



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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



September 2006

The Prez Sez:

Hello all, I hope you are enjoying the Summer while it is still here! There are quite a few events and Amateur Radio related activities going on in the Club at present. These next few days and weeks should prove to be fairly active with activity.

One very important issue pertaining to the Club is the upcoming officer elections at the Annual Business Meeting in September. The second Wednesday of the month as always. Nominations are currently open from the 'floor' and will stay open right up until the ballot is finalized... so if you know someone that can do the job, help get them elected. Campaigning is allowed! From what I understand, almost all officer seats are being represented, but that certainly doesn't mean that you can't run for an office, too. We will also be in need of a Club Station License Custodian. This 'office' will need someone to take responsibility for the Club's callsign, W8HHF during its next ten year term. Let someone on the Nominating Committee know you are interested in being an officer. Those persons would be Steve, KC8TVW; Mike, WA8SYD; and Bob, K8ADK.

Here's a little rundown of August events that have taken place or will be soon... (Did I mention that we've been busy?) The Sylvania SuperKids event and Sylvania Triathlon seemed to go well, managed by the very capable Brenda, KB8IUP. The Maumee Summerfair started out a little gloomy, but turned out to be a nice day and we had some of the public take interest in what we were doing and ask a few questions. Thanks to Steve, W8TER for his tireless efforts to promote the hobby and our services to the community. The Ohio QSO Party is coming up soon and I hope everyone will be representing their locale, even if it isn't Ohio. And then the Club's picnic should be a nice affair; I hope you are able to make it.

A little precursor to upcoming events for September include the Labor Day holiday and the Findlay Hamfest. Support your 'local' Clubs! And I'll mention it again... be sure to attend our all important TMRA Annual Business Meeting with officer elections on September 13th and vote for your favorite candidate(s).

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

September Is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year, ARRL is once again a coalition member. National Preparedness Month 2006 is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The agency will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation. More information is available at <http://www.ready.gov>.

The August issue of ARRL's "*CONTACT!*" features a wealth of information on September's National Preparedness Month and how to promote ARES in local media outlets. See <http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/#current> and click on the August 2006 issue.

Incumbent Section Managers Overcome Re-Election Challenges in Ohio, Idaho

NEWINGTON, CT, Aug 22, 2006 -- Incumbent ARRL Section Managers in Ohio and Idaho won re-election in the only two contested races of the current SM election cycle. ARRL Field and Educational Services staffers counted and verified election ballots August 22 at ARRL Headquarters.

In the Ohio Section, veteran SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE, outpolled challenger Mark Erbaugh, N8ME, 1235 to 747. The nearly 2000 ballots cast by Ohio Section ARRL members were testament to the high interest in this race. Phillips's win makes him the first Ohio SM elected to serve for five terms. He's been in office since October 1998.

"I want to thank all Ohio Section voters for giving me the privilege of heading the ARRL's best section," Phillips said after the votes were in. "Mark, N8ME, ran a thoughtful and issue-oriented campaign, which made this election a model for election campaigning."

In the Idaho Section, incumbent SM Doug Rich, W7DVR, topped a field of three candidates. Rich received 154 votes to 118 for John Wilson, K0IP, and 83 for past three-term Idaho SM Don Clower, KA7T. Rich has been SM since September, 2003, when he was appointed to fill the year remaining in the previous SM's term. He was elected in his own right in October 2004.

During the campaign, Rich expressed his belief that an SM should focus on disaster readiness and communications. He has completed all three levels of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications courses as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System courses.

Incumbent SMs in seven ARRL sections were elected without opposition. They are: Betsey Doane, K1EIC, Connecticut; Skip Jackson, KS0J, Minnesota; Kent Olson, KA0LDG, North Dakota; John Thomason, WB5SYT, Oklahoma; Sherri Brower, W4STB, Southern Florida; John Ellis, NP2B, Virgin Islands and Scott Bauer, W2LC, Western New York. New two-year terms for successful candidates begin October 1.

Join in the fun on "Bud's Midnite Madness Net", every Monday thru Friday evening on the 147.195+ Wauseon repeater at 2230 hours. (10:30 pm) The Fulton County repeater is accessible from most of Lucas County and the surrounding area.

OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

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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, 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 August 9, 2006

- ★ Called to order at 1940h by President Tom, KB8PAI
 - ★ After the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guest introduced themselves.
 - ★ 22 members and 1 guest were in attendance.
 - ★ Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and corrected.
 - ★ Treasurer's Report, Chuck, N8NIR: report covered 2 months as Treasurer was excused the July meeting.
 - ★ President's Report, Tom, KB8PAI: currently 196 members; Nominating Committee consists of Mike, WA8SYD, Steve, KC8TVW, and Bob, K8ADK; Brenda, KB8IUP is chairing Picnic and needs reservations; Still looking for opinions on the UT Scholarship situation. We have 2 tickets to Peoria HF on Sept 16/17; Dave, KD8DOT is organizing the next Foxhunt – no date scheduled for it.
 - ★ Vice-President's Report, Steve, W8TER reported that he had nothing to report.
- ★ ★ Committee Reports:
- ★ ARES: Chuck, KB8FXJ noted the Sylvania triathlon still needs operators; Maumee Fair needs volunteers; Mike, WA8SYD drew attention to the fact that a national certification is being required for Emcomm activities
 - ★ Picnic: August 27th
 - ★ Nominating: Chuck, N8NIR will re-run for Treasurer, Brian, WD8MXR will re-run for Secretary; Tom, KB8PAI will not re-run for President; no other candidates at present.
 - ★ Flowers: Brian, WD8MXR – a get well card was sent to Corey ,KC8HQG, on the occasion of his surgery.
 - ★ Education: Mike, WA8SYD – some new licensees from recent classes are on the air; expect a Fall class for new licensees; a General class is being considered – will not be a 2 day format.
 - ★ Dayton Bus: Mike WA8SYD: will have one in 2007

★ ★ Old Business:

- ★ Tom, KB8PAI reminded everyone to register for the email reflector.

★ ★ New Business:

- ★ Chuck, N8NIR commented that some operators using the 147.27 repeater allow the repeater to drop each time.
- ★ James, WD8IOL enquired as to any mini-field days coming up: Steve, W8TER said that none were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted
Brian, WD8MXR
Secretary.

Congratulations to Brian, WD8MXR, who successfully passed Levels I, II and III of The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses.

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VE session August

The VE session on Aug. 12 yielded the following: KD8CIK, Mike, General; KD8DFI, Stacey, General; KB8NGA, Wayne, Extra; KD8DVJ, Bob, Extra and KD8EDB, John, Tech.

Thanks to the VE's who assisted: Howard, W8NEE; Brian, WD8MXR; Tom, N8MAV.

Steve KC8TVW
ARRL VE Liaison

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; Bob, K8ADK; 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*