



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

I'm writing this article after Field Day is over and done; and it was another fun event to participate in. Much praise goes out to Steve, W8TER for chairing the activity with great success, though some (not me) would say the weekend was too hot, but that wasn't under Steve's control. Also thanks to those who helped setup, operated, or participated in other ways. I think it was a fine event and we'll most likely be reporting our tally of scores to you in this newsletter next month.



QRP operations at the Field Day site.
n8ajp photos

We currently have an official count of 197 members, and I hope that a few more will be responding to the reminder mailings I sent out via e-mail and the postal service.

The Audit Committee met and we went over the Club's books, and everything seems to 'check and balance' thanks mostly to our longtime treasurer Chuck, N8NIR. There isn't much more to tell, but if anyone has any questions, don't hesitate to ask someone who was on the committee. Thanks to those persons: Chuck, N8NIR; Steve, KC8TVW; and Brenda, KB8IUP. I was also on the committee, but I won't thank myself! Thanks also to Scott, N8BIR, who volunteered for the task, but wasn't able to attend the meeting.

We currently have Saturday, August 27th slated for the TMRA Picnic, to be held once again at the park in Monclova. I'm sure a few more details and RSVP information will be forthcoming soon. This also happens to be the same day as the Ohio QSO Party (<http://www.oqp.us/>). So, I personally hope to be able to operate during the contest from the park location and I'm sure that a few of us who are operating will welcome a picnic break. Anyone else who would be interested in participating in the contest with me, let me know.

Officer elections are coming up in September, and I am still looking for a couple more members to be on the Nominating Committee with Dave, KB8EH. Don't make him serve in this position alone! If you could help in this important task, it would be greatly appreciated. To make the job a little easier, I have once again declared my candidacy to run for the office of President. It wouldn't hurt my feelings if someone cared to run against me, either. I've heard competition is a good thing. Keep an open mind and be an active participant in this Democratic process, and throw your hat in!

Yep, the TMRA Ham of the Year award is also coming up soon. What an honor to be considered amongst your peers. Are you worthy, or do you think someone else is especially worthy, let me know and the group of previous recipients will definitely consider that individual or persons, if that should be the case. The suspense is killing me, and I don't even know who it will be yet! But just the same, I will be presenting someone with the prestigious honor at the September 'Business Meeting.'

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

Field Day 2005

It was hot. So hot that everything seemed to slow to crawl. Drinking lots of water and staying in the shade was the only relief you could get. With the temperatures in the 90's and the forecast calling for more I was



wondering how safe we were going to be for the field day weekend.

Friday afternoon setup was a good indication of what we would have to endure for the weekend. Taking my time I watched as the few participants set up and struggled with hanging antennas and setting up their tents.

My original planning would have put the club tent to the west of the yellow house but when I arrived Friday I saw that the heat was a major factor for the event and decided to put the tent near

the best shade tree. It turned out for the best as it offered us a cool spot to hangout before during and after the event. It goes to show that good old shade can be a refuge from the 90-degree heat even in the middle of the day.

We set the club's tent up just to the west of the shade tree so that it could afford a short travel between the tent and the shade tree. One could now sit under the shade tree and still observe the goings on in the operating tent. We placed the information table at the entrance to the tent so that it could provide easy information and a table for participants to sign the field day log.

We had about 35 people participate this year. I was very surprised to see so many that came and signed the log. I suspected that the heat would keep people at home in the comfort of the air conditioning. I would have liked to have been in air conditioning myself but only if it would have allowed me to participate in the field day event.



The LCARES truck and trailer were brought out. Aside from providing equipment that we used to set up an ATV station, the real blessing to this was that the trailer was air-conditioned. This gave refuge to those who would be overcome by the heat. Several times I encountered different groups cooling themselves in the oasis. I think this was a lifesaver. The heat was only beginning.

Saturday morning the ARES group had their usual General meeting. While it was still a cool mid 80's during the meeting the temperature quickly climbed and at the starting time of the event, which was 2:00 PM, the temperature was into the 90's again.

I consider it fortunate that none of the people who attended field day were seriously overcome by the heat. Everyone seemed to find the time to cool themselves and knew when to stop.

Saturday's evening meal was a delight. There was so much food that it served as breakfast on Sunday morning as well. There were deserts, fruits, salads, vegetable and fruit, hotdogs and steak. Someone did a beautiful carving of the watermelon inscribing the words "FIELD DAY 2005". A nice touch.



Sunday came and as the heat started to come up again, field day event ended. 2:00 PM had arrived seemingly quickly and it was time to tear down all that we had erected. Seven antennas, three tents, numerous chairs and tables, two campers, food and soda pop all stowed away as another field day weekend was ending. Time to call it an event.

I would like to thank all who helped and came out to field day. Without your help I could not have done it. Many hands made light work as I have seen in the past.

My favorite part of field day is when people come out and visit. It is almost like a picnic because you get to operate radio, talk with other hams, and eat good food. All at the same time!

Here's a list of those who came out or signed the field day log:

Steve Bellner, w8ter, Patti Bellner, kc8akt, Jim Hansen, wd8cnq, Tom Swartz, kb8pai, Chris Hart, kc8ufv, Stephen Kehr, James Easter, wd8iol, Bob Schumann, kg2bc, Brian Harrington, wd8mxr, George Henzler, wb8hhz, Richard Brownlee, ka9ivy, Martha Hanna, k8aac, Rick Laurence, kd8om, Terry Mauk, wi8q, Bill and Jan Kozbial, Mike Billiard, Greg Kingfer, Gene Pearson, aa8mi, Jerry Shelton, kc8pcs, Jacob Eby, Russ Eby, Becky Eby, kc8znx, Jon and Troy Lefevre, Joe Hainss, Jack and Gertrude Ingle, k8hni, Dave Leroux, kb8eh, Bernie Fine, wd8c, Robert Hanna, k8adk, Paul Lentz, k8pl, Chris Taylor, n8wbg, Steve, Ashenfelter, n8xsf, Chuck Krukowski, kb8fxj, Brenda Krukowski, kb8iup, Ron Shire, n8apz, Steve Stalker, kc8tvw, Rick Sharpe, kc8rks, Hugh Appert, w8lrt, Bob Thompson, n8ajp, Chuck and Lynn Ferguson, n8nir, Bill Sido, wd8rug, Mike Kehr, wa8syd, Pat Kehr, kc8wqu, Bob Harold, k8spl, Hiram McFarlin, kc8urk and his grand children.

Hope to see you all again next year on the fourth full weekend of June 2006.

73 Steve, w8ter

Field Day photos by n8ajp.

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.

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Next TMRA Meeting--Wednesday July 13th Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. at 1930.

July 17, Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert County Fairgrounds. www.w8fy.org
July 23, Cincinnatti Hamfest, www.ohkyin.org
Aug 6, Voice of Aladdin HAM"OH"RAMA www.qsl.net/w8fez
Aug 27, TMRA Annual Picnic at Monclova Park. More info next month.

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673
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 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*