



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2009



The Prez Sez

Starting with the July issue of the TMRA Newsletter, we are making some changes as cost-cutting measures. By going to a largely electronic distribution rather than printing more than 200 copies each month and mailing by USPS we can save a considerable amount of money each month. In addition to cost savings, electronic distribution means that more use can be made of color illustrations.

It will also reduce the amount of time that our hard-working editors spend in literally putting the pages together, folding, sealing, sorting and taking to the post office.

We're hoping that the main distribution of the Newsletter will be by posting it on the TMRA website and for those who request it, by emailing directly to them.

Those members who do not have internet access can have a "printcopy" mailed to them at their address on record with the Membership Chairman – Tom, KB8PAI. As any mailed by USPS will have to be mailed first class, we're hoping to keep those numbers as small as possible

If you would prefer an emailed copy – send an email to Tom, KB8PAI at kb8pai@arrl.net with the address to which it is to be sent.

If you need a "printcopy," call Brenda KB8IUP at 419-866-5928 to stay on the USPS mailing list. Hopefully everyone will see the advantages in this change - we can look at it as an experiment, we may have some problems or glitches at first, but we're hoping it receives universal approval by our members. Don't forget that the Newsletter is also a forum in which TMRA members can express their views and opinions, let us hear what you think of the change or if you have any suggestions for future changes.

73, Brian WD8MXR

The TMRA Dayton Bus Hits The Road Again

To reserve a seat on the annual TMRA bus to Dayton, contact Mike, WA8SYD, at 4194762947. Mike says riding the bus to Dayton is a great way to save time, money and gas. There is no waiting for a ride to and from the car parking lot and that means more time to shop. The bus will park just outside of the gate, so you can bring the stuff you buy back to it and not have to carry it around with you. There is lots of room in the storage compartment for even the largest boat-anchors or most antennas. Call now while there is still a few seats available. Mike assures everyone that the seats are comfortable. (he tested each one)

Amateur Radio Nights at Pioneer Scout Reservation

Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Frontier located on Pioneer Scout Reservation will run June 21 through August 1, 2009. That is 6, one week, session of scout camp and 2, 3 day, sessions of Webelos resident camp. Pioneer Scout Reservation is located 5 mile west of Pioneer, Ohio.

The plan is to provide opportunity for Scout to experience Amateur radio on Tuesday evening between 6:00 and 9:00 PM. Last year we had 6 to 12 scouts stop each week. Most weeks we ran 2 HF stations. The camp provides us with a picnic table and some benches, 120 VAC, ground buss, and lots of mosquitoes. Stacey NS8W and I erected 80 and 160 meter dipole antennas. We also had a 2m / 440 cm J-pole. All antennas were left up for the duration of the camp. All contacts were made on voice modes. This year we hope to add digital to our offerings. The Scouts are into text communication and I hope to see how PSK31 goes over with them.

If anyone is interested in participating in the activities at camp this summer please contact Doug AB8XW at ab8xw@arrl.net

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Field Day 2009

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.

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 27th and 28th 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.

W8NEE/SK Estate Auction

The estate of Howard, W8NEE/SK, will be sold at auction on Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 AM. Howard was a collector of radio equipment for more than 30 years. The auction will take place at his home, 11543 Sager Rd. (20-A) South of Toledo Express Airport. More information can be found at www.whalenrealtyauction.com

Forum At Dayton Is About Maturing Of ARES

Has ARES changed much the past ten years? You betcha. Major changes triggered by 9/11 and further refined by Hurricane Katrina. And the 2009 ARES National ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention will explore those changes. It will be moderated by Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ.

Come see and participate. Scheduled for Hamvention Room 3 at 2:30 PM Saturday. The topic will be officially called "The Maturing of ARES in this decade of 9/11 and Katrina".

The panelists will be: Charles Miller, AE4UX, SEC for South Carolina; representing the administration of ARES at the Section level;

Southeast Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, who, as Section Manager during Katrina, was the ARRL's disaster director near the action;

Rob Macedo, KD1CY, Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net New Bedford MA. who will discuss net participation in an emergency.

Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, SEC for the Ohio Section, who will be the moderator organized this presentation.

Each panelist gets ten minutes to describe how ARES differs now from the 90's and how it affects ham radio emergency communications now. The remaining time will be Q&A from the audience, which should be plenty lively.

ARRL Ohio Section
Section Manager: Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE
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GOBA 21

June 20-27, 2009: Norwalk (Start/Finish), Elmore (Sunday/Monday), Bowling Green (Tuesday), Defiance (Wednesday/Thursday), Fostoria (Friday), Norwalk (Saturday).

The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) is a week-long event for bicyclists who travel to a different part of Ohio each year to bicycle, eat, camp out, and have fun with 3000 of their closest friends. GOBA bicyclists travel 50 miles each day, from one host community to the next. This small bicycle mobile town needs all of the same services that would be needed in any small town, including an above average amount of bicycle and flat-tire repair service.

GOBA is also the largest bicycle ride in the world with emergency and health & welfare communications provided exclusively by amateur radio.

Volunteer hams are needed to assist with this event. For more information go to <www.gobahams.org>

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Wednesday May 13

TMRA meeting at The Electrical Industry Building, on Lime City Road, Rossford, OH

Saturday May 16

TMRA bus trip to Dayton. Call Mike, WA8SYD, at 4194762947 to reserve a seat.

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673

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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.