



LMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

June 2007



Field Day 2007

As you may be aware Field Day 2007 is June 23rd and June 24th.

I am looking for help with the event and if you are able I could use some help in covering the following items. There are different reasons we do these different tasks and I will try to explain as I go.

Emergency Power

We run on generators during Field day because we want to be sure that we have power without relying on the commercial mains.

Media Publicity

We try to publicize our event to help the public be aware of the resource amateur radio provides.

Public Location

We try to make ourselves obvious to the public by setting up in a public place that allows the public to stop by without invitation.

Public Information Table

We set this table up and stock it with pamphlets and information about amateur radio for visitors to take home with them.

Message Origination To SM Or SEC

This allows us to make sure we know who our section manager and/or section emergency coordinator is and that we are able to communicate to them via NTS.

Message Handling NTS

Sending messages via NTS gives us practice and allows us to demonstrate our abilities at passing messages independent of other recourses.

Satellite QSO

Performing this task is not an easy feat. Being able to communicate and understanding how communications through satellites may be beneficial in times of disaster helps us to develop our emergency skills.

Alternate Power

Setting up solar panels or another means of power source other than gas driven generators allows us back up to our power source.

WIAW Bulletin

Copying this message is essential. During an actual disaster the WIAW will broadcast messages for amateurs to copy for updates about the countries status. We should be able to copy them.

Non-Traditional Mode

We like to demonstrate these modes to help engage the public's interest and to show off our talent in communications.

Site Visitation By An Elected Official

We invite the politicians to come to the site to checkout amateur radio to show them that we are a reliable source of backup communication.

Field Day Youth Participation

As always we try to introduce the young to amateur radio to maybe spark an interest to keep amateur radio alive and interesting.

GOTA (Get On The Air)

This station's primary function is to give hams who are not active to get on the air. it is also used to get the youth and any interested person on the air, licensed or not.

Band Captains

I have band captains to help coordinate the frequency use.

If you would, please volunteer to undertake or assist someone in one or more of these tasks. If you want to know more about what a task entails, I can help you and explain what is needed. It gives amateur radio field day a real purpose. Regardless of whether you have done any of these tasks I can get you started and you will have fun performing them. You will find it interesting and it gives us a mission to accomplish.

June 23rd and 24th at the Wolcott house in Maumee. Looking forward to seeing you there. Stop by and stay awhile. Don't be afraid to help us make a couple of contacts and experience FIELD DAY

73

Steve W8TER

Foxhunters In District 9 Come To The Rescue!!!

On Saturday, May 12th the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association was performing a training exercise at Salt Fork State Park when the training session turned real. This exercise was the third in a series of training sessions to develop effective radio direction finding skills. Called a Fox Hunt, a small radio transmitter is hidden somewhere in the Salt Fork Park, and various teams, using direction finding equipment, attempt to locate the hidden transmitter (Fox).

During this exercise Sonny Alfman W8FHF and Lyn Alfman N8IMW were one of the teams attempting to be the first to locate the hidden transmitter. Direction finding equipment indicated that the Fox might be located somewhere in the area of the Hosak's Cave complex. Sonny Alfman was closing in on the hidden transmitter when he heard a weak cry for help. Additionally, Lyn Alfman came across a small boy wandering in the woods.

At this time Sonny and Lyn Alfman terminated their fox hunt efforts and proceeded toward the Hosak's waterfall and cave. They found a man at the bottom of the waterfall, lying among the rocks and across the small creek. He stated that he had fallen onto the rocks and believed that he had broken his leg and shoulder and was unable to move. Also, the little boy said that the man was his dad, and the boy was quite confused and difficult to console. Sonny placed a small log under the injured man's head to keep water from the waterfall from his face. Fortunately, we had a radio amateur located at the ranger station at the main campgrounds acting as the control point for the Fox Hunt. Sonny Alfman, using his amateur radio handheld, contacted Bill Dickson, WB8TRK at that location and advised that we had an emergency with a man down and needed immediate assistance. Bill contacted the park rangers and this started the emergency rescue efforts as the Salt Fork rangers started contacting emergency personnel to come to the scene. Meantime, Lyn Alfman took the small boy to the parking area, and she and another radio amateur, Sue Stuebe, KB8SUZ, kept him occupied while the emergency efforts were under way.

Because of the location of the man on the rocks, it was a very difficult to bring him out of the cave area. The rescue teams needed assistance with ropes and other equipment to be able to bring him down to the ambulance area. Lyn, using her amateur radio, contacted Mary Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR, advising that they needed ropes to help in removing the man. Mary contacted 911, and shortly thereafter, the Guernsey County Technical Rescue personnel with ropes and rappelling gear arrived at the scene. After the man had been

rescued and placed on life flight, another radio amateur, Chad Hulboy, KC8YFP, personally took the small boy to the Cambridge SEORMC Hospital to be checked out, where Hulboy was to meet the boy's grandmother.

As the original game plan was to locate the hidden transmitter, it was terminated for another day. Sonny Alfman can claim a small fox hunt victory as he was about to find the Fox, when the emergency situation began. Just by a stroke of luck the transmitter had been hidden in the Hosak Cave area. The Cambridge Amateur Radio operators were glad that they were on the scene and able to assist in getting the rescue effects underway.

All the Amateurs listed above are members of the Guernsey County ARES. Sonny is the DEC for District 9. This story made front page of the May 15th edition of the Cambridge Daily Jeffersonian. GREAT JOB!!!!

73, and let's be careful out there!
Frank, KI8GW

From the Ohio ARES report May 2007

TMRA Offers Code Testing -- For Fun

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) begins participating in a pilot study of an ARRL field code proficiency testing program in June. The first of the monthly sessions will be offered on June 9 at 8:30 AM. The location for the testing will be Fire Station #2, 450 W Dussel Dr., Maumee, OH 43537. Morse code testing will be offered from 5-40 wpm in steps of 5 wpm. There is no charge to participate. The pilot program is essentially an extension of the long-standing Code Proficiency program conducted over W1AW. It functions only in four municipal areas in the ARRL Great Lakes Division of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

All area residents interested in demonstrating their ability to receive Morse code are invited to join in the testing. Test participants do not need to be Amateur Radio operators.

Successful candidates will demonstrate one minute of perfect copy of the transmitted text at one or more test speeds. Persons who achieve solid copy will receive a receipt that confirms their accomplishment.

For further information on Toledo Morse code testing runs, contact Steve Stalker, KC8TVW (kc8tvw@arrl.net) or Bob Johnson, K3RC (k3rc@arrl.net). Pre-registration, only, please. No walk-ins.

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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 Bill, WN8RUG, at 419-882-7337. **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 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

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)

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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May 12 VE Testing Session

At the May 12 VE testing session in Maumee, there were 4 people earning upgrades. They were: Jeanne, KB8TAT, upgraded to General; Charles, KD8GDC, upgraded to General; Bill, N8WPH, upgraded to General and Richard, N8SPJ, upgraded to Extra. Congrat's to all. Next Maumee test session is June 9.

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Stacey KD8DFI

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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*