



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

September 2008



The Prez Sez

September is important for 2 reasons - we elect officers for the next year, and we announce the recipient of the TMRA Amateur of the Year, and hopefully, if s/he is at the meeting, present the award plaque to him/her.

For the election of officers - the Nominations Committee (this year it was, for the lack of volunteers, just myself and Ron, N8RLH) can present Ron, N8RLH, for Secretary; Steve, W8TER, for Vice-President; Brian, WD8MXR, for President; Rita, WB8FBG, for Treasurer. The nominations will not be closed until just before the voting at the September General Meeting (Wednesday Sept. 10, 2008) - so you could still nominate yourself or someone else. Just be sure that the "someone else" agrees to be nominated to run for an office.

The Technical Committee's recommendations regarding new repeaters for 2m and 440 MHz were approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees: for 2m we're getting a Motorola 100w repeater and for 440MHz an Icom plus a 100w amplifier. This way we stay within the budgeted amount for the 2 new repeaters - possibly in a year or two we'll consider getting a Motorola repeater for 440MHz.

When the bids for the club's KW TS830S Tcwr were opened at the August General Meeting, it was Tom, KB8PAI who had the highest bid and he is now the owner of the tcwr, spkr and desk mike that made up that station.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

Challenger Learning Center ARISS Contact

TMRA sponsored a successful ARISS contact from the Challenger Learning Center on Sept. 1, at 15:22 UTC. The equipment was set up and tested on Saturday morning.



Reed, KD8HYY, coordinating teacher, addresses the group before the contact. (fxj photo)

Many thanks to Steve, KB9UPS, ARISS Mentor, for coordinating this project and supplying the equipment.

I would like to thank all for their efforts and contributions in helping make this ISS contact a success. The teamwork was terrific and we setup and tore down in good time with no incidents.

Special thanks to Chris, KC8UFV, who is deployed with D-MAT for the hurricane, for making sure his grab and go kit was at the school for us to use to connect to the IRLP link. We were able to connect successfully and the communication went out over the internet.



Steve, KB9UPS, assists students with ARIIS contact. (fxj photo)

I am looking forward to getting started on installation of the school station and hope to have this accomplished before the snow flies. I am currently working on plans to get the tower installed and the coaxial and rotator lines run.

I'll try to keep you up to speed as things go along. We will have to set aside a few days to do the work required to install the station. More on that as we get underway.

We had at least one student sign up for amateur radio class. That is a good sign.

73

Steve Bellner, W8TER



Steve, W8TER and Rita, WB8FBG, check the antennas. (fxj photo)



The TMRA ARIIS team at the Challenger Learning Center after a successful contact.

(tanya photo)

**Adrian Hamfest is September 14
at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds.**

Help Promote These Bills!

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to retract BPL just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR) cosponsor Sen. Michael Crapo [R-ID]. Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Rep. Mike Ross [D-AR] and cosponsors Rep. John Barrow [D-GA], Rep. Roscoe Bartlett [R-MD], Rep. Baron Hill [D-IN], Rep. Steve Israel [D-NY], Rep. Ron Lewis [R-KY], Rep. Michael McNulty [D-NY], Rep. Tim Murphy [R-PA], Rep. Sue Myrick [R-NC], Rep. Ronald Paul [R-TX], Rep. Collin Peterson [D-MN], Rep. David Price [D-NC], Rep. Bart Stupak [D-MI], Rep. Timothy Walberg [R-MI].

People, who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs, write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But, this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these Bills and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write then go to the leagues web site (<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressman/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representatives name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it we must do it with respect to them and in confidence.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them -- or not -- and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

73

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Ohio ARRL Section Conference, Saturday; Sept 13, 9:00 AM

Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. All are welcome, no reservations are needed.

Tentative agenda: 9:00- Welcome/update of Section changes, SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE; 9:30- ARES, Meet the new SEC; 9:45- Division/ARRL matters, Director Jim Weaver, K8JE; 10:15- BREAK; 10:30- Official Observers, OOC Rick Swain, KK8O; 11:00- Open Q & A Session, All In Attendance; 11:15- Newsletter awards, PIC Emily Wells, KC8RAL; 11:45- PIZZA LUNCH; 12:45- Severson Award, SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE; 1:00- Ohio House Bill 563, Nick Pittner, WB8TMF; 1:30- OSSBN, ASM Connie Hamilton, N8IO; 2:00- BREAK; 2:15- Open Q & A, All In Attendance; 2:30- Technical presentation, TC Tom Holmes, N8ZM; 3:00- Parade of Emergency Vans, ECs W/ Emergency Vans; 3:15- Wrap-up/Visit Vans, SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

Some regard the Pizza Lunch as the social event of the year. It is a great time to exchange ideas on what others are doing across Ohio. *See You There*

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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.