



# 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:

Let's see, what's going on? Busy, busy, busy. But we like it busy, because as they say: an idle mind grows moss, or is that throws stones, or something like that. I really don't know... but, here is something that I do know:

At the Club's General Meeting, I had the honor to present Ross, NS8C and Lana, N8PHD Mergenthaler with plaques to commemorate their years of service as the TMRA's Volunteer Exam Coordinator / Liaison. Lana, though not a VE, was always working behind the scenes with any other necessary tasks. Ross recently decided to step down after 15 years of service and some 1700 plus exams given in 180 plus sessions. I know that I (and probably many others in the Club and in the hobby,) have Ross and Lana to thank because they have been involved in our getting licensed and/or upgrading. Congratulations go out to both of them, and thanks for your efforts.



In other business, the club is currently at a count of 186 members as I write this and hopefully we'll entice more to renew, and get a few more new members along the way in the near future. I sent out almost all of the membership cards, except those that have renewed just recently, and I will be mailing out reminders very soon. Like I said, we've been busy. If there is someone out there who didn't get your newsletter last month, well first off I don't know how you're reading this and secondly, you should renew! Contact me for more information, I'm always glad to assist.

A couple of weekends ago I attended the Whitehouse Cherry Fest. With the assistance of Steve, W8TER, I got some experience driving the ARES van and trailer. I even got it backed into the garage after only a few tries! I had a really good time, despite the somewhat rainy afternoon. Blowing the truck's air-horn during the parade sure woke people up and it was rather fun watching them jump from being startled. This includes my own daughter Robyn, who was helping to hand out candy. It was a nice couple of hours during an afternoon and I recommend others to participate in similar future events. We could've used a few more bodies to help and be startled. You too, can try several times to back the rig into the garage!

I attended the latter portion of the Mini-Field Day that Steve and Steve hosted on a rainy Thursday night recently. And although no ground breaking decisions were dealt with, we still had a good time shooting the breeze and talking Ham Radio. Plan to attend the next scheduled outing; I can almost bet the weather will be better.

A few days after that, we had a great time on the Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip with great weather served up by Mike, WA8SYD. Well kinda, but thanks go to Mike for taking care of the background details and making sure we all made it back! Those that have gone before, or on this trip know what a good deal it is. Check into it for yourself when we plan on making the trek next year.

Well, it's been several busy weeks with meetings and events and such, and things are just gearing up. Upcoming events to consider include: More meetings (of course), ARES events (of course), June 11th through the 13th is the ARRL June VHF QSO Party, June 18th is the Kid's Day contest event, the 19th is the Monroe Hamfest, then a week later on the 25th and 26th, the ARRL Field Day event. Check with Steve, W8TER on that one to see how you can help or just to participate. Come out and see what we're up to, and maybe even eat too!

Speaking of eating... (what a segue), keep in mind that the TMRA Picnic is not too far off to be thinking about. These nice days that tease us and remind us that Summer is near, should get you in the mood and ready for all these upcoming events. Keep your calendars open and ready for when it is announced.

73 de KB8PAI,  
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman  
KB8PAI@ARRL.NET

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## Mini Field Day

We came. We made a contact. We got wet! Ever wonder if your portable gear will work in the rain? Well at this last mini field day we found out for sure. It was an event that left us less than high and dry. With the portable antenna and an HF rig that works well when dry we set up at the Fallen Timbers Monument Park during the rain and successfully made a couple contacts. Even though N8WAC was mobile and just across the county he was booming into the airwaves on 40 meters.

We were running strictly on battery power and monitoring the 2 meter machines of 146.940 and TMRA's 147.270. We talked participants into the mini field day and filled up most of the space under the 10 x 10 tent that sheltered us. This list included, W8LRT, KC8TVW, W8TER, N8WAC, KC8PCS, N8SJZ, KB8FXJ and KB8PAI. If I left anyone out I apologize.

OSSBN was taking check ins and with only 10 watts we were heard but the net control had to get a relay from another station because band conditions were not the best.

We stayed until 9:00 PM because the park closes at that time. That was long enough to setup, have some fun, and tear down. All in a short time. About 3 hours.

Of course, the big field day is coming up in June so don't miss out on that one.

Hope to see you there. W8TER



Who lets a little rain get in the way of some radio fun?  
kb8fxj photo

## ARRL Reference Materials:

While the TMRA no longer has a "library" – we do have several ARRL books that could be used by members:

ARRL Operating Manual 6<sup>th</sup> Ed 1997  
ARRL RF Frequency Interference 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 1996  
ARRL Handbook 74<sup>th</sup> Ed 1997 and 81<sup>st</sup> Ed 2004  
ARRL Satellite Experimenter's Handbook 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed 1990  
ARRL Antenna Book 19<sup>th</sup> Ed 2000

Currently they are at my house – if I know someone would like to borrow one or more – I will bring to the TMRA General meetings or make arrangements for pick-up at my house.

Brian, WD8MXR  
Equipment Manager

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## GOBA Communicators Needed

If you are able to help Seneca County with communications for the Great Ohio Biking Adventure, please contact Mike Klaiss the Seneca County EC. Mike's home phone number is 419-986-5309 and his email is > [kc8buj@arrl.net](mailto:kc8buj@arrl.net) <. They are having a 40, 70 and 100-mile bike event on the 20th of June and he desperately needs help.

Please see if anyone that you know can help him. ANY HAM operator is welcome to help on this large project.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

George E. Henzler WB8HHZ  
DEC Dist One, Ohio

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## Kids Day In June

Ohio Section will join the rest of the country on Saturday, June 18 for Amateur Radio Kids Day - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. local time. Suggested frequencies: 28.350 to 28.400 kHz, 21.380 to 21.400, 14.270 to 14.300 kHz and 2 meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs. Suggested exchange: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call CQ Kid's Day. All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate.

*From the June Ohio Section Journal*

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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.

## **Toledo Mobile Radio Association**

Minutes Of Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 19:46 by President Tom KB8PAI with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of names and call signs. We had 37 members and 3 guests present.

Minutes of the April meeting were provided prior to the start of the meeting. Several corrections were made. It was moved by Mike WA8SYD and seconded by Scot N8BIR accept the minutes as amended.

Treasurer Chuck N8NIR reported the financial status of the Club as of April 30, 2005. Chuck moved that the report be filed subject to audit. Seconded by Bob K8ADK.

President Tom KB8PAI (Membership) reported we currently have 181 paid members. Tom mailed out membership cards and 47 email reminder letters to those who need to renew. He will mail reminder letters to others this month. Tom said we need an audit committee; Scott N8NIR, Brenda KB8IUP, Chuck N8NIR, Steve KC8TVW and Tom KB8PAI were appointed. Next month Tom will be looking for people to serve as a nominating committee. Brian received a nice thank you note from Lucas, who won the first place award at the University of Toledo Science fair. Tom presented plaques to Ross NS8C and Lana N8PHD for their years of service as VEC from 1990 to 2005.

Vice President Steve W8TER thanked Ross and Lana for all their work. Our guest Christian Eayrs is working on his doctorate at BGSU and is looking for information on 1950's, 60's and 70's commercial radio stations. At Dayton Steve will be picking up Field Day t-shirts (\$10) and pins (\$5) if you want to order one. Field Day is June 25-26<sup>th</sup>. Talk it up – let people know about the times: 14:00 Saturday to 14:00 Sunday. Steve will need help with some specialty stuff. There will be a GOTA (Get on the Air) station. We can get points if an unlicensed person under age 18 makes a contact, if we make 5 contacts on rig powered by solar batteries, if we can get elected officials or broadcast TV to attend. He needs someone to take digital photos. Please bring a dish to pass and share. Everyone is invited whether he or she is a member or not.

### *Committee Reports*

ARES: James WD8IOL said the last meeting was 4/23. They discussed the preliminary Davis Besse drill from 4/19. Bob K8ADK said we will need additional amateurs on May 17-18<sup>th</sup> for the evaluated drill. There were 195 people at the Skywarn training in Toledo/Maumee and approximately 60 were present for training in Bowling Green. The ARES Ham of the Year banquet recognized Steve Stalker KC8TVW and Dave Robichaux K5EYP. The ARES truck is in need of additional drivers. Chuck KB8FXJ said we need operators for the Tour de Cure on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Bob K8ADK also said we need 8 operators for the Biathlon at Maumee Bay State Park June 19<sup>th</sup>. George WB8HHX said there are 2 disaster drills coming up in the fall. GOBA (Greater Ohio Bicycle Adventure on June 18-25<sup>th</sup> needs operators to assist. Brenda KB8IUP said ARES can no longer use the Fremont repeater; 146.61 is available. May 19<sup>th</sup> is a mini-field day at Fallen Timbers Monument Park from 6-9 p.m. There is a problem with the skywarn pagers in Lucas County; maybe they are re-crystallizing for the ARES 444.025 machine. Mike WA8SYD said CERT ID cards are now available. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is amenable to having trained operators in each zip code. The next ARES meeting is Sat. May 28<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 in St. Luke's Private Dining Room.

Dayton Bus Trip: Mike WA8SYD said we're going. 34 people signed up for sure so far, with a few maybes.

Programs: Jim KC8BAA said the June meeting will have Mike Koontz? KC8FUG on the County =-wide radio. In July the "two Steves" will demonstrate knots that can be used for antennas.

TMRA Hamfest: Brian WD8MXR said see him after the meeting to set up a critique meeting time.

*Old Business:* none.

*New Business*

Ed WA8BHO asked about the high profile building downtown. Mark WB8OET said he has been talking to the Fiberglas Tower people. They want \$100 per month plus utilities.

Forest N8ZBW said if anyone is looking for a car or truck he can get a GM discount on cars, truck, or SUV's.

Sally KA8NNM said that Amy graduated on Sunday and the University hired her; she started work on Monday.

Al KC8MC moved and Chuck KB8FXJ seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:54.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Kehr KC8WQU.

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## **A Guest's "Thank You"**

Thank you for your warm and kind reception at the May 11 meeting. Even though I did not understand all the topics, I felt welcome and was overwhelmed by your generous invitation and participation. I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about your organization and the wonderful collection of individuals involved. Thanks!

There is history and a richness of stories in that room - I hope to talk with more of your in the future. I am working on my doctoral dissertation, and appreciate all the stories, memories, and ideas that you all provided.

If you have any thoughts or stories you would like to share, I would love to talk to you. I am interested in your thoughts and memories of NW Ohio radio in the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Interesting personalities, stations, contests, promotions, or any memories of the role radio played in your life. You can reach me via mail, phone or e-mail. Also, I would love to see and read newspaper clippings, letters, photos, or any items that you may have that capture a moment in Toledo broadcast history.

Sincerely,  
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Sunday, June 12-- Fulton County Amateur Radio Club, Hamfest 2005. 131 Hill Ave. Tedrow, OH Talk-in on 147.195+ K8BXQ Repeater. Webpage: <http://k8bxq.org>

Sunday June 19-- Maumee Bay Triathlon. Radio ops needed, call Bob, K8ADK, 3822529.

Sunday June 19-- Monroe Hamfest, Monroe County Fairgrounds. Talk-in on 146.720. Webpage: [www.mcrca.org/hamfest.htm](http://www.mcrca.org/hamfest.htm)

## TMRA Swap And Shop:

Current As Of March 28, 2005

### *For Sale:*

Mike KC8RRM Day 419-466-0930 Eve 419-389-9584 Yaesu all mode tcvr # FT 857 with DSP filter, Collins SSB filter, FC30 tuner, DTMR mike – \$500.00. Date listed 5/8/05 \*\*\*

Bob WA8SCR 419-691-4835 Kenwood SSB tcvr # TS520SE – receive works well, tx needs tubes (6146) and checking over - \$125.00 obo Yaesu 2m tcvr #FT2500M – works well - \$50.00 obo. Astron 20 amp PS #RS20A - \$50.00 obo. All have the manuals. Date listed 4/24/05 \*\*\*\*\*

### *Free For The Taking:*

STEVE W8TER 410-893-1177 [w8ter@wcnet.org](mailto:w8ter@wcnet.org) from the station of SK Clayton, W8BCQ Heathkit 13v/15watt PS #HWA-7-1. HK 13v/55watt PS #HWA-202. HK RF converter #HA 01. Mars S meter #SM-3. TRP tunaverter – tunes car radio to 160m band.

These are free for the taking, but Steve asks that they not be sold; use them, use them for parts or give to someone else who could use them. Date listed 4/17/05 \*\*\*\*\*

The number of \* following each listing is the number of times that it has been on the Sunday evening Net.

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 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 to my e-mail [bharrington@mco.edu](mailto: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 in the Newsletter .

Prices are not mentioned over the air, but will be shown in the Newsletter

73 Brian WD8MXR

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**Next TMRA Meeting--Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. at 1930.**

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## Field Day

**Weekend of June 25 & 26. Be a part of this great Amateur Radio activity. There is no cost so everyone can afford to be there. There will be ample opportunity to get on the air. Contact Steve, W8TER, at 8939106 for more information. Come anytime and stay as long as you want. We will be there over 24 hours and visitors are welcome anytime. Bring family and friends. Our Field Day site is on the grounds of the Wolcott House Museum, 1031 River Road in Maumee.**

**The Museum Complex will be open for tours during this time.**

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.

Board Members: Dave, KB8EH; Ed, WA8BHO; Scott, N8BIR; Brian, WD8MXR; Howard, W8NEE.

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*