



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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## "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order Takes Effect December 15

With publication in the Federal Register November 15, the long-awaited changes to the amateur rules are set to take effect 30 days later, at 12:01 AM EST December 15. The so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, includes a significant expansion of the 75 meter phone band and a variety of other changes.

### *The highlights:*

- \* For Amateur Extra class licensees, the 75 meter phone band will start at 3600 kHz, while Advanced class licensees start at 3700 kHz and Generals at 3800 kHz. The high end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band is now 3600 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* On 40 meters, Amateur Extra and Advanced licensees will be able to operate phone beginning at 7125 kHz, while Generals start at 7175 kHz. The top end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band will be 7125 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* There are no changes to the 20 meter band.
- \* On 15 meters, the General class phone band now starts at 21275 kHz.
- \* On 10 meters, Novice and Technician Plus licensees can now operate CW/RTTY/Digital from 28000 kHz to 28300 kHz.
- \* In addition, Novices and Tech Plus licensees can use CW only on the same frequencies as General and Advanced licensees on the 80, 40 and 15 meter bands: 3525 kHz-3600 kHz; 7025 kHz-7125 kHz and 21025 kHz-21200 kHz.

The Report&Order as published in the Federal Register clarified two items that had raised some concerns when it was first released October 10: That the 80/75 meter band split applies to all three IARU Regions, and that FCC licensees in Region 2, which includes North America, can continue to use RTTY/data emissions in the 7075-7100 kHz band.

Several controversial aspects of the proceeding are still to be resolved, although the FCC is working on an erratum for the inadvertent elimination of J2D emissions of more than 500 Hz bandwidth. The Commission intends to release the erratum by the December 15 effective date.

The FCC also took several other miscellaneous actions.

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From ARRL Headquarters

## 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 through the club we will receive a \$2.00 commission. For every ARRL membership new or lapsed (over 2 years) through the club we will receive a \$15.00 commission.

To renew or sign-up through 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 a check made out to the TMRA. 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 through the Club. If you would like to join the ARRL, see Chuck, N8NIR.

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## Membership

So far, we are starting off the membership season briskly, just as I had thought it would be; but let's not stop there! We are at about 40 members renewed (from approximately 200 members in 2006) and more keep coming in. Is yours turned in? So, this is just another reminder about the annual task that I ask of you this time of year... your TMRA membership renewal. In this issue of *The Beacon* (also in last month's issue) you will 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 category as Wanda Cunningham (wife of Dan, KE8UE) or Pat Ferguson, N8ORE (wife of Charlie, N8JKL) who were the lucky winners of a complimentary membership for 2007. 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.

I am always willing to accept a renewal or application for membership, and I always want to help you if you have questions about your membership with the TMRA. There are many members that I am not sure are aware, that can qualify for a complementary membership. Just ask and I will check and let you know where you stand.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Club!

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

## The Ohio Slow Net (OSN)

The Ohio Slow Net (OSN), one of three CW traffic nets operating in the Buckeye State, changed its operating frequency on Monday, November 27. The change was necessary due to the recent modifying of our sub bands by the Federal Communications Commission.

OSN Net Manager Henry Koenig, WD8Q, announced the new operating frequency, 3.596 MHz. This net meets daily at 6:10 p.m. and will continue to meet daily at that time.

Early in November, the FCC in a Rule and Order, announced band changes, which will be effective December 15. The OSN had been using 3.708 MHz.

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## Lucas County ARES News

Becky, KC8ZNX, has brought the LCARES web site to life. Go to [www.lcares.org](http://www.lcares.org), and see for yourself. The web site is loaded with information for hams in Lucas County and northwest Ohio. You can keep up to date with the latest LCARES information. There are links to many places of amateur radio interest. Actually there is too much to mention here, so go on line and take a look for yourself.

The date of the December LCARES meeting has been changed to Dec. 30, because of the Christmas Holiday. The location is the same. St. Luke's Hospital, Private Dining Room, at 9:00 AM. Please join us for breakfast in the cafeteria before the meeting.

## 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".

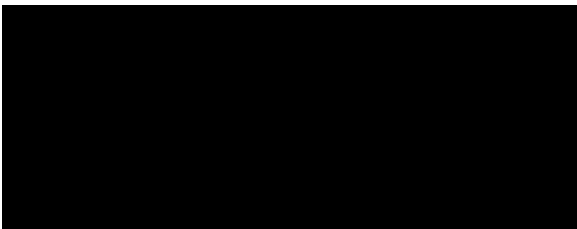
**GTARA** (146.610-, 147.120+ 103.5) Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

**SARA** 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.

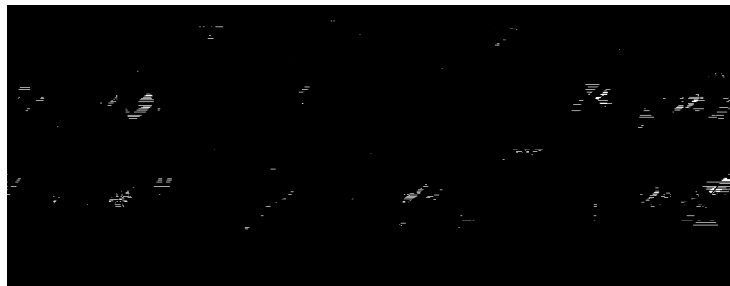


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- TMRA W8HHF Repeaters; 29.680-, 147.270+, 224.140-, 442.850+ (TMRA 2 meter, 220, and 440 repeaters operate with a 103.5 "PL", or a touch-tone access code of 1-2-3) Please "ID" before using phone-patch.  
(10 digit dialing, \*up and #down)

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*