



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2008



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## The Prez Sez

The TMRA Audit Committee, consisting of Brenda, KB8IUP; Rita, WB8FBG and myself, WD8MXR met with TMRA Treasurer Chuck, N8NIR on Friday April 11, 2008 to complete the audit for the Financial Year May 2006 – April 2007. The Audit Committee's report of its findings and recommendations was presented to the Executive Committee at its last meeting, April 23, 2008, and will be available at the next TMRA General meeting. Any member wishing to read it before, or will not be at the meeting, can email me (brian.harrington@utoledo.edu) for a copy.

All minutes of TMRA meetings are open and available to members.

73, Brian

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## 2008 LCARES Ham Of The Year

At the Annual LCARES banquet on March 29, Becky, KC8ZNX was named ARES 2008 Ham Of The Year. The award was presented by the 2007 awardee, Steve, N8XSF. During his presentation speech, Steve led those in attendance with an ever changing story that left everyone guessing who this year's awardee was and if they were present or not. Among Becky's achievements listed were her contributions to Lucas County SKYWARN, her work with the Scouts and her leadership role in TRAC.



Congratulations to Becky, KC8ZNX on a well deserved Award.

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## The TMRA Dayton Bus Hits The Road Again

To reserve a seat on the annual TMRA bus to Dayton, contact Mike, WA8SYD, at 4194762947.

## Membership News

I've said it before, and I'll say it again... it has been quite busy around here in my personal life, and that is why I have been 'slacking off' on my membership duties. I am in the process of trying to get caught up with all of it and rectify the situation. We are currently at 161 members for the 2008 membership year, which in my opinion, is down from where we should be at this time. Very soon, I am going to be mailing out the unclaimed membership cards and sending out reminder notices to those who have not renewed yet. Hopefully that should get our numbers back to where I think they should be. Remember, renewals are always welcome and membership applications are available on the club's website. Tell all your friends!

In my last article several months ago, I mentioned the complimentary membership drawing for those members who have renewed before the end of the membership year. This took place at the January general meeting. Out of 61 eligible renewing members, the two lucky winners of a complimentary (FREE) membership for 2009 were: Earl Emery, KD8GFM and Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP. Congratulations to both of them. Maybe next January it could be you who is the lucky winning member!

As always, if you have any questions regarding your TMRA membership, don't hesitate to ask me.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming TMRA events; the Dayton Hamvention bus trip, ARRL's Field Day, and miscellaneous meetings, etc.

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

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## Field Day 2008

First of all, I am taking orders for field day t-shirts they are \$13.00 and the pins are \$5.00 If you would like one contact me at w8ter@arrl.net or call me at 419-367-1200.

This year at field day we are having band captains. What the heck is a band captain? The band captain is in charge of coordinating the frequencies so that we do not experience interference between stations. We have had issues of interference in the past so we are trying the use of band captains to see if we can take care of any interference. We have not done this in the past so this is something new. If you have any comments about it please let me now.

Hope to see you at field day. Stop by and operate to your hearts content. You do not have to be a member of TMRA to come out and have fun! We'll be there from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon, the 28th and 29th of June. If you have not attended field day in a while this is a great time to come out and socialize and operate. I like to think about having fun and making contacts but some like the contest portion of the event. Whatever you like your participation is welcome.

The TMRA field day is being held at the Wolcott House Museum Complex on River Rd in Maumee. Yes, we are spoiled! There is indoor plumbing.

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## Highlites From "Weaver's Words"

April 28, 2008

### *Dayton Hamvention Upon Us*

>Hamvention travel advisory

"Finally, after . . . 6 weeks, the construction info is now on the Hamvention(r) web page," wrote Robert Lunsford, KB8UEY of the Hamvention Committee. The information has been posted at <http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/media/trafficnews.html>. The information provides valuable tips on avoiding difficulties that could result from highway construction near the 2008 Hamvention. You will recall the Hamvention Committee is expecting a bumper crop of Ohio "orange barrel" State flowers to be in full-bloom at Hamvention time.

If you will be driving or riding shotgun to the Hamvention, you will want to review the information Bob has prepared. Navigating the final several miles to HARA will be much easier if you have studied his suggestions. Bob added, "As always if anyone has any Talk-In related questions they can email me at [talkin@hamvention.org](mailto:talkin@hamvention.org)."

### *ARRL at the Hamvention*

>ARRL Expo --

The 2008 offering of the Hamvention promises to be another fine example of one of the world's greatest Amateur Radio festivals. As part of the annual event, the ARRL will present another edition of the ARRL EXPO. The EXPO has been so successful its previous two years that many vendors ask to have their booths placed near it to benefit from the high level of traffic it receives from hams from throughout the US and overseas.

Read QST and watch ARRL web announcements to learn of the many features that will be available at the EXPO this year.

The ARRL EXPO is at the same location as in 2006 and 2007. It promises to be even better than before.

>Great Lakes Division

As was true last year, the Great Lakes Division will have a booth for members and appointees to stop by, rest a few minutes if they wish and talk with Division and Section leaders who are likely to be there. Drop by to say hello, to ask questions, to make suggestions or simply to see the faces.

### *Ohio State Parks contest*

Here is an interesting, new contest. The Portage County (OH) ARS is sponsoring the very first Ohio State Park on the Air Contest. The contest will be Saturday, September 6, 2008 from noon to 8 p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z). The contest is open to all amateurs from their base, portable or mobile stations and from inside or outside an Ohio State Park.

This contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy Ohio's parks. Information on them and their features is available at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

Full information on the contest is available at: <http://parks.portcars.org> or from the contest chairman, Chuck, K8CMP, at [k8cmp@portcars.org](mailto:k8cmp@portcars.org).

73,

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### Stacey's General Upgrade Class results

6 people attended all of the sessions with 4 deciding to take the test right after the last class, on May 3rd and 2 opting to study further before trying. All four who took the test, passed and earned their General Class ticket. They are: Dave, KD8EVN; Mark, KC8TVP; George, KD8HLY and Don KD8HYW. Congrat's to all who attended the classes and Thank You to all who helped at the Library and the testing session.

73,  
Stacey, NS8W

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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.