



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez:

Hello to the Club members, and other readers of this fine literature. I hope all of you enjoyed the Fourth of July holiday and are still enjoying this great summer heat!

The Field Day event was a lot of fun, we had some terrific weather, we can learn from the experience and look forward to what we can achieve next year. Steve and I got the Clubs log entered just in time. Look for information about our Field Day efforts elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. And we may get some pictures on our webpage or on the ARRL soapbox page. Keep an eye out.

We had another fun foxhunting excursion that took place on Saturday, July 15th, in the northern part of the Toledo area. A newcomer, Brett, KD8DVK come out and tried it for the first time, and I think he had a good time and it was a learning experience for him. I give him a lot of credit; his first time having been licensed only a short while and he even flew 'solo.' What else could you ask for? I would highly encourage others that are interested to come out for future hunts. You don't have to go out by yourself, we can usually accommodate 'riders.' Check for the latest foxhunting information on Bob's website: www.kb8wvl.com.

Some coming events consist of the Sylvania running events on August 12th and 13th. Check with Brenda, KB8IUP for information about these events or to sign up. The TMRA picnic will be on August 27th, the day after the Ohio QSO Party (WWW.OQP.US). Also check with Brenda to RSVP (for the picnic that is.) The Findlay Hamfest is just a little farther off on September 10th. It is definitely one of the better 'fests in the area, make sure to check it out. Right after that on the 13th will be our Club's General meeting otherwise known as the 'Annual Business Meeting' and Officer Elections will take place. Check with a member of the Nominating Committee; Steve, KC8TVW; Mike, WA8SYD; or Bob, K8ADK to express interest or to nominate yourself or someone else for an office. Who do you think should run the Club? Why the Members of course, but someone has to fill the Officer positions!

Also during that 'Business' meeting, it will be time for the TMRA Amateur of the Year award to be presented. Let's take a moment and congratulate the well deserving recipient from last year, Steve Stalker, KC8TVW, as he will take on the task of inaugurating the next recipient.

That's all for now,

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

TMRA annual picnic will be on August 27, at Monclova Park. Plan to attend, call Brenda, KB8IUP for info and RSVP.

Field day 2006

With rain forecast for the week and sunshine forecast for the weekend we could not have timed the field day better. A nice 80 something temperature and clear sky showed us how nice the weather was going to be.

All came around to setup on Friday afternoon and with tremendous help the club tent was erected under the grouping of trees and its location made the inside of the tent very cool. So cool in fact that after sundown people were donning coats to stave off the chill.

The all important tent would be the area most visited by the hams who would drop by to check out what was going on and be the mainstay of the Get On The Air (GOTA) station.

Saturday morning showed the ARES group meeting for their monthly general meeting but some how most of the attendees forgot to sign the field day logbook so we don't know all who were there.

We operated 5 Alpha which means we had 5 stations in continuous operation not counting the GOTA station which was operated under the call sign of the prez, KB8PAI and assisted by Jeanne, KB8TAT. Several new (very new... just weeks old) hams operated the HF bands through the GOTA station and from their experience with that they are now inspired to push on to obtain the 5 word CW and general class license.

Stations that were operated were :40 meter CW, Steve, KC8TVW; 160/75 meter phone Ron, WD8LVF and Joe KC8YRK; 20 meter phone Chuck, N8NIR; 40 meter phone KB8FXJ and KB8IUP; 2 meter phone Brian KC8TRL; 6 meter phone Ed, KC8WLM and 15 meter phone Brian, WD8MXR.

We also had some digital modes up and running too. Many thanks to Chris, KC8UFV for the APRS demo and all his help, and thanks to Steve, N8XSJ for the SSTV demo. Both of these demo's were very interesting to watch and learn.

I would like to thank all of these operators for their efforts and good participation. I would also like to thank all who came out to operate, or just plain visit. I hope every one had a good time and enjoyed the field day experience. All are welcome to come out again next year and I hope you do.

For those of you who might have missed field day you are always welcome to come next year. You never know when or if you are going to have to operate in the field and this event helps us to find out what we are able to accomplish.

73,
Steve, W8TER



Steve, W8TER, was ready to welcome everyone to the TMRA field day site.

Kb8fxj photo

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TMRA Swap 'N Shop

Contact me to create, remove, or edit a listing at
KB8PAI@ARRL.NET or by phone at 419-724-8672.
Current as of July 30, 2006

For Sale:

- * John, K8DAD 419-265-3607 or <toledohamradio@yahoo.com>, Family heirloom, an early 1960's Blaupunkt "Sultan" tabletop multi-band radio in near mint condition. Covers AM, FM, 6-18MHz SW. Sounds great and features the green 'tuning eye.' Details or photos are available (listed 7/23, 7/30,)
- * Don, WD8AKS 419-666-3655, IC-735 with power supply, 50 foot Rohn tower (non-tilt, it is still erected,) two TA-33 antennas with rotors. (listed 7/16, 7/23, 7/30,)
- * Steve, W8TER, 419-381-1187 or <w8ter@arrl.net>, Yaesu FTC-1143 Commercial HT, keypad programmable from 450 to 470 MHz, Yaesu FTC 1123 Commercial HT, keypad programmable from 140 to 170 MHz with the programming instruction sheet included. Some FNB-4 batteries - they are dead. FBA- 5 battery case with 6 rechargeable batteries. Yaesu PA-3 cigarette power cord that fits the FNB batteries.
Would like to sell these as a group - (\$75.00 takes all.) Icom IC-2720 dual band FM Transceiver (\$275.00) (listed 7/23, 7/30,)

Looking For:

John, K8DAD 419-265-3607 or <toledohamradio@yahoo.com>, Crystals for Regency 2m rigs (10.7 MHz I.F.) Specifically looking for 147.87 / 147.27 crystals for Regency HR-2A (24X transmit multiplier) and 147.975 / 147.375 crystals for HR-2B (18X transmit multiplier). (listed 7/23, 7/30,)

Free for the Taking:

- * Kaz, WA8MNR 419-474-4373 or <kazsoko@bex.net>, 40 foot Rohn tower with a special tilting mechanism, needs to be taken down. (listed 7/30,)
The dates following each listing indicate the number of times that the listing has been aired on the Sunday evening net.

The TMRA Swap 'N Shop is a service of the Club, and open to all amateurs or interested persons in the coverage area of the repeater, newsletter, or website. The TMRA reserves the right to decline to accept any listing. Any descriptions of items listed are those of the person listing the items. Items are kept on the Swap 'N Shop list for a period of four weeks, or five Sundays on the air after which they are dropped from the list. Renewals are welcome, but please notify me promptly when there is no longer a need to continue a listing. When the TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon is published each month, the then current Swap 'N Shop listing are included in the newsletter (at the editors' discretion.) Prices are not mentioned over the air, but if known, will be shown in the newsletter or website.

There are several ways to list items of Amateur Radio interest:

- * Check into the Swap 'N Shop Net Sunday evenings after the Information Net (approximately 9PM EST.) on 147.270/147.870 Mhz
- * E-mail me at kb8pai@arrl.net
- * Call me at 419-724-8672
- * Mail the information to me through the USPS

Thanks to Brian, WD8MXR for all of his years of maintaining the Swap 'N Shop listings! I hope that I can do a good job following in his footsteps.

73 de KB8PAI

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 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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This Month

Saturday, August 12-- *Sylvania SuperKids* Swim and Bike event. Radio ops needed. Call Brenda, KB8IUP, to signup. (8665928)

Sunday, August 13-- *Sylvania Tri-Athalon*. More radio ops needed. Call Brenda for this one too. (8665928)

Saturday, August 19-- *MAUMEE UPTOWN FAIR*. Help promote amateur radio at this event. Call Steve, W8TER, for info or to volunteer to help. (3811187)

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: Scott, N8BIR; Bob, K8ADK; Howard, W8NEE; Dave, KB8EH; Steve, KC8TVW.

TMRA Home Page www.tmrahamradio.org Webmaster, Tom, KB8PAI.

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*