



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:

Hi all. Just a reminder (the beginning of probably many more reminders.) In this issue of The Beacon you'll find an application for renewal to continue your membership with the TMRA. Please make use of it, and take care of this matter promptly. It makes all aspects of membership much easier to manage if you do. You might even find yourself in the same boat as Larry, WA8SKA or Rita, WB8FBG who were the lucky recipients of a complimentary membership for 2006. How did they get to be so lucky you ask? Well, they had their membership renewals in to me before the end of the year (that's December 31st, if you didn't already know,) and their names were drawn from a pool of about 75 others who had also renewed early to qualify. Yes, it was that easy! This next year it could be you, so get your application back to me soon and make sure you're eligible for the drawing. The drawing will be held at the General membership meeting in January. Also, when you get the second application in December's newsletter and you say to yourself, 'I just renewed my membership, I don't need this application,' think about passing it along to a friend and encourage them to join our Club.

For your information: the ARRL offices of Director and Vice-Director for the Great Lakes Division are up for election. Ballots need to be turned in by November 18th. Those of you who belong to the ARRL and are eligible to vote should make your opinion known and vote for whom you think represents our Division the best. This is a democracy, we should all take part for it to work the way it was intended.

Once again I seem to be behind on some 'official business' (possibly too much on my plate, eh?) I have neglected to make known some appointments for persons who are willing to help and serve in some various positions. For the information of the membership, here is the list of those persons:

As Membership Chairperson: I appoint myself, Tom Swartz, KB8PAI.

For the Technical Committee, appointments go to: Mark Collins, WB8OET; Chuck Ferguson, N8NIR; Chuck Krukowski, KB8FXJ; Jerry Toth, WJ8E; Larry Ross, WD8PKI; Dave Leroux, KB8EH; Steve Ashenfelter, N8XSF; Tom Swartz, KB8PAI; Bill Kelleher, KA8BFT; and Mike Kehr, WA8SYD.

As Equipment Manager I appoint: Brian Harrington, WD8MXR.

As Control Operators I appoint: Mark Collins, WB8OET; Chuck Ferguson, N8NIR; Brian Harrington, WD8MXR; Chuck Krukowski, KB8FXJ; Paul Hanslik, N8XDB; Bill Kelleher, KA8BFT; Jim Mathews, KC8BAA; Steve Bellner, W8TER; and myself; Tom Swartz, KB8PAI.

Make sure to attend the November General meeting, we will be having elections again. This time though it will be for elections to the Board of Trustees. There should be more about this process elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

Another note for those of you who may be interested: the Executive Committee meeting for November is canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, while you're doing your planning, make sure to plan on attending the TMRA's Christmas Party in lieu of the normal General meeting on December 14th, and if you can help with the event contact Pat Kehr, KC8WQU at 419-476-2947.

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

2005, TMRA Amateur of the Year

As you should know by now, Steve Stalker, KC8TVW has been named the TMRA's Amateur of the Year for 2005. The former recipients of this award make up the committee who decides who should get the award for the current year, and it was pretty much unanimous. Steve is very deserving of this honor, and there is a lot of information and several reasons why he is worthy of this award and the recognition that goes with it.

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First and foremost, Steve is a full, meaning licensed, member of the TMRA, and has been for several years since getting re-licensed through our Technician class in 2002. Since then Steve has upgraded and earned the Amateur Extra class license. Steve was licensed before during the early eighties with a Novice callsign of KA8RWH, but he lost interest and let his license lapse. We sure are lucky that he got interested in the hobby again! By the way, being a fully licensed member of the club is a requirement of being considered for this award. So, if you wish to be chosen to receive this award, get licensed if you aren't already. Steve is also an ARRL member, and although it is not a requirement to receive the award, it doesn't hurt!

Steve has done a lot for this Club in the few short years that he has been so active and once again is well deserving of the award. He has been active with Field Days from set-up to tear-down and in between by operating both as the 'GOTA' station and also as just a 'regular operating' station. He has been involved with our Hamfests primarily in his PIO capacity, but I'm sure he has contributed in other ways as well. He has been on many committees such as the Nominating Committee, Hamfest Committee, and the Auditing Committee. He has shared his knowledge and given presentations, such as showing us his 'Buddipole' antenna, the 'Powerpoles' demonstration and also a 'Knot Tying' demonstration. He is active as a VE for the TMRA sponsored test sessions and is currently the Team Liaison. Along with many other hats, he is currently serving as our Club's Public Information Officer, getting the message out not only about our Hamfests, but about the Amateur Service in general.

A few other notes about Steve: Steve travels the world (okay maybe not the world,) but he always seems to be thinking about implementing his love for the hobby of Amateur Radio during his travels. He has one busy schedule, but still finds or makes the time for Club events, and other Amateur Radio adventures. I believe he comes to every regular meeting that doesn't conflict with his work schedule. Steve is a member of the FISTS Club (number 10543) and gives code practice as a co-net-control for the Sunday evening Q & A Net, that he and Steve, W8TER founded almost two years ago. Steve is always willing to coordinate a schedule for CW practice, and has been an 'Elmer' to whomever would allow him to do so, whether they wanted him to or not! Steve is always willing to help out, and I have sensed, just about always does so in a laid back and casual fashion, like it is 'no sweat' to do so.

In general Steve is an exemplary representative of the TMRA, and the deserving member to which this award goes to. Congratulations Steve, TMRA's 2005 Amateur of the Year!

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October VE Session

Congratulations to: Ken Kluft - Toledo - KD8CFR - New Technician, and Paul Perry - Weston, OH - W8QZK - Upgrade to General. Thanks to Howard, W8NEE for running the session.

Steve - KC8TVW

ARRL BRINGS BACK Rebates For New And Renewing Membership!

We may not be able to stretch our dollar as far as it used to go, but ARRL has found a way for us to add a few more dollars to our club treasury. How, ARRL is simply going to turn back the time.

ARRL is bringing back commissions for renewals and for new member sign-ups. For every ARRL renewal though the club we will receive a \$2.00 commission. For every ARRL membership new or lapsed (over 2 years) though the club we will receive a \$15.00 commission.

To renew or sign-up though the club for an ARRL membership a special form is needed. See Chuck, N8NIR with your regular ARRL renew or new membership form along with your check made out to our club. He and you will fill out a special form and send it to the ARRL with a Club Check less the rebate.

If you do not get to the meetings no problem, Mail your renewal or your new membership form along with your ARRL membership dues in check form made out to the club. Send it to the Club's Address:

ARRL Membership Rebate
PO Box 9673
Toledo, OH 43697-9673

So when it is your time to renew your ARRL Membership or would like to join ARRL do it though the Club. If you would like to join the ARRL, see Chuck, N8NIR.

Elections for Trustees:

At present we have two vacancies of the 5 Trustee positions; one is for 2 years – the remainder of my term as I resigned when I became Secretary – the other is the full 5 year term vacant as Tom, KB8PAI was re-elected President.

The Executive Committee is the Nominating Committee for the offices of Trustees, and we had 4 eligible members express an interest in running for office as a Trustee. These are: Rita, WB8FBG; Bob, K8ADK; James, WD8IOL; and Steve, KC8TVW. All 4 were accepted by the committee as nominees. The elections for Trustees will take place at our next General meeting on Wednesday, November 9th, 2005.

As we have more than 2 candidates for each vacancy, we will hold the elections according to Section IX, #7 of the TMRA By-Laws. - Voting to fill the 2 year opening first, all 4 members will be on the primary ballot, the 2 with the highest number of votes will be voted on at a second ballot. The remaining 3 candidates will then be on the primary ballot for the 5 year term, the 2 with the highest number of votes will be voted on at a second ballot.

All of this will take place at the next meeting, so it will be in the alleged old Chicago Democrats' style on election days - "vote early and vote often".

Brian, WD8MXR, TMRA Secretary

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, KC8HQB, 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.

Minutes of the TMRA General Meeting – 10/12/05

The meeting was called to order at 1945h by President, Tom, KC8PAI, with 29 members and 2 guests present. After the Pledge of Allegiance, those present introduced themselves.

Lucas County EMA Director Bill Halsey, N8XVD, gave a presentation on NIMS.

After the presentation, the business meeting started with review of the minutes of the 9/14/2005 meeting.

Treasurer Chuck, N8NIR, presented an up-to-date Treasurer's report.

President Tom, KB8PAI, reported currently we have 205 members, and that the next Newsletter will include a 2006 membership renewal form. We need 2 trustees – anyone interested in being nominated should contact an officer. Current committee appointments will continue for 2005-2006 officers' year.

VP Steve, W8TER, drew attention to a "stray" in the October QST where Ross, NS8C, and Lana, N8PHD, were pictured receiving their VE Service plaques from TMRA from Tom, KB8PAI.

Committee reports:

·LCARES: James, WD8IOL, gave a detailed report of the 9/24/05 LCARES meeting. Brenda, KB8IUP, reviewed the radio "activity" at a recent Cub Scouting event at Camp Miakonda. Also advised of a proposed ARES drill with neighboring counties.

·Hamfest: Brian, WD8MXR, said that he's planning a HF committee meeting early in November.

·Programs: Jim, KC8BAA, announced no more programs for 2005: December is Christmas party.

·Christmas Party: Pat, KC8WQU, was gently persuaded to volunteer for this, with the promise that assistance would be recruited for her.

Old business:

Chuck, N8NIR, reminded that the ARRL rebate program for Clubs when members join or renew ARRL membership through the clubs is in effect – needs a special form, a copy of which will be in the December TMRA Newsletter.

New business:

·James, WD8IOL, recently talked to Mark, KC8MKL who is currently back in Mansfield, OH.

·Steve, KC8TVW, thanked Howard, W8NEE, for running the session 10/8/05.

·Steve, KB9UPS, announced that Jamboree on the air is this coming weekend. He also offered to help any members interested in satellite work.

·Mike, WA8SYD, reminded that the Fort Wayne Hamfest is coming up, and that Straight-Key night will be Jan 1, 2006.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2108h.

Respectfully submitted

Brian, WD8MXR, Secretary.

Edited for publication by chuck, kb8fxj.

SWAP And SHOP

Current as of 10/27/05

FOR SALE:

Harold, K8MRE 1.419.435.1374 -- Henry VHF Class C amplifier for 2m FM - Model C130AB10, RF input 10w max, RF out 130w, built in fan with thermostat, comes with manual and power cable, needs 13.8v 21A minimum; works fine, will demo in Fostoria - \$150.00 + FOB from Fostoria.

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Pumpkin Patrol 2005

Once again local hams assisted Ohio State Highway Patrol Post 48 on halloween with the annual "Pumpkin Patrol". This event, coordinated by Steve, N8XSF, stations hams at turnpike overpasses to watch and report "activities" back to net control at the OSP Post. Thanks to those who participated: Bob, K8ADK; Martha, K8AAC; Dave, KB8EH; James, WD8IOL; Dave, K5EYP; Rick, K8RKS; Steve, N8XSF; Ralph, KB9UPS and Brenda, KB8IUP

73,
Chuck, KB8FXJ

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673
President, Tom, KB8PAI; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, Brian, WD8MXR;
Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Steve, KC8TVW.

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

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*