



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

September 2009



The Prez Sez

At the September meeting we elect officers for the next 12 months: so far the slate of candidates is, Brian, WD8MXR, for President; Steve, W8TER, for Vice-President; Ron, N8RLH, for Secretary, and Brenda, KB8IUP, for Treasurer. Nominations are open until we close them at the September meeting - then we vote.

TMRA has signed a contract with Owens Community College to hold our 2010 Hamfest there at the date we wanted, March 21, 2010. We will have the basket ball court and the student gym for the vendors' tables. Some things will change from what we're used to at the Lucas County Rec. Center - the total area is a little less and, because of the wooden floors of these gyms, there can be no driving vehicles into the 2 rooms, but there are two large doors that vehicles can pull up to to unload and load. We'll be asking TMRA members to volunteer some of their time to offer to help vendors get their displays from the doors to their tables - more on that later. Included in our rental fee, Owens CC has generously included 2 other rooms, adjacent to the 2 gyms, that could be used for VE testing and/or meetings or forums. So, ideas for forums would be welcomed by the Hamfest committee. There's an area just outside the 2 gym rooms set up permanently for eating, similar to the food courts at the Malls, with a professionally operated food service operation. After so many years at the LC Rec Center, moving to a new location may be a little traumatic and require some different approaches and planning, but we can assure vendors and anyone who might attend that TMRA is having a Hamfest on March 21, 2010 in a good facility with large areas of free parking, and that has easy access from I-75 and other roads. Close by are several motels, gas stations, and restaurants.

August 22, 13 of us (yes, just 13) were at the TMRA Picnic: the weather was a little cool for August and several members were seen warming themselves by the grill as the hamburgers and brats were cooking. Thanks to Brenda, KB8IUP, for organizing the Picnic, which was held on the same day as the Ohio QSO Party - Jeff, KC8NOO; Chuck, KB8FXJ and Brenda, and Mike, WA8SYD, had their stations set up and operating from the Picnic site.

Hope to see a good turnout at the meeting Sept 9th, and there's still time to get into the race for an office.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

OHIO QSO PARTY

Aug. 22



Several members of TMRA were present for the combination OHIO QSO Party and picnic held at Monclova Park. It started out at noon with Jeff, KC8NNO setting up his antenna and getting on the air. There were a total of 3 stations set up. As the day progressed we had the unofficial club picnic and lots of GOOD food. Thanks to Chef Skeet Kern, KD8KXD, for manning the grill and cooking



burgers and brats. They were delicious. Several people came for the picnic and stayed and operated the radios. Around 10 p.m. we decided to call it a night. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you weren't there you missed a good time.



At the top you see Skeet and Jeff, KC8NNO, erecting an antenna. Bob, K8ADK, gets a burger from Chef Skeet. Jeff operated several bands from this set-up. Some people say that Steve, W8TER, does some of his best work after dark. Here, he burns up the air waves on 80 meters.

kb8fxj photos

**TMRA meeting, Wednesday, September 9th.
Election of new officers.**

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Jack Ingle, K8HNI / SK

Our friend, Jack, passed away on Saturday, September 5 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. A long time member of TMRA, he will be missed.

Fall Edition of the Ohio Section Journal Now Available for Download

The Fall 2009 edition of the Ohio Section Journal is now available for reading, printing, or downloading from the ARRL Ohio Section website, <http://www.arrloho.org>

This issue starts a new age of "going green", with an all electronic distribution of the OSJ. Please feel free to download and distribute to all Hams in your groups, clubs, etc. The Ohio Section Journal is not just for Members of the ARRL, but all Hams in the Ohio Section.

Enjoy!

73, Frank Piper KI8GW

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Saturday, September 12 ARRL Great Lakes Division Symposium

Information on www.findlayradioclub.org

Sunday, September 13 67th FINDLAY HAMFEST

Handcock County Fairgrounds

Talk ins: 147.150+ 444.150

What's Happening in Ohio

The Ohio Section Conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at the State Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The conference will start at 9:00am. The tentative agenda at this time is:

9:00am -- 9:30am: Conference Opens -- Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions / Opening Remarks / Ste of the Section: Frank Piper KI8GW/SM

9:30am -- 9:45am: Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE

9:45am -- 10:15am: Section Government Updates -- Nick Pittner, K8NAP/SGL

10:15am-10:45am: Official Observer reports, Rick Swain, KK8O/OOC

11:00am- 11:30am: Section Traffic Reports -- John Tipka, W8UL/STM

11:30am-Noon: ARES Updates -- Jack Sovik KB8WPZ/SEC

Noon -- 1:15pm: PIZZA LUNCH

1:15pm-1:45pm -- Developing Club Websites -- Scott Yonally, N8SY/Section Webmaster

1:45pm-2:00pm -- Section Newsletter Awards -- Emily Wells, KC8RAL/PIC

2:00pm -- 2:30pm -- The Al Severson Award Presentation

2:30pm-3:00pm -- Closing Remarks / Comments / Meet with Cabinet Members

3:00pm -- Conference ends

Operators living in Ohio

...This could effect us like nothing else could. In other words, get us where it hurts. Read On!

House Bill 261 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives to revise bills that would prohibit the text messaging or typing on a keyboard, such as your laptop, while driving a vehicle. Then there is House Bill 262 right behind that would PROHIBIT talking on a mobile communications radio and make it a secondary traffic offense. This could affect us as amateur radio operators in that there is no exclusions for amateur radio as the introduced bill is written. Nick Pittner, K8NAP, Ohio Section Govt Liaison will be working on a game plan on how to approach this problem by working with the legislators to be sure the interests of Amateur Radio Operators are protected. And do not forget House Bill 212 , antenna regulation. These are very important Bills which could HURT us amateur radio operators.

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Growing Numbers

New amateur licenses seem to be overcoming the blip in licensing figures brought on by the onset of the 10-year license. There are about 14,000 more licensees now than a year ago.

Last year's increase brings the number of ham licensees in the US to over 674,000. This total is just under the all-time high for US licensees. If we add another 14,000 this year, we will have exceeded the all-time high for ham licensees.

Therefore, current facts do not support the contention being spread by many amateurs that ham radio is a dying avocation. We may not be in a teen-age growth spurt, but we are growing. Don't count Amateur radio out.

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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.