one to spot the antenna on my car pull up to it, open my car door, with or without a key, and remove the radio.

How do they know there is a radio in there? They first see the antenna, and then they look through the window and see it mounted there under the dash or maybe on the dash, or my handie talkie is just lying on the seat next to my cell phone. Woo Hoo! The culprits now know what I have and how easy it will be to acquire it. Yes, the culprits know exactly where and what I have. But what if they looked through the window and saw no radio? They saw no evidence of anything worthwhile to acquire. Do they really want to take the time and chance of getting caught for nothing? Maybe I took the rig and put it in the trunk. Maybe I didn't bring it with me this time. Maybe I have it in the house. Pretty chancy to break in for something that might not be in there. After all, most crooks are crooks because they are too lazy to work and when they do work don't want to work too hard and find out it was for nothing.

Of course we always lock our doors but sometimes I forget. One of the tactics of criminals is to walk around and look in cars though the windows. If they see something they think might be of value, like a cell phone, it is then they will go to work. I don't know about you but most non-hams think my handie talkie is a cell phone.

I keep a gray towel in the front seat of my car. Before I go into the store I place the towel over my rig camouflaging it from criminal eyes. They don't know what I have under there and therefore cannot decide if trying to obtain it would be worth their time or trouble. Since they are lazy and don't want to do more than they have to they won't think twice about it and will move on to an easier target. The theory behind this is: If they can't see it, they won't waste their time trying to get it.

Nothing is fool proof. There is no guarantee that you won't get vandalized but a simple ounce of prevention will increase your odds of being passed by.

Serial numbers on the rigs can only be traced if you are able to provide that information to the investigators of a crime. I have made a habit of writing the serial number and all the important information on the front page of the manual so that if something should happen then I have that information readily available.

Be careful out there. I know that we do all we can to prevent things from happening but as always, there are no guarantees.

Steve, w8ter

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration:

Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday, August 1, at 1201 AM EDT and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the August 6-7 weekend--whichever comes first. Class begins Friday, August 19. Thanks to the United Technologies Corporation (UTC), the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed to students who complete the course requirements and are upgraded by their mentor to "Passed" within the 8-week course period. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

TMRA Swap And Shop:

Current as of July 25, 2005

For Sale:

Steve, W8TER 419-893-1177 or w8ter@arrl.net. - Time wave DSP audio filter #599ZX with manual, in box, hardly used. Dentronic tuner #1500 with manual, very little use.

Doug, N8WWM on 224.54 rpt or fiftymegs@juno.com - Alliance HD73 rotor gone through by CATS and used only 3 months afterwards, with 100ft rotor cable \$150.00.

Ed, WA8BHO 419-474-8046 - Icom 2m HT #IC-V8 still in the box, ordered but not needed make offer.

Gene, AA8MI 419-878-9160 or cepjop422@earthlink.net - Lots of Collins designed R-390A military rcvr stuff - 2 complete R-390As with meters, one works, one needs work - plus extra RF, IF, AF and PS subchassis, extra tubes (including: rectifiers and current regulators), connectors, panels, knobs and schematics for R-390As. Also want to sell a hefty homemade rack for holding 2 R-390As. Can be seen in Perrysburg - contact Gene for appointment.

Kevin, KC8AZX 419-944-4934 - Heathkit HF 100W tcvr # SB1400 with matching PS/Spkr, HK ant tuner, HK SWR/Wattmeter, and manuals - \$500.00. Icom 2-6-HF all mode tcvr # IC746 - \$700.00. Yaesu triband HT # VX7R with charger and manual - \$150.00.

Free For The Taking:

Doug, N8WWM 224.54 rpt or fiftymegs@juno.com - Hundreds of 73 magazines from 1960s to last issue.

Looking For:

Mike, WA8SYD 419-726-9870 Information on the AOR model AR501 telegraph terminal.

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 the 147.270+ repeater, 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

73 Brian WD8MXR

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OHIO Section August Hamfests -

Aug 6 -Ham "OH" Rama -Voice of Aladdin ARC. (Columbus) For more information see < <http://www.qsl.net/w8fez> > or contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ; Phone: 614-846-7790 or Email: kb8kpj@arrl.net

Aug 13 -Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, (Lima) at Fair Radio Sales. For more information go to: <www.nworarc.org>

Aug 21 -Warren Amateur Radio Association at Kent State; Trumbull County Branch: For more info, see: < <http://w8vtd.org/> > or contact Richard E. Bell, KC8TAP; Phone: 330-898-6539 or Email: kc8tap@neo.rr.com

Aug 27 -Portsmouth Radio Club. For more info, contact: Kim Lozier, N8ZW, Phone: 740-456-1616 or Email: n8zw@frognet.net

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TMRA Home Page 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*