



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

March 2008



Hamfest Time Is Here Again!

Please set aside time to help with the setup and teardown of the TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION'S 2008 HAMFEST on Sunday March 16.

Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, TMRA requests your assistance for this special event! I am in need of help with security for the hamfest. I need help on Saturday from 3:30 PM until 7:30 PM to provide security for the vendors set up. I need help on Sunday morning from 5:30 AM until opening time, which is 8:00 AM.

If you can give a couple of hours to provide security for the hamfest please contact me by e-mail or phone. If you have worked security before, you may have the spot of your choosing if I can accommodate you. If you have not worked security before, I can tell you it is not difficult. All you need is a two meter handie talkie, and if you don't have one, I could scrounge one up for you.

Remember, the setup for the hamfest is Saturday March 15th. Contact Tom, KB8PAI, to help with setup on Saturday.

There are some time slots open for ticket sellers, contact Brenda, KB8IUP, to schedule a time.

Steve Bellner, W8TER
TMRA Hamfest Security

Amateur Radio Hamfest Web Site

Many of you may already know about this site and have taken part in the fun activities. This is an amateur radio web site which transmits live video and audio of hamfest around the country. It is on 24 x 7, 365 days each year. When we are not broadcasting live ham radio events, we are running some recorded videos of previous hamfests. Dayton Hamvention is less than 90 days away so we are testing the system and gearing up for another fun live broadcast. In addition to the live video and audio, we have a chat room on the web page where everyone can log in with your call and chat with each other. We have viewers in over 150 countries.

In addition to seeing the hamfests, you can actually watch us broadcast live our convoy to the hamvention. You will be able to ride with us as we drive the 550 miles to Dayton. We have been showcased in many news papers, tv news casts, and magazines like "Wired" and "CQ" to mention a few. And while at the hamfests, we have the famous helmet cam that we wear as we walk around the flea market and inside dealers. Its a lot of fun and if you cant make it in person, you can attend virtually.

Please check in from time to time and say hello to other hams around the world. The site is <http://w5kub.com>

73s, Tom W5KUB

Where Are We Going

I don't like to give my time to ham radio clubs. You don't have to be a member of a club to be part of the ham radio community.

I only like to hang out on certain frequencies with certain familiar people. That is okay. When an unfamiliar ham stops by that certain frequency, make sure you make the right impression on them so they will come back to that frequency and they can become one of those certain people you enjoy talking with. You are still a ham and sooner or later you are going to be involved with other hams, especially if you get on HF.

Get familiar with on the air protocol so you don't sound like you came straight from the movie, "Smokey and the Bandit." When you say "Roger!" do you actually know what it means.

I don't like talking to other hams. Okay! Nothing wrong with that. It's called Short Wave Listener or Scanner Listeners.

I hear people mention that the airwaves are not as busy as the used to be. When I get on the two meter radio, I scan through a number of frequencies and often do find two hams conversing on a simplex frequency. I might suggest the repeaters are not used as much but hams are talking.

If you are the new person to stop by a frequency you might want to keep in mind that Ham radio is for communications. You should try to avoid soap boxing. Try to stay away from politics (Difficult as it is with some of the politicians today.) and religion. These are just some general suggestions. As we know we all have opinions about things and some ought not be shared on the ham bands.

That is why we have broadcast radio and television. They can swear and talk about politics and just about anything else they want on television. Not a good idea to do it on the ham bands. Remember... we are representing all of the ham operators in the United States, and Canada is close enough to hear us on two meter simplex, and of course HF! Being ambassadors for our country we need to make sure we are representing ourselves at our best because you never know who is listening. For example the local TV and radio stations in the Toledo area monitor our ham bands and have even made provisions to monitor our packet frequencies.

Just a note about the word politics: The prefix POLY means: MANY and the suffix TICK means: BLOOD-SUCKING INSECT. Is this just a coincidence?

W8TER

TMRA VE Test Sessions

At the February 9 test session, Patrick, KD8HOZ, and Donald, KC8WLO, upgraded to General and Eugene, KD8HSU, earned his Tech. On March 1, at the conclusion of the classes hosted by Steve, KC8TVW, and Mike, WA8SYD, at the Challenger Learning Center, nine new Amateurs passed their Tech exams. They are: Julia, KD8HYR; Sandra, KD8HYS; Ted, KD8HYT; Jeff, KD8HYU; Ben, KD8HYV; Don, KD8HYW; Doug, KD8HYX; Reed, KD8HYY and Jeremy, KD8HYZ. Be sure to welcome these new amateurs to ham radio

when you hear them on the air. Congrats to all and Thanks to the VE's who volunteered. The next test session is scheduled for April 8, at the Maumee fire station.

Thanks Stacey NS8W

OSSBN Returns To Normal Operation On Saturday, March 1

The Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN) will return to its normal evening session starting time and frequency Saturday, March 1. This announcement has been made by Ohio Assistant Section Manager, Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Net Manager for the OSSBN.

Ohio's traffic net of record, which meets three times daily, had changed the time and frequency for its evening sessions during the winter months due to propagation problems on 75 meters.

Starting March 1, the evening session begins 6:45 p.m. on the regular OSSBN frequency of 3.9725 MHz. The early session at 10:30 a.m. and afternoon session at 4:15 p.m. were never changed.

ARRL Ohio Section

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ARES News

There is a new look to the ARES website. <www.lucascountyares.org> Check it out. ARES event coordinator, Rick, K8RKS, has several communication events lined for this year, and there may be a few more added to the schedule.

At this time the first event will be one of our favorites, the Glass City Marathon, on April 13. This opportunity to blow the dust off of your equipment, have some communications fun and provide a community service. If you have never participated in one of these events before, that is no problem. There are many experienced hams out there who are willing to show you the ropes. Just let us know on the daily ARES net at 6:40 PM on the 146.940- repeater or on the TMRA Q&A net on the TMRA repeaters on Sunday evening at 7:30 PM. (147.270+ and 442.850+ Mhz)



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 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+. **Lucas County SKYWARN Net** as needed by the NWS, 147.270+ Alternate frequencies are 146.835-, 146.940- or others announced by "net control". **District SKYWARN Net** on 147.375+, Alternate frequencies are 146.610_ and 147.345+.

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 Becky, KC8ZNX, 419-290-3511.

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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***2008 ANNUAL SKYWARN TRAINING, SATURDAY MARCH
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10:00 – 12:00 ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND.



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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.