



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2007



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## LCARES Ham of the Year

Steve, N8XSF, was awarded the LCARES Ham of the Year Plaque at the annual LCARES Banquet. One little glitch in the works was the fact that Steve had to work that night, so he was notified by a phone call from the banquet. All of those attending had a great time in Steve's honor. Pictured here is the guest speaker, Frank Piper, KI8GW, Section Emergency Coordinator.



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## TMRA Annual Bus Trip To Dayton

There is still time to reserve a comfortable and affordable seat on the Dayton bus. As usual, Mike, WA8SYD, has done all the work, so you can enjoy a pleasant ride to the gate of the "World's Largest Hamfest". If you haven't made your reservation yet, call Mike at 476-2947. Go to [www.hamvention.com](http://www.hamvention.com) for hamfest ticket information.

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## VE Session Results April 14

### Upgrades

Tom, KD8ATD, General; Brian, KD8COO, General & Troy, KD8DTM, Extra.

### New Hams

Jim, KD8FZU, General; Mike, KD8FZT, Tech & Scott, KD8FZS, Tech.

Thanks to W8NEE, KB9UPS, KB8KLL, KB8PAI & KD8DFI for you help.

Steve KC8TVW

## **Highlites From Weaver's Words - - The Fabulous Dayton Hamvention((R) Is Near**

Tuesday, May 01, 2007

### *++ Division Gathering Spot at Hamvention(r)*

Most of you know there will be another ARRL Expo at the Dayton Hamvention(r) this year. One feature of the Expo will be a Great Lakes Division come-and-visit booth. Division members, Division appointees, Section Managers and Section appointees are invited to "come and sit a spell" or stand around and chat with each other. It'll be a good time to get to know each other as well as to ask questions and offer suggestions. While at the Division booth, feel free to check around the other booths at the Expo. You just might find President Harrison, W5ZN, CEO Sumner, K1ZZ and a few others in the area would like to meet you and talk. Check the schedule of ARRL forums in the program book.

### *++ ARRL Licensing Activity*

Maria Somma, AB1FM who manages the ARRL VEC program, estimates there has been a 35% increase in new license applications since February 23. There has also been an estimated 50% increase in upgrade applications.

### *++ A Poll for Great Lakes Division ARRL Members*

I'm trying to get a tentative idea of what you think about the following questions. Please answer the following question "yes" or "no," only. As always, you can expand on these very brief answers, but put any discussions at the bottom of your e-mail. Please do not mix a brief answer with a discussion. I don't have staff that can digest discussions, quickly. Reading and understanding your discussion will occur over following weeks.

The questions:

1. Do you think you understand what ARRL's Regulation by Bandwidth petition would have accomplished?
2. Do you favor changing our band assignments so that any legal mode can operate anywhere in each band (i.e. there would be no subbands for voice, data, etc.)?
3. Do you favor having amateur licenses issued for the life of the license holder (i.e. never expire during the life of the licensee)?
4. Are you happy with the way ARRL has communicated the content of its petitions to FCC with you? (The question is not about how you feel about the content of the petitions; just about the quality of the way in which ARRL informed you of them and the value of them to Amateur Radio.)
5. Are you in favor of separating our bands into segments for wide-band transmissions (e.g. up to about 4 kHz), mid-band transmissions (e.g. about 1.5 kHz to 300 Hz) and narrow-band (less than about 300 Hz).

I will let you know the results of this yea or nay poll.

Tnx, 73,

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## ARRL Foundation Provides Second Donation To ARISS Columbus Project

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The ARRL Foundation has granted an additional \$2000 toward the cost of constructing and installing Amateur Radio antennas and equipment on the International Space Station's Columbus module, set to launch later this year. The ARRL Foundation earlier contributed \$5000 to the project.

Columbus will house an additional Amateur Radio station, including the first digital Amateur Radio TV (DATV) station in space as well as a ham radio transponder. Funding to finish and install ham radio antennas on the European Space Agency (ESA)-built laboratory module has been uncertain, however.

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Vice Chairman Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, says donations from various sources covered a payment of 9000 Euros -- approximately \$12,000 -- in March. A second payment is due this fall. Bertels says the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee also donated 2000 Euro to the project.

The antennas have been manufactured and will be tested for acceptance at the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) before delivery to Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, where a silicon dioxide coating will be applied before the antennas are installed on the Columbus module, Bertels explained.

"Their development and manufacturing cost is now nearly covered, but not yet the cost of certification tests," Bertels told ARRL.

Other donations have come from AMSAT-NA and AMSAT-UK, among other organizations, as well as from many individual donors.

The yet-to-be-built Columbus Amateur Radio gear will make it possible for ARISS to establish wideband and video operations for the first time and allow continuous transponder operation.

AMSAT-Belgium has set up a bank account to receive additional donations for the Columbus project. Details are on the ARISS-EU Columbus Web page <<http://www.ariss-eu.org/columbus.htm>>. Click the "Donate" button in the left column.

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### New Q-Signal

The International Q-Signal Management Board has adopted a new Q-Signal, especially for amateur use. As reported in the April issue of "The RADIOGRAM" of the Portage County (Ohio) Amateur Radio Society, the new signal is:

QBO = Don't sit next to that guy during meetings.

QBO? = Can you spare some soap?

Several additional new signals were considered but rejected. These can be found in The RADIOGRAM.

### 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

**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 )

**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 "Mini-Field-Day" Postponed

TMRA's springtime "Mini-Field-Day" has been postponed to a yet to be announced later date. It had been scheduled for May 8th however both Steve and Steve (W8TER & KC8TVW) were victims of work schedule conflicts. Tune in to the TMRA nets on the 147.270+ repeater, starting at 19:30 every Sunday nite for updates on this event.

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673  
President, Brian, WD8MXR; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, James, WD8IOL;  
Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Steve, KC8TVW.

Board Members: Dave, KB8EH; Howard, W8NEE;.Bob,K8ADK; Steve,KC8TVW; Tom,KB8PAI

TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://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*