



# *TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*

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## The Prez Sez

Sadly we have to record that three long-time members of TMRA, Larry WD8PKI, Bob W8BT, and Bob W8ZFE died last week. I don't know exactly how long Bob Taylor and Bob Hinline were members, but Larry's name first appears on a TMRA roster for 1980. Larry was Membership Chairman for many years, I think that he was VP for several years and I do know that he was active on the Hamfest Committee for several years also, and was a regular at Field Day on CW. The Club will make donations in memory of these gentlemen in accordance with each family's wishes.

Another Field Day has come and gone, and I assume that Field Day Chairman Steve W8TER will have a report in this newsletter or the next issue. Many thanks to all who came out and participated in any way, and thanks to Steve, not only for organizing but for providing so many of the antennas. A wide variety of excellent "covered-dish" food was enjoyed by all, and Hiram AB8XP gave another great performance on the grill for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. Officially we were 5A, but there were more than 5 stations in operation at sometime or other. Steve may have the total numbers of contacts: 20m phone was busy on our home-brew wood and aluminum beam. 15m phone was pretty dead until late evening when the 6s starting rolling in, but the forecast of severe storms and rain for the early hours of Sunday, (storms which never happened in our immediate area), led me to close up and go home to the cat. Had I stayed I think I could easily of doubled my score and made 24 contacts !

We have been talking with Owens Community College about holding our 2010 Hamfest there – things look good and we're waiting to see a contract.

In the last Newsletter I asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee to review the TMRA financial records for our FY 2008-2009, and volunteers for the By-Laws review committee. From the fact that I'm asking again, you might assume that I still need members for those committees – and you'd be correct: no-one volunteered.

Coming up soon will be a need to form a Nominating Committee for next years' Officers – elected in September; if you didn't like the idea of the Audit or By-Laws committees – maybe the Nominating Committee is more attractive.

73,  
Brian, WD8MXR

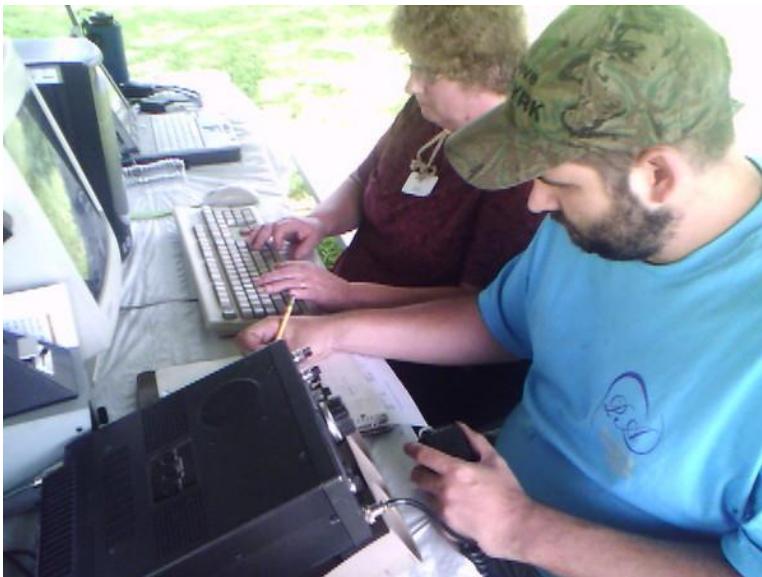
## Field Day 2009

*No lightning strikes this year!*



Steve W8TER and Mike WA8SYD hanging up the TMRA information sign inviting all to stop by a ham radio field day site today *photo-kc8nno*

think this was a good club effort and was happy to see so many members out helping and participating.



Steve KC8YRK and Nancy KC8ZLZ on the W8HHF 20 meter Field Day station working and logging voice contacts via ham radio *photo-kc8nno*

patience prevailed, and just like Frankenstein's monster, it came to life. Dave, KB8EH and Brian, WD8MXR were able to resurrect the monstrous 20 meter beam from the storage shed. It

Friday afternoon was good weather for putting together the Field Day site. I think we are starting to turn into a well oiled machine. In no time the tent was assembled and the start of putting together the 1000 foot circle that we are allowed according to the field day rules was underway.

I would like to thank all for coming out to attend and or participate in Field Day 2009. We had a local councilman stop by and he was given a tour of the site by Mike , WA8SYD and some explanations about

what we were up to.

Much work was made easier by the many hands that helped setup and tear down. I

Brian, WD8MXR worked 15 meter phone. Steve, KC8TVW worked 40 CW with Terry, W8IU logging. Chuck, KB8FXJ and Brenda, KB8IUP had their trusty station connected to the Hustler 4BTV . Chuck and Brenda seem to do well with that antenna. Chris, KC8UFV was on the warpath with PSK 31. I think he was on just about every band making contacts. Rod, KB8OTP and Robert, KD8KXB spent a good portion of the time on a surprisingly open 10 meter band.

The big gun was the club 20 meter beam that had been out of commission for many years. Through some trial and error and measuring twice and cutting once, time and

not only talked...it listened. I see that on 20 meters we were able to collect W1AW as an early contact.

Just when you think it is going good it got better. Steve, KB9UPS and his satellite station made three contacts through satellite. Making one contact on Field Day is almost impossible but KB9UPS's station worked well. A great achievement!

A special thank you to Hiram, AB8XP for lighting up the grill and making all the food taste good. I don't know if Hiram got to operate but he sure provided the fuel of food for the hungry operators. If there was any food left over I don't know where it went.

Hope those who did not make it out this year do so next year. It's a lot of work, but it ends up being a lot of fun!

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Steve, W8TER

Field Day Chairman for TMRA

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### **Still need a little help.**

Date: Monday, July 06,

Hi all! So far I have WN8RUG, W8TER, WD8MXR, W8VEK and KD8FMZ signed up for the Ohio-Michigan run. I could still use a couple more people. I also just found out that the start time has moved back to 9:00 am so we don't get to sleep in quite as late as I originally thought (but we will get done earlier). This race is based in Pacesetter park in Sylvania and takes place on Sunday, July 19th. Please consider donating some of your time to this fun event. If you need more information or would like to volunteer please contact me at either k8rks@arrl.net or 419-471-0573.

Thanks!

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**Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE, SK**

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For members in the Kentucky and Michigan Sections who may not have heard the sad news, Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE became a Silent Key on Saturday, June 20. His funeral was on Saturday, June 27. ARRL made a very appropriate remembrance in Joe's memory.

In addition to members in Ohio, Joe was well-known and loved by many members in Kentucky and Michigan. He is missed.

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director  
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## CLC Project

For the latest report on the TMRA Challenger Learning Center Project, go to the TMRA webpage at, <http://www.tmrahamradio.org/CLC/clc.htm>

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## PRB-1 type bill is in the Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Hams are asked to Write in Support of Ohio House Bill 212.

The state legislation we have known as Ohio PRB-1 is now known officially as Ohio House Bill No. 212. This bill will essentially place the provisions of FCC PRB-1 into Ohio State Law. As part of Ohio law, it will be more visible to townships, cities and other government organizations. Just as PRB-1 applies only to government ordinances, HB-212 will apply only to ordinances. Nonetheless, with some government organizations attempting to ignore the partial pre-emption from PRB-1, it is important that HB-212 is passed.

HB-212 is sponsored by Ohio State Representatives Gerald Stebelton and Mark Okey. It is co-sponsored at the time this e-letter is being written by 11 additional Ohio Representatives.

Ohio State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP, is the leader of this effort, with District 7 DEC Steve Katz, N8WL, serving as project manager. Pittner commented, "We need to have hams contact the remaining 86 members of the Ohio House to possibly be co-sponsors but at least be supporters of HB No 212."

Go to [www.arrlohio.org](http://www.arrlohio.org) to see full information about HB-212 as well as to learn the identity of your representative.

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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.