



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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The Prez Sez

As we reported in last month's Newsletter, this – the June issue – is intended to be the final one that we send to all TMRA members as a mailed, printed issue.

We realize that some members will still need a printed copy as they have no access to a computer, and those members can get one mailed by First-class USPS mail by calling Brenda at 419-866-5928. Also, as I noted last month, this is an experiment, we may have some problems at first – bear with us if there are some, but the change-over should go smoothly. And, don't be afraid to let us know what you think about the change – good or bad: I'm sure that Chuck and Brenda would be happy to have some "letters to the Editor" to publish in future issues of the Newsletter – just be sure to identify yourself to the Editors.

As our financial year ended April 30th, we're due for the annual Audit Committee review and audit of the Club's financial records. Our present Treasurer, Rita WB8FBG and I are on the Audit Committee, and I'm seeking 3 or 4 other members to join us. It involves a few hours one evening reviewing the Treasurer's records and reports and the bank statements. If you're interested, let me know before the next General Meeting (which is June 10th) by email brian.harrington@utoledo.edu.

Also, we're due (actually a little overdue) for the periodic review (as specified in the By-Laws) of the TMRA By-Laws: there are a few items that have been suggested that we change. I'd like to get a committee together for this review – probably would be a few hours one evening. I'm looking for 5 or 6 members to be on this committee - again if you're interested, email me before June 10th.

If there are far more volunteers for the Audit Committee and/or the By-Laws Review Committee than is needed, we'll do a random drawing of names of the volunteers at the General Meeting.

The last weekend of June is Field Day weekend: again we'll be at the grounds of the Wolcott House on River Road. Steve W8TER is Chair for that event and contact Steve for more details regarding set-up times, volunteering to help set-up, for a band and mode to operate, etc. Saturday morning the LCARES monthly meeting will be held at the FD site. TMRA will provide meat (most likely brats and hot dogs) and buns, and pop/coffee for the Saturday evening meal and we ask that if you're coming out for FD Saturday and will be there in the evening for the meal, please bring a dish to share – salad, veggies, or desert.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

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The TMRA News Letter Is Going Electronic.

If you would like to have the TMRA newsletter sent directly to your e-mail address, please send your e-mail address to Tom, KB8PAI who is our membership chairman and say: "I want the newsletter mailed to my e-mail address." When the newsletter is published, it will be sent to your e-mail address.

If you cannot receive the TMRA newsletter because the file is too big to download, send your e-mail address to Tom and say: "I want to be notified and I will retrieve the newsletter from the club web page." You will then be sent an e-mail notifying you that the newsletter has been published and is available for download at the club's web page.

CONTACT TOM, KB8PAI: kb8pai@arrl.net Since Tom is our Membership chairman, he will be the only one to have access to your e-mail address and will not give it out.

The last mailing by USPS will be in June.

TMRA's storage lock-up is now in a new location. From the old site to the new site was about a 5 minute trip by car or truck with trailer. It was W8TER, KB8PAI, KB8FXJ, KD8KXD, and W8MUK who undertook the task on Tuesday afternoon. We loaded up all our vehicles with the unsorted, distorted, meshed-up mangled contents of the storage unit and in one swift movement. created the same mess in another storage unit. Many thanks to all who loaded up their trucks and trailer to move the items from the storage shed.

It is like cleaning out our toy box. Some of the items very old but still useful, others are just extra parts to something but no one knows just what. One thing for sure, it all needs to be gone through to determine what should stay and what should go. So...tech committee, there is another task to do.

I would like to comment on the tech committee since I have mentioned them. They have been meeting every second Monday at the Maumee fire station since they reformed and have undertaken a tremendous challenge of installing the new repeaters. While those repeaters are not yet complete with the installation, the tech committee received a request to move the 220 machine from it's current floor space to an area that is not easily accessible. Now they have the challenge to move the coax to the new location and in doing this they will have to traverse a walkway so as not to obstruct it with the coax. As they have been meeting every second Monday they have been working on the clubs equipment list. The list is being scrutinized and examined for accuracy and correctness. The current tech committee consists of KE8UE, KB8EH, KC8UFV, WJ8E, WA8SYD, KD8DWO, KD8FNA, W8TER, WD8MXR, KB8FXJ, N8XSJ and KB9UPS. I did this from memory so if I missed anyone, my apologies.

Field Day is June 27th and 28th. Always the fourth full weekend of the month. Come out and participate. The club tent will be set up and stations will be operating. The Wolcott House Museum on River Rd. in Maumee is where we are having the event again. Did you know that since we have been using this site the Wolcott house has listed our event as "Radio Relay Day"? I have corrected them several times but they like the sound of it and they continue to allow us to use their grounds for this event at no charge. We do give them a donation because they normally charge a considerable amount for the use of their grounds. They have never asked us to pay and we have always given them some donation. It is a good relationship.

You do not have to be a member of TMRA, nor do you have to be a ham to participate and or to get on the air! We will have a GOTA (Get On The Air) station for those who have no license but are interested in ham radio. Yes, TMRA will be buying the meat for this event. Everyone can eat. I am asking that some of us bring a dish to pass to help offset the operating cost of field day. Brenda, KB8IUP is coordinating the food. If you want to know what dish to bring, please contact Brenda, KB8IUP, by phone 419-866-5928 or e-mail kb8iup@arrl.net. The public and everyone else is welcome to attend.

Ham Radio In The Spot Light For Glass City Marathon Support

The Lucas County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and ham radio are in the spot light this year for providing Glass City Marathon radio communications support. The marathon race was held on Sunday, April 26th, 2009 and race day weather was much warmer than normal. Ham radio operators worked from various fixed and mobile locations all along the 26 mile marathon race course that crossed through both Lucas County and Wood County in the Greater Toledo Ohio area.

This year thanks to Jim Duggan, KD8CIJ, ARRL Public Information Officer for Ohio ARES District One, we also had plenty of media coverage and articles high lighting our ham radio communications support role.

Local Toledo television station WTOL Channel 11 featured two live shots and on air interviews regarding ARES support and ham radio on their Your Day Friday, April 24th, 2009 morning program:
<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?s=10242385>

The American Radio Relay League's national weekly ARES electronic "E-Letter" newsletter on May 20th, 2009 features a "Hams Rally for Glass City Marathon" article: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/index.html?issue=2009-05-20#toc04>

And the Ohio ARRL website includes a more detailed article with additional pictures from marathon race day operations: http://www.arrlohio.org/glass_city_marathon_09.htm

Thanks go out to all the Lucas County ARES members who volunteered, including those operators from Wood County, Hancock County, and Monroe County (Michigan) that came out to help as well. And special thanks to Rick Sharpe, K8RKS, our ARES Race Coordinator from Lucas County.

Jeff

Help Needed With Events.

Hello everyone!

We've got two events coming up in June that need volunteers. First on Saturday, June 20th is the Happy Trails 5K. This event takes place at Wildwood Metropark and the race starts at 9:00 AM.

It should only take a couple hours to complete. Next is the Maumee Bay triathlon on Sunday June 21st. This event takes place at Maumee Bay State Park and is the only event we have which takes place on the east side of town. The race begins at 8:00 and we only cover the bike course.

We finish up by 12:00 at the latest and are usually done by 11:00.

Please consider volunteering for one or both of the great events. Thanks!

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Digi Classes: APRS program at June meeting

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This program is a continuation of the latest series of 'digi classes'--covering ham radio digital communications topics--and TMRA's overall commitment to providing ongoing educational opportunities. The program will consist of a presentation covering some of the basic functionality and uses for APRS, an interactive 'on the air' equipment demonstration, and as well as time for questions and answers and any additional discussion.

The Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) is an amateur radio based system for real time tactical digital communications of information of immediate value in the local area. In North America, APRS data and activity is primarily found in the 2 Meter band on 144.390 MHz. In addition, all such data is ingested into the APRS Internet system (APRS-IS) and distributed globally for instant access. In addition to messages, alerts, announcements and bulletins, the most visible aspect of APRS is its map display. Anyone may place any object or information on their map and it is distributed to all maps of all users in the local RF network or monitoring the area via the Internet. Any station, radio or object that has an attached GPS is automatically tracked. Other prominent map features are weather stations, alerts and objects and other map related amateur radio volunteer activities including Search and Rescue and signal direction finding.

Individuals looking to learn more about the Automatic Packet Reporting System and where they can apply APRS digital communications are encouraged to attend the program and participate in the demonstration and discussion. Plenty of information is also available via the Internet with <http://www.aprs.org/> being a good place to start.

Toledo Firefighter's Museum

The Toledo Firefighter's Museum is one of Toledo's best kept secret. I recently had the opportunity to visit the museum which is located in old Fire Station Number 18 at 918 Sylvania Ave. It is open every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

The museum's display includes many large pieces of vintage firefighting equipment dating back to the 1830s. This is a great place to take your children, grandchildren or visitors from out of town. The museum is staffed by volunteer retired Toledo Firefighters and admission is free. Somewhere among the thousands of items is a photo of George Henzler, WB8HHZ, a retired fire dispatcher. I found it, see how long it takes for you to find it.

73,
Chuck, KB8FXJ

Monroe Hamfest

On Sunday June 21, after you finish with volunteering for the Maumee Bay Tri-Athalon, take a quick drive north to the Monroe County Fairgrounds. There you will find the Monroe County Hamfest.

TMRA Swap 'N Shop

Contact me to create, remove, or edit a listing at KB8PAI@ARRL.NET or by phone at 419-724-8672.

Current as of June 2, 2009

For Sale:

Dave, KD8JGQ, 419-205-5017 or email davkenrem@yahoo.com , ICOM IC-V8000 144 MHz FM Transceiver with OPC-478 programming cable and software (\$175.00), Uniden BCD996T 6000 Channel Mobile APCO-25 scanner with programming cable and software, currently programmed for all agencies in NW Ohio and SE Michigan (\$450.00), Sorry, not interested in any trades.

Earl Wells, N8XYO, Earlr1957@aol.com , Items from the estate of a silent key: all sorts of radio equipment, HF Rigs, Amps, Antennas, HT's, etc. Kenwood TS-930, Kenwood SP-940, Icom P2AT, Oscilloscope-S54A, lots more to list.

Brian, KG8Q, kg8q.dx@gmail.com or 419-344-4612, Alinco DR-435 MKIII, Great condition 440 MHz mobile. No issues or modifications, non smoking environment. Comes with mobile mounting bracket, power cable, manual, box, and hand mike. (\$170.00)

Chuck, KD8JGU, 419-754-1519 or KD8JGU@Yahoo.com , Bencher BY-1 Iambic paddle, chrome with black base, wired with 1/4" plug. (\$45.00) Software and cable for Yaesu VX120 and VX170 (\$25.00)

Chuck, KD8JGU, 419-754-1519 or KD8JGU@Yahoo.com , I am selling my station as a package: It includes a Kenwood TS2000, KPS-15, MC-60, HS-6, and programming software. Also a Yaesu VX-6 with spare battery, speaker MIC, hands free head set, and programming software. A Workman UV-200 2m/70cm vertical antenna, a High Sierra 1800 with top hat and Aim 4amp power supply Would like to sell to local ham because of size of antennas. Selling all for (\$1400.00)

Steve, KC8MQH, sdunn7@roadrunner.com or 419-707-2768, Cushcraft 13B2 13-element 2m VHF beam. (\$100.00,) Cushcraft A43011S 11-element 70cm UHF beam (\$50.00,) Garmin Street Pilot #2730, GPS unit (\$100.00,) Icom IC-706 MKII-G with an LDG AT-7000 antenna tuner, barely used! I bought these new in Oct., 2008, invested \$1187 in the pair, asking (\$900.00) firm! All other prices are "OBO - Or Best Offer"

Bryan, KC8TRL, kc8trl1@yahoo.com or get hold of me on the radio, Transel 160m mobile antenna with 3/8 x 24 mount (\$50.00)

Looking For:

Fred, WD8ADG, fjmelick@aol.com ,(Sandusky) Heathkit SB-200/201 amplifier

Howard, N8VHX, 419-826-5968, looking for an SWR / Power meter that can handle up to 1500 watts

Tony, N8WAC, natewac@aol.com , Please title subject "ham radio related" so it doesn't get confused with junk mail and get deleted. Looking for old catalogs from AES, MFJ, Ham Radio Outlet, Heathkit, etc.

Mike, W8CJJ, 419-601-5039, EICO 720 Tube Transmitter

Bill, WB8SJE, 419-874-2593 after 5pm or all day on weekends, Looking for in working condition: Heathkit Monitor Scope HO-10, Drake 2NT Novice Transmitter, Drake 2B Receiver, Drake MN-2000 Antenna Tuner, miscellaneous Drake accessories

Free for the Taking:

Chuck, KD8JGU, 419-754-1519 or kd8jgu@arrl.net , Ground-plane antenna and tower. Downward elements are 1 to 1 1/2 meters, vertical element is 2 to 3 meters. It is on a tower. Anyone who is willing to take down antenna can also have the tower.

The TMRA Swap 'N Shop is a service of the Toledo Mobile Radio Association, and open to all amateurs or interested persons in the coverage area of the repeater, newsletter, or website. The TMRA reserves the right to decline to accept any listing. Any descriptions of items listed are those of the person listing the items. Items are kept on the Swap 'N Shop list for a period of four weeks, or five Sundays on the air after which they are dropped from the list. Renewals are welcome, but please notify me promptly when there is no longer a need to continue a listing.

There are several ways to list items of Amateur Radio interest: Check into the Swap 'N Shop Net Sunday evenings after the Information Net (approximately 9PM EST.) on the 147.270+ repeater, E-mail me at KB8PAI@ARRL.NET, Call me at 419-7248672, or Mail the information to me through the USPS

73 de Tom, KB8PAI

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TMRA Home Page 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.