



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:

Ahem. Soapbox please... thank you. As I write this article, the TMRA's membership stands at 144 members and counting. About 60 members shy of the 206 the club finished with last year. Now, I already know to expect a handful of you to renew your membership at the Hamfest, which isn't the worst thing in the world. That part doesn't bother me; I try to make myself available and make it as easy as possible to accommodate the members with their renewals, whenever, wherever. But, I sure wouldn't mind if I didn't have to remind so many of you, so often. So, with that said, let me remind you once more that I know there are more of you out there need to renew, (about 60 of you, remember?) A few of those are eligible for a complimentary membership. I'll be glad to check for you and let you know if you fall into that category. If you are one of those in need of a reminder, or if you have any suggestions how I can make the process any easier for you, please let me know! There's no reason why this should have to be hard for either of us, and I don't really think I should have to beg you to renew. But first, before you all tell me: "None of my information has changed, why do I need to turn in an application each year?" Let me reiterate, that for the Club's insurance purposes, we need a signed membership application annually. I don't think that it's too much to ask for, is it?

I'm sure some of you will be glad to read that this will be the last time I mention the Great Lakes Division Convention and our Hamfest. Well, that is only partly true... This is just the last time I will be mentioning these two very important events before they occur. Don't worry, I can just about guarantee that you'll be hearing more about these affairs later. I must say though, that I can not stress enough, the importance that there is to support these events with your time and efforts. And yes, to some extent, your financial support. We want to host the Convention proudly, and show the rest of the Division what a fine group of local club members we have, that we could put on such a worthwhile gathering. And then in regards to the Hamfest; every member needs to know and realize that if it weren't for a successful Hamfest each year, our involvement and contribution to the community at large could be greatly compromised. We all should be proud of ourselves, that we are able to maintain the level of donations and public service for the communities we serve, and that sometimes we can easily take it for granted.

I'll close this article / my thoughts by saying that I look forward to Riley's visit to our area, and I am interested in hearing what he has to say. And hoping that he will be as impressed with our group and our event(s) as I know I will be. My next 'Pres Sez' article will hopefully be a synopsis of our recent success with our two most important ventures in some time. Make sure to support the upcoming Amateur Radio related activities, also including the Skywarn training towards the end of March.

73 de KB8PAI

Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman

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TMRA HAMFEST/COMPUTER FAIR MARCH 20

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Will Return As Ohio ACC

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, of Mantua (Portage County) will return as Affiliated Clubs Coordinator for the Ohio Section effective immediately. It is a section cabinet position she took over in 1986 (until she resigned in 2000) and had designed during her 14 years on the job. In that time, Joanne earned the respect of all Ohio ham radio clubs. And the respect of ARRL Headquarters where she is regarded as the Gold Standard of ACCs across the United States. For this work, she received (in 2002) Ohio's highest and most prestigious award - The Alan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award,

Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has reappointed Joanne. Mark Reising, WM8R, who held the post for seven months, resigned in January for family reasons and the SM began a process for finding a replacement. "Ten Ohio hams had applied, when I was informed Joanne would consider accepting the ACC appointment," said Mr. Phillips, "I immediately suspended the search process because when Joanne became available. All ten candidates were immediately informed of the decision to suspend the search and they agreed we should make her qualifications and dedication available to the Ohio Section."

First licensed in Pennsylvania in 1977, Joanne rapidly advanced to extra class. She moved to Ohio in 1981 and became active in local public service and club activities. During this time she provided an important link in communications for the 1985 tornadoes that tore through Northeastern Ohio and began getting active in Ohio Section activities. In 1986 the then Ohio Section Manager, Jeff Maas, K8ND appointed Joanne as the Section's affiliated Club Coordinator a recently created post by the ARRL Board of Directors. The ARRL BOD had recognized the importance of radio clubs to the future of amateur radio. Here Joanne dug in and began working to help the Section's clubs, in addition she started working to make the Special Services Club program in Ohio something really special. In so doing she established the standards that made the program, and its participants, the leaders in amateur radio.

Joanne's tireless work and her dedication involved working with Section managers, Directors, many officials from ARRL headquarters and even George Wilson, W4OYI, President of the ARRL at the time. When the ARRL decided to remove the YL column in the early 90s. many hams complained to Joanne about this move. Seeing their point and the effect on amateur radio Joanne immediately went to Great Lakes Division Director Alan Severson, AB8P. Together they worked to see the YL news again become a part of QST.

Joanne is also the holder of many awards in amateur radio including the WAC, WAS, DXCC and the Rag Chewers award, this she received for a CW QSO running over 25 WPM. Joanne's dedication to amateur radio shows in that she is a life member of the ARRL, has been an officer in her local Club for 23 years, is a member of YLRL, the Buckeye Belles, is a volunteer examiner with the ARRL-VEC, was a member of the first VEC team to give walk in exams, and enjoys public service.

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.

Toledo Mobile Radio Association

Minutes of regular meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 19:48 by President Tom, KB8PAI, with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of names and callsigns. We had 33 members and 1 guest present.

- Minutes of the January meeting were printed in the newsletter and corrected version provided prior to the start of the meeting
- Treasurer Chuck, N8NIR, reported the financial status of the Club as of January 31, 2005.
- President Tom, KB8PAI, (Membership) reported we current have 126 members. Congratulations to Rita, WB8FBG, and Larry, WA8SKA, for the complimentary 2006 memberships. Tom asked for volunteers for the Budget Committee; Brenda, KB8IUP, and Chuck, KB8FXJ, volunteered. The Committee now consists of Chuck, N8NIR; Tom KB8PAI; Paul, K8PL; Brian, WD8MXR; Chris, KC8UFV; Brenda, KB8IUP and Chuck, KB8FXJ.
- Vice President Steve, W8TER, reported that the Public Service Announcement about amateur radio emergency work after the tsunami has been heard on WSPD 1370 am and WIOT 104.7 fm. Thanks to Steve, KC8TVW, Public Information Officer for getting this piece to the radio stations.

● ● COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ARES: Chris, KC8UFV, said that Steve, N8XSF, gave a nice presentation about WINLINK April 19th will be the dry run for the Davis Besse drill. The evaluated run is May 17th. The Ham of the Year Banquet is April 2nd. Skywarn training is Saturday, March 26 09:00-11:00 at St. Luke's Hospital. That same morning will be the ARES meeting.
- Projects: Bob, K8ADK, said the next project is the Glass City Marathon, Sunday April 10th. We will need about 30-32 operators. It will start downtown on Summit; the turn-around point and finish point have changed slightly from last year.
- TMRA Hamfest: Brian, WD8MXR, reported 129 tables have been sold so far, out of 348. Volunteers are still needed
- Dayton Bus Trip: Pat, KC8WQU, said there is still room available on the bus for May 21st. \$25 gets you a seat on the bus. Tickets to the Hamvention are not included.

● ● OLD BUSINESS: Bylaws: Brian, WD8MXR, moved that the Articles be amended as published; Bob, K8ADK, seconded. Motion passed. Tom, KB8PAI, will get it ready to go out to all members in the next few weeks. Chuck, N8NIR, spoke about problems of BPL – Broadband over Power Lines.

● ● NEW BUSINESS: Scott, N8BIR, has talked with the new curator at Ft. Meigs. They would love to have TMRA back there for a special event station. We received a thank-you communication from the family of Don LaHote, K8IXL, Silent Key. Brian, WD8MXR, also stated he sent a card to Lynn Ferguson's family when her brother passed away.

It was moved by Bob, K8ADK, and seconded by Hiram, KC8URK, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 21:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Kehr, KC8WQU.

Congratulations to Ronald Bednarz, W8JII, who passed his Extra class test at the February VE test session.

Sign up now to help with the *Glass City Marathon* on April 10th. Call Bob, K8ADK, at 3822529.

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This month's TMRA board meeting will be on March 30th at the Maumee Fire Station #2 on Dussel Drive near the Maumee w8ter tower.

TMRA Swap And Shop:

Current For Sale items as of February 24, 2005

Don, KC8EHC, 734-693-9082 ▶ Yaesu all mode 2/440/6m + HF tcvr # FT-847 with manual, includes, if wanted by the buyer, a 20 amp PS that needs work. ▶ Yaesu 10m tcvr # FT-890. ▶ KLM 2m RF power amp 50 in - 160w out. ▶ Yaesu HT #R 51 – may need new NiCad battery. Date renewed 1/13/05 **

Larry, K8EJU, 419-893-9820 ▶ Yaesu 10-160 + WARC bands tcvr # FT757, 100w, CW/SSB/FM/AM, with mike, power cord and manual \$235.00 ▶ PacComm tcvr #TC500, digital read-out, power adjustable 1-15w SSB/CW. 3 modules for 10, 20,40m, with mike, power cord and manual \$225.00. ▶ Drake Tx # 2NT CW only, 10-80m 90w Xtal-controlled, with manual \$125.00 Date listed 2/13/05 **

Harold, K8MRE, 419-435-1374 (Fostoria) ▶ Heathkit Deluxe ant tuner # SA-2060, with built-in dual wattmeter - \$275.00. ▶ Icom HF tcvr # IC-718 with 60m transmit capability, with Heil mike - \$425.00. ▶ Astron PS #RS-20M with front panel V and A meters - \$89.00. ▶ Kenwood dual band mobile 2m/440 # TM-G707A, new last year, 4 months left on warranty - \$230.00. All items are in excellent working and physical condition. All have manuals and schematics. Cash only, buyer picks up. Date listed 2/24/05

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

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).*

73, Brian, WD8MXR

ARRL Recognizes Dayton Hamvention Committee

The ARRL has recognized members of the 2005 Dayton Hamvention Committee. ARRL Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, presented a special award during the committee's February 8 planning session in Dayton. Reading from the citation, Weaver said, "This award is presented to the 2005 Hamvention Committee and Gary Des Combes, N8EMO, General Chairman, in appreciation of your invitation to host the 2005 ARRL National Convention." Des Combes, who's serving his second year as general chairman, accepted the award on the committee's behalf.

Celebrating its 54th show, Dayton Hamvention, May 20-22, has set aside a large area in the Hara Arena complex--the Ballarena near the 400-number booths--for "ARRL EXPO 2005," a special exhibit dedicated entirely to the ARRL National Convention. ARRL EXPO 2005 will showcase ARRL programs and services. Hamvention admission will include access to ARRL EXPO 2005. The official ARRL National Convention Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/expo>> has more information.

Sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association, Dayton Hamvention is the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering and trade show. Tickets and additional information are available via the Dayton Hamvention Web site <<http://www.hamvention.org>>.

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March 26, LCARES meeting at 8:00 - SKYWARN training at 9:00, in St. Luke's Hospital Auditorium.

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ARRL GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION SATURDAY, MARCH 19

HOLIDAY INN 2340 S. REYNOLDS ROAD. TOLEDO

Convention starts at 1200, Banquet at 1800. Guest speaker: Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

Convention or banquet reservations: Contact Jeanie, KB8QLC at kb8qlc@arrl.net or call 859-245-7703.

Information available at www.greatlakes.arrl.org For hotel reservations call 419-865-1361.



LUCAS COUNTY SKYWARN TRAINING SATURDAY MARCH 26, 9:00 AM

St. Luke's Hospital Auditorium. Monclova Road, Maumee. Training session is open to all.

Sponsored by The National Weather Service - Cleveland Office, Lucas County EMA Office,

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and St. Luke's Hospital.

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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*