



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association is an ARRL Special Services Club Serving Northwest Ohio Since 1953



September 2005

The Prez Sez:

Hi gang, and welcome to September already...where has the time gone?

Membership is really close to the 200 mark at exactly 201, thanks to a few 'last minute' renewals and new members, which will put those persons back on the mailing list. And they can read about how they helped the club get its membership back over 200. Pretty cool, I think. Pretty soon I'll be reminding everyone to do it all again, my how time flies!

I attended the Maumee SummerFair last weekend, and it was nice except for a few periods of rain. But that didn't put too much of a damper on the spirits of the crowd. It was nice to represent the Amateur community with the ARES truck and trailer and tout the good things about our hobby. There might even be a rumor going around that the city of Maumee might have us help with some communications next year... stay tuned.

Speaking of the ARES truck and trailer, they will be out at the TMRA's picnic this upcoming weekend of the 27th for use during the Ohio QSO Party. Hopefully you'll have had a chance to partake in some of the festivities. I know that I am looking forward to the Club's picnic earlier that same day.

This upcoming General Meeting on September 14 in Rossford, we will have our officer elections and the presentation of our 2005 TMRA Amateur of the Year Award. I hope you all plan to come out and vote, and then congratulate the 'Ham of the Year' and the new officers who will be installed on October 1st.

Steve, KC8TVW our Club's VE (Volunteer Examiner) Team Liaison thought we should announce congratulations to those that have become newly licensed or upgraded at recent TMRA sponsored VE test sessions so here they are: in June, Mike McAlear of Perrysburg earned the Technician license and call sign KD8BTI. In July, David Gierhart, W8DAG, from Clyde upgraded to General and in August, John Rapp, former KC8NSV upgraded to General and opted to get the new call of KD8CAC. Congratulations to all, and tell them so if you hear them on the airwaves.

Lastly, in another ARES related note: If you have any interest in participating with the LCARES group, you will need to get certified by taking a free National Incident Management System (NIMS) course. This needs to be completed by September 30, 2006. One way to do this is with an online course. The website to get started is:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> . This starting page provides you with links to some recommended courses IS-100 and IS-200 on the basic NIMS primer information, and to the mandatory course IS-700, which is more in-depth. For more information contact Brenda, KB8IUP (Lucas County EC) or Chuck Krukowski, KB8FXJ (LCARES President).

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Katrina and ARES in LA & MS

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

The on-the-ground situation in SE Louisiana and SW Mississippi is as bad as television is reporting. Neither state is permitting disaster relief agencies into the affected areas except on a very limited basis and only then where conditions are stable. Nearly everyone is still staging as close by as possible and waiting.

The Louisiana SM (Mickey Cox K5MC) and SEC (Gary Stratton K5GLS) are in communications with state officials, who have directed them to NOT advertise for volunteers. Some volunteers have been requested, and these are being staged at the state EOC.

The situation for the Mississippi SM and SEC, Malcolm Keown W5XX, in Vicksburg MS is very uncertain. His station is completely on the ground and EchoLink repeaters in the area are off-the-air. Attempts to contact Assistant SMs have been unsuccessful.

An AB2M.net Amateur Radio operator registration web site has been setup and is ready to go public when approval is received. Some Amateur Radio operators are known to be traveling towards the affected areas with emergency services and disaster relief agencies as dedicated communications resources.

Despite everyone's nearly overwhelming desire to help, about all we can do right now is to make preparations for a prompt response when the officials finally give their approval. None of us know when that will occur.

Jerry Reimer, KK5CA
South Texas

Katrina Is Now On Our Conference Agenda

The September 17th Ohio Section Conference will include a complete report of Ohio ham radio activity in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Circumstances of this past week dictates that be added to the agenda, announced Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE

The 2005 Ohio Section Conference begins 9 a.m. Saturday, September 17, at the Ohio EMA headquarters in NW Columbus. The Ohio EMA (Governor's war room) located at 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest Columbus.

Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator, John Chapman, WB8INY, will review the events of this week and how hams will work toward the reconstruction effort of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Bring your questions and information you wish to share.

The Ohio Section Conference is a meeting of Ohio Section field appointments but all Ohio hams are welcomed. It is held each September to review ARRL activity in Ohio. As always, the Conference features the big social event of the year, the Pizza Lunch Party sponsored by the Ohio Section.

The 2005 Conference agenda also includes (1) complete discussion of what interfering signals sound like on our frequencies; (2) how current Ohio cell phone legislation will affect ham radio; (3) the future of BPL and ham radio; (4) report from the Great Lakes Division Director and (5) display of ARES communication vans. Plus other surprises including the audience participation. In addition the agenda also calls for the announcements of The Severson Memorial Award and Ohio Section Newsletter awards

ARRL President Haynie's Message

Date: Thursday, September 01, 2005 3:39 PM

My fellow Amateur Radio Operators,

There is no doubt that the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina will be the largest and longest emergency actions that hams have ever undertaken. It will also be one of the hardest, not simply due to the large areas involved, but also because many of us have friends and relatives directly impacted by this catastrophe. For them, and all the people of the Gulf region, we ask divine aid and comfort in this time of sorrows.

But we are also hardened and resolved to turn this event into one of the most glorious opportunities to show the unique attributes of ham radio - it works! You know that. We can again show the world that we have the best trained, most ingenious and dedicated ARES and RACES operators ever in history. We have the attention of the world press, and we will show what ham radio can do.

This will not happen in a week, not even in a month. The recovery efforts will be drawn out over numerous states and are expected to go well into the winter. Hams will grow weary and need relief and replacement from all across America. The ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, is already working on strategic plans to make it possible for these volunteers to come. Our goal is to provide the SEC's with all the support we can muster and allow them to do their jobs.

There is a curious coincidence in the fact that the United Technologies grant, which allowed the ARRL to train so many thousands of hams in emergency communications, ends this week. Now we are seeing the results of that effort. Disciplined hams, using correct procedures have already saved many lives, and will save hundreds more by providing timely, accurate and critical communications to our served agencies. To the students, mentors, organizers, funders and teachers of those courses we can only say, "Well done!"

I know many people would like to move NOW - please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet. Instead, get yourself ready. Refresh your skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures. Once the agencies are able to complete a preliminary needs assessment, we will know who is needed and where. For now, the area is simply too dangerous and no one is being allowed in. Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion. Information and coordination for such a historically large response is being developed and will be made available soon. But for now, work through your SEC's and follow their lead. I would also ask that you be professional and disciplined whenever checking into an HF net. Net control is a difficult job at best, so be respectful. If you have traffic fine, but if not, please stand by.

There is already no doubt that when the history of this event is written, to role of Amateur Radio will be one of honor. Unpaid volunteers who came through for their country and communities when all other systems failed or were overwhelmed. By working together and mutually supporting each other, we can perhaps give these very dark days a small glint of glory. Let these be the days that hams, decades from now, remember with pride. Together we can - and will - make it happen because, after all, we are HAMS.

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TMRA SWAP AND SHOP:

Current As Of Sept 5, 2005

For Sale:

Pat, N8LSH Day 248-762-0307; eve 419-531-8850 Complete HF station – KW #TS-850S tcvr excellent condition, very low hours, no mods , no filters: KW spkr #SP-31: Astron PS # RS-35M: ant tuner MFJ #949D: Heil headset with boom mike Proset #5 with connection for KW, and foot switch: Vibroplex Bug keyer: Butternut vertical ant #HF6V: Diamond 2m base antenna: miscellaneous cables, books and code tapes. Asking \$950.00 for all. Date listed 8/14/05 ***

Bill, WB8PLS 419-893-3666 Astron 50amp PS #RS50M - \$75.00. Date listed 9/4/05 *

Looking For:

.Edgar, N8HB 419-825-5333 Moseley TA-33 antenna or equivalent 10-15-20m beam, prefer on ground. Date listed 8/28/05 **

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 to my e-mail bharrington@meduohio.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 the Newsletter .

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

73 Brian WD8MXR

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Disaster: Are We Prepared?

Thursday, September 22 at 8:00 PM (WGTE channel 30)

Throughout the month of September, the National Preparedness Month Coalition, which includes the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, more than 80 organizations and all 56 U.S. states and territories, encourages all Americans to take simple steps now to prepare for emergencies, from natural disasters to terrorist attacks.

On Thursday, September 22 at 8:00 PM, WGTE presents DISASTER: Are We Prepared? to help citizens understand the different types of hazards they face, learn how to protect themselves and witness how our public and private organizations prepare for natural disasters, chemical spills, terrorism and biological events.

Presented in conjunction with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, the local Metropolitan Medical Response System, the Medical University of Ohio and Owens Community College, this original WGTE production explores in-depth the question: "What can I do in case of an actual emergency?"

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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*