



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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## The Prez Sez:

Hello again everyone, I hope your holidays went well and were jolly, and that you got that RF related item you were hoping for. As it turns out, we ended up with plenty of white stuff for Santa to make sure he had an easy time making the rounds, at least in our 'neck of the woods'. We're just about out of the 'holiday recess' and will be back to business as usual before you know it!

I think those that were in attendance for the TMRA's annual Christmas Party would agree that it was festive and that a good time was had by all, and they would recommend that you make sure to attend next year. Thanks to Sally, KA8NNM and her crew for another fine celebration of the season. We ended up with about the same number of folks that we get to an average meeting, though it would've been no problem to make room for more, for sure.

Several months ago I let you know that we had a new PIO (Public Information Officer) for the club, Patti, KC8AKT. Unfortunately, she has had to resign this post due to a lack of time and a new job, so I am now naming Steve, KC8TVW to this position. It was an easy choice, because Steve had made his willingness to help out in this capacity known earlier, and essentially was a 'co-chair' of the PIO position helping Patti with the task. So he is 'stepping-up' to take full charge of the responsibilities, and we've already put him to work on the Hamfest and Convention flyers that will be mailed out soon. Thanks for your continued support of the club Steve.

Keep in mind and mark on those new calendars the two most important dates of this next year: The March 19th GLD convention, and the March 20th Hamfest. We will need all the bodies and hands that go with them (read 'volunteers') in all aspects of hosting these hopefully successful events. I know that if we can all work together for the 'cause', then we will have no problem with achieving success.

Elsewhere in this issue of the 'Beacon' you will find the most recently proposed version of the By-Laws, submitted by the 'Review Committee'. Please peruse the proposed changes and let someone on the Committee know if you have a question regarding them. We should be voting on this important business soon at an upcoming General meeting.

Sadly, I must make the notification of a member who became a silent key. Kenyon Golding, KA4HWD, passed away in early December. He was a member for at least a few years, possibly before my time as Membership Chairman. More recently, he couldn't participate in much of an active roll in the club, I believe, mostly due to limited transportation. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with him a few times in regards to membership and also Swap 'n Shop dealings, and I must say he was a very nice and respectable 'old timer' to get to know, even briefly, and I know he will be missed.

73 de KB8PAI

Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman

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## Weaver's Words -- Happy New Year 2005 Edition

### *New Year's Resolutions*

If you are reading this newsletter, you definitely are interested in Amateur Radio. Why not, therefore, make a New Year's Resolution to do something to benefit this great avocation and, through it, to benefit yourself? One way you could do this is to become active in protecting and enhancing Amateur Radio through the ARRL Grassroots program? We still need amateurs in many Congressional Districts who are willing to contact their Congressmen/women or Senators to spread the story of hamming. Check with me (k8je@arrl.org) for full information on this highly satisfying activity that will require only limited amounts of time.

While we are talking about resolutions, why not ask ourselves if we are promoting fraternity in ham radio? Are we working together, or have we let petit squabbles become destructive to Amateur Radio? Do we support local clubs and Section activities not merely with our dollars, but also with our time and effort?

Way back in the "olden days," as my grandkids call them, one of my 7th & 8th grade home-room teachers told of four Indians who lived on the banks of the Wabash River near my home town in Indiana. They decided to join together to make a cask of wine. Each Indian agreed to put 1/4 of the needed grape juice mix into the cask and let it ferment into great wine. The first Indian diligently put in his juice mix. The second Indian, being a worldly fellow, dumped water instead of juice into the cask. After all, three parts of juice mix plus one part of plain water still would make good wine. So it went with the third and fourth Indians as well. Each of the three assumed the others had put juice into the cask. When the time came to enjoy the fruits of their labors, the wine was worse than rotten. It wasn't even good grape juice. The three who had put water into the cask had spoiled the venture not only for themselves, but also for their diligent compatriot. Doesn't this ring true for Amateur Radio and life? Incidentally, do you have any idea what the unscrupulous Indians who lived on the banks of the Wabash in Indiana finally said? It was, "too @\$\$\$%\*\* Wabashi." (OK no more bad puns for all of 2005!)

### *My Resolution To You*

Before I tossed my hat into the ring to become GLD Director I made a few resolutions to myself and to each of you. I didn't tell you this at the time, so I've decided to renew the resolutions and let you in on them.

*Resolution No. 1:* I will continue to act at all times in the best interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL. I will not cater to any individual or group when fulfilling the duties of Director.

*Resolution No. 2:* I will continue to seek input and direction from you GLD members before voting on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

*Resolution No. 3:* I will continue to consider very seriously any recommendations and opinions of GLD ARRL members before determining my vote on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

*Resolution No. 4:* I will continue to include the best available information regarding: 1) FCC, and US Communications Law and regulations, 2) International Communications Law and regulations, 3) lessons drawn from the best Amateur Radio practices as well as 4) member wishes/preferences in determining my vote on issues before the ARRL Board of Directors.

All of the above is based upon my strong belief that ARRL members are partners in Amateur Radio who can, and do, contribute substantial knowledge and enlightened guidance to ARRL actions. ARRL exists for its members.

### *Great Lakes Division Convention -- 3/19/05*

On the heels of the resounding success of the 2003 Great Lakes Division Convention, the 2005 Convention will be in Toledo, OH, Saturday, March 19. It will be the day before the Sunday, March 20, Toledo Hamfest. Both

events are held indoors, with the hamfest drawing typically 3,000 hams. Details will be forthcoming, but *Mark Your Calendar Now!* FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has confirmed as guest speaker for the Saturday evening banquet. Riley will also present a seminar in the afternoon.

Keep in mind that we are seeking nominations for the Division level awards: The George S. Wilson III W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award, Great Lakes Division Amateur of The Year, Great Lakes Division Technical Achievement Award and the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Award. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT of Dearborn Heights., Michigan is chairing the GLD Awards Committee and will send out the awards criteria, procedures and deadline. Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP of Toledo, has been appointed Convention Manager and Joe Phillips, K8QOE, of Cincinnati has agreed to serve again as Seminar Chair. Jeanie Dalton, KB8QLC, of Lexington, KY, will continue to manage the Convention Office. Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K and Michigan SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK, are also on the Convention Committee. We are looking forward to another GREAT convention, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Tnx to Gary Johnston, KI4LA, who has agreed to chair the 2005 GLD Convention. (This item is based on an announcement by KI4LA.)

#### *Board Of Directors Meeting*

The ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting will be the middle of January in Newington, CT. One of the topics to come before the Board is the matter of Regulation by Transmitted Bandwidth. The Executive Committee of the Board reviewed the comments many of you -- and many others -- made on the earlier draft a few months ago. The EC proposes a number of changes in response to these comments. It is quite possible we will complete work on the proposal at the January meeting.

I thank the many of you who made suggestions, raised concerns and expressed opinions on the draft. You did a good job. This represents membership involvement at its finest. Please keep this up.

73, HNY, GL, CUL,  
Jim

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### **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, KC8HQH, 419-874-2173.

**QCWA Chapter 142**, meets on the 2<sup>nd</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, [pelentzk8pl@juno.com](mailto:pelentzk8pl@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.

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## Section News Highlights (Ohio Section) for January, 2005

January Section News - Happy New Year. Two quick 2005 resolutions to grow amateur radio: (1) Join and participate in your local club and (2) Get a new ARRL member.

Riley Coming Here - Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, our chief enforcer at the FCC will not only be the banquet speaker but conduct an hour long seminar here in March. Here is, of course, the Great Lakes Division Convention March 19 at the Toledo Holiday Inn West in Maumee. This is about 2 miles from the location of the Toledo Hamfest. Which is a good thing since the Toledo Hamfest is the next day.

Riley Will Be Here Too - And in May, the 2005 Dayton Hamvention (May 20-22) will also serve as the 2005 ARRL National Convention. Division Convention and National Convention makes Ohio the center of the ARRL in 2005.

Ohio Section Net News - We need reminding from time to time about Ohio's main traffic net - the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN). Find it three times daily at 3.9725 MHz at 10:30 a.m: 4:15 p.m: and 6:45 p.m. Hey, you may get the bug and join them.

Ohio Section Congrats (A) TO LARRY ASHBURN, KE8VE of the Alliance ARC, for publishing the latest "Zero Beat" newsletter with a completely blank page. Sometimes you have to give your members a blunt reminder to participate in the newsletter and get articles in; (B) TO ALLAN HALE, WA9IRS, of Cincinnati for his black puzzles printed in each issue of the GCARA "Mike & Key" newsletter: and (C) BRENDA KRUKOWSKI, KB8IUP, for her able leadership as location chairman of the Great Lakes Division Convention, March 19 in Toledo, assisting General Chairman Gary Johnston, KI4LA.

Ohio Section January Symposium... Saturday (15) SWOH Digital Symposium by the DIAL Radio Club; Web Site <<http://www.swohdigi.org>> Contact: Hank Greeb, N8XX, Phone: 513-385-8363 (after 6 PM) or Email: <n8xx@arrl.net> Miami University, Middletown Campus, Thesken Hall

Ohio Section January Hamfests (16) SCARFest 2005 by the Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation. Contact: Russ Ellis, N8MWK, Phone: 740-591-2232, Email: <n8mwk@arrl.net> Nelsonville, OH at Tri County Joint Vocational School, State Route 691 (23) TUSCO ARC HAMFEST; Contact: Gary Green, K8WFN, 32210 Norris Road, Tippecanoe, OH 44699, Phone: 740-922-4454, Email: k8wfn@tusco.net Check with Gary, K8WFN, due to new hamfest location from 2004.

Note Of Interest: Al Haller, W8PBX, of Maineville, OH, Member of GCARA received his 60 year pin from ARRL December 7, 2004. w8pbx@fuse.net

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

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## TMRA Swap-N-Shop

### For Sale

Steve, W8TER: Alinco DJ-V5 2m/440 HT with wall charger (original battery may be at end of its life), a battery case for AA batteries, and operator's manual - \$125.00

Contact Steve at pabell@wcnnet.org

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 e-mail to bharrington@mco.edu

73, de Brian, WD8MXR

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## TMRA Hamfest

### Members Table

The club makes available a table at the Hamfest for members to sell their 'wares', though you must be willing to watch over them. It is not the club's responsibility to do the selling for you! If you wish to use the table to sell something, then make arrangements for someone to watch over the table, or take turns with someone else who is selling items. Either way, make sure to take advantage of this members' benefit.

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

Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Steve, KC8TVW.

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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*