



# *TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*

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## The Prez Sez

September is always an eventful month for TMRA - we announce and award the annual TMRA Amateur of the Year plaque to a member - this year it was Dave, KB8EH, and we were fortunate to have Dave's wife Sharon, KA8LPX, there to surprise him after the presentation. Dave is a long-time member of the club, I recently came across TMRA membership lists for 1978 and 1980; Dave's on the 1980 list but not the 1978, so he joined either in 1979 or 1980 - congratulations to Dave for a well deserved award.

September is also the month in which we elect officers, not always new ones as we seem to have difficulty in persuading members to run for office. This year we did have a contest for Treasurer: Chuck, N8NIR decided not to run for the office again and Rita, WB8FBG and Tom, KB8PAI ended in a tie vote, and so, as decreed in our By-Laws, we went to the coin toss which was won by Rita. As I will remain as President and not move onto the Board of Trustees, we have a vacancy there, and, again per the By-Laws, the Executive Committee is the Nominating Committee and at the October General Meeting we will be nominating Brenda, KB8IUP; Stacy, NS8W and Dan, KE8UE for that vacancy - to be voted on at that meeting.

Especially eventful this September was the ordering of a new Motorola 2m repeater and a new Icom 440MHz repeater and some ancillary equipment for them; some of the new equipment has been delivered, and hopefully both new systems will be up and running soon. The Technical Committee is meeting on a monthly schedule at present. The Tech Committee and the Equipment Manager (me - anyone else like to take over that position - main responsibility is storing few items of stuff in your basement ?) want to update the inventory of club equipment. We know where practically all of it is, but a few items stray from time to time - such as at Field Day: I haven't seen our Radio Shack megaphone for quite a while. Some things get purchased for the Hamfest or Field day but never get into our inventory records. If you have a piece of the club's equipment, let me know and we'll record the details if not done so already

Going back to the club rosters of 1978 and 1980 - there are several current TMRA members listed on the 1978 roster - I'll put the list together for the next TMRA newsletter so we can recognize those with 30+ years' of supporting the club.

Sadly we note the death in September of Howard, W8NEE. Howard was a member of the Board of Trustees and an active Volunteer Examiner, both for the TMRA monthly exam sessions and his own VE group in the Swanton/Delta area. As with all our deceased members, a donation to an organization of the family's choice has been made by TMRA in his memory.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

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Next TMRA meeting – Wednesday, October 8.  
Electrical Industrial Building Lime City Rd.  
Rossford Ohio 7:30 PM

## TMRA Amateur of the Year 2008

Greetings members I am happy to congratulate Dave Leroux, KB8EH, on winning the 2008 TMRA Amateur of the Year. I want to thank the former winners for helping select the candidates and electing this Years recipient.



There was a slate of candidates this year that had all the nominees being very worthy of consideration for the award. That shows how strong TMRA's membership is and why the club is so successful. It's because the membership of the club all add to the total product.

Dave is a very deserving candidate. He has been with the club for a long time and helped with the Tech committee, hamfest, field day and held various position within the club over the years and is currently a trustee and member of the Tech committee. There were many stories of Dave's commitment to TMRA and Amateur Radio and many examples of Dave willing to help those with his knowledge and experience.

Thanks too all of you for letting me be the 2007 Amateur of the Year and I hope the 2009 winner is another Amateur like Dave, KB8EH. The members are all winners with the wealth of great people involved in TMRA.

73,  
Stacey Wilczynski, NS8W

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## Welcome New Hams.

September 11, 2008

At the August 9th test session in Maumee- Michael, KD8JDS, earned his General Class License and Joseph, KD8JDR, earned his Technician Class License. Congrats to both and thanks to the VE's who helped.

David, KD8JGQ; Zach, KD8JGR; Jordan, KD8JGS; Ed, KD8JGT and Charlie, KD8JGU, all earned their Technician Class License. They attended the classes given by Steve, KC8TVW and Mike, WA8SYD. Congrats to all and thanks to Steve and Mike for hosting the classes and also thanks to all the VE's who helped with the testing.

The next TMRA test session in Maumee is October 11th.

73 Stacey NS8W

## JOTA

October 18th is JOTA (Jamboree on the air). It is a world-wide event where scouts get on Amateur Radio and speak to other scouts. This year, JOTA in our area will be at Camp Miakonda on Sylvania Avenue from 10am-4pm.

I am looking for people to help with an amateur radio license to help. simple radio kits and measuring devices). I will with these simple projects. the kids away from the enough people to keep up

Some of the other things kids do a "foxhunt" (radio which I am very excited chance of talking to the will not have an exact time it closer, but I will let everyone

I will be teaching two radio merit will not be available to help with these

You do not need to help all day. Set up will start at 9am and tear down will go until about 5pm. It is my understanding that those who volunteer will get a free lunch, but I will verify that and let you know.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible and the hours you are available.

If we have a good number of people help out, I would like to do more weather activities at JOTA, and if you have any other ideas on weather activities the kids can do, please let me know.

One last thing....if you know any scouts (girl or boy) please pass this along and invite them to come out. It's free, they don't have to register and they will have a blast! . For more info on JOTA, please go to [http://www.scout.org/en/information\\_events/events/jota/all\\_about\\_jota/what\\_is\\_jamboree\\_on\\_the\\_air\\_jota](http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/all_about_jota/what_is_jamboree_on_the_air_jota)

Becky Eby  
Lucas County Skywarn Coordinator  
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this event. You DO NOT have to have We will be having the kids build anemometers (wind speed need people to help the kids (Last year, we couldn't keep radio kids and did not have with all the scouts).

going on: We will have the direction finding.) Also, about, is that we have a 50-50 International Space Station. I would happen until it gets know.

badge classes from 10-12 and 1-3, so I other projects.

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### ARRL GL Division" Vice director election announcement

The following three candidates have been certified for the division Vice Director position:

Johnston, Gary, KI4LA; Meyers, John, NB4K and Romanchik, Daniel, KB6NU

The ballots are in the mail and will contain candidate information. Please mark your ballot with your choice and return it promptly as instructed.

73,  
Jim

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THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673  
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TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org) Webmaster, Tom, KB8PAI.

TMRA W8HHF Repeaters; 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.