



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2010



## Field Day 2010

This year TMRA is holding the annual Field Day event at the Wolcott House Museum.

We will begin by setting up on Friday at noon. First we get the equipment (tent, food, containers, poles, antennas and other assorted gear) from the storage unit.

Next we proceed to install, prepare, adjust, move over, lay straight, lift, and tote these items into position. This all usually takes a few hours...depending on how many hands we have. More is better.

Saturday usually starts with the general ARES meeting at 9:00AM and then on to some finishing touches to get ready for the operating event.



Skeet, KD8KXD, and Steve, W8TER, shop for Field Day supplies at Dayton kb8fxj photo

Around noon the natives get restless and start to ask questions about food. You are on your own as far as food is concerned until 5:00 PM when the annual picnic will take over.

We have combined the annual picnic with the Field Day event to save monies and still enjoy a nice outdoor eating extravaganza. The picnic is a... "pass a dish if you wish" event with TMRA providing the soda, hamburgers and hotdogs. Contact Brenda, KB8IUP, so she can coordinate what is being brought. Phone 419-866-5928

Plan on hanging around and help the stations make contacts during the "GREY" line. This can be a most interesting time of day to work DX.

As with every year this event is open to EVERYONE. Field Day is about promoting Ham Radio and enjoying the benefits of

being able to communicate wirelessly without commercial power, and eating...Some like to think it is about making lots of contacts and scoring well during the contest... they just have not figured it out yet that it's not really a contest. We won't tell them though... why spoil their fun!

With the digital software modes springing up everywhere I am hopeful that some will bring some new and interesting modes to the event.

Igor, NN1I will be the "Get On The Air" station operator this year. Their will be plenty of time to make contacts at that station so those who are not licensed will be able to GET ON THE AIR without difficulty.

Bands that will be operating at the time this article is written include but are not limited to: 80 Meters, 40 Meters, 20 Meters, 15 Meters, 10 Meters, 160 Meters,

Take time to visit Field Day this year. EVERYONE is welcome.

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Steve Bellner, W8TER Field Day Coordinator.

If you've been at any of the recent TMRA meetings, you've probably heard at least bits and pieces about upcoming changes to the TMRA website, [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org). The changes will be slow, and will likely cover the course of the rest of the year, and beyond. It will not be a sudden change-over like the ARRL site (which went off without a hitch right? hi hi), it'll be more of a series of updates and upgrades. To date we've added a new calendar setup utilizing the Google calendar system, and we've transferred our domain name to provide us with a bit more control over it. Soon we'll also be moving the website hosting itself, i.e., the space the website is actually occupying, from our existing host to another. Our existing host, Buckeye, has been very generous over the years, providing us with free web space. However, with advances in technology we're finding that it's time to expand. Therefore we'll be moving to a web host which provides more services which will in turn allow TMRA to offer more via our website.

What kinds of services? There have been a lot of ideas tossed around recently. One major item will be a way for club members to "log in" to the site and manage their personal contact information directly. For example, if you move or change your e-mail address or phone number, you will be able to log in and change that information directly on the site. You'll also be able to choose between different types of e-mail lists/alerts you'd like to receive. An example of this will be this newsletter. You'll be able to choose if you want it directly e-mailed as an attachment, if you just want a notification it's available, or if you don't wish to be notified at all. Other examples may be if you wish to receive e-mail reminders about upcoming events (Field Day, Hamfest, general meetings, etc...).

Other possibilities include:

- A picture gallery
- A Wiki (an information/knowledge-base for the uninitiated, a place to share information in a more structured fashion than a forum)
- Forums

So, we've got a lot in store. It's going to be an exciting time. At future meetings we'll solicit the membership for more ideas and suggestions. For now, however, we'll be concentrating on getting the site switched over to the new web host, and building the foundation of the new site.

If you don't frequent the site, be sure to check out [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org) periodically for updates!

Joe Thielen - KJ0EYT  
Web Committee Chairman

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## Help needed!

Hi all! We've got a double-header weekend coming up and I'm in need of some operators to help out. On Saturday, June 19th is the Happy Trails 5K at Wildwood Metropark. The race starts at 9:00am and lasts for a couple hours. The parks people would like us to check in at 8:00am. On Sunday, June 20th is the Maumee Bay Triathlon at Maumee Bay State Park. The race starts at 8:00am and we only cover the biking portion. The organizers have asked that we be on station at 7:30am, we're usually done well before 11:00am. We need about 10-12 operators for each of these events. If you'd like more information or to sign up for these events please contact me at either [k8rks@arrl.net](mailto:k8rks@arrl.net) or 419-471-0573. Thanks!

-Rick, K8RKS

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## Monthly Ohio Section Club Update

Hi Gang,

Tonight I'm sitting on my back deck just looking at the amazing wonders around me. The birds are singing away and I even hear the gobbling of a group of turkeys in the woods right behind the house. Isn't spring amazing, it will be summer very soon and the temperatures are reflecting that summer is not far off. With that said, summer is the time that hams are usually the busiest, with marathons, bike races and here in Mansfield we have an annual ritual with the Miss Ohio Parade. This is always a big hit with the guys in the club! Are you helping your club with any events?

It also means Field Day. It's coming up in just a few weeks (June 26th and 27th to be exact.) If you are involved in a club that sponsors a Field Day event great, if not you really need to get involved. Clubs around the state are now preparing for this big weekend event. Most of the groups that I have spoken with tell me the one problem that they have is getting operators. That's actually tragic. This event is not just a dog and pony show for the politicians, it's an actual exercise to learn from. We all can learn something by attending and participating in Field Day.

I again want to report on the Ohio Section website. Our Section Manager, Frank has been circulating around the state these past months and has asked the many clubs that he's visited how often they use this website. He was astounded to find out that not as many folks actually use the website as was believed. Why? It's a great resource for the latest information on what's happening around the state as well as within the League. Why then isn't it being used? Check it out at: <http://www.arrlohio.org>

Is there something about this site that you don't like and would use more if it were changed? Let me know if there is something that I can do to make it more appealing to you.

I want to revisit a project started from a discussion at the Mansfield Hamfest. This was to create a webpage with local ARES and club net data. Did you know that we now have such a page? We do. It's a map of all 88 counties of Ohio with each county having a hyperlink from the map to a special individual webpage just for that county. It describes the net frequency, times and even PL information. The information for this map comes from YOU. I need your help. I have heard from a few counties with updated information, but we have 88 counties that I should have heard from by now and I haven't. How's about helping out by taking just a little time and sending me an email with your club information. You can list your club meeting times, dates (if they repeat) and so forth. Club contacts are a good one to put there as well. Does your club have a website? Send me a link to it and I can put that there as well.

Now don't forget that we also have a Section Calendar on our website too. Just fill out the form and it will get posted. What a great way to advertise your special event or club meeting. The best thing about all of this is that it is FREE!! Absolutely no cost to you.

That's it for this month. Please don't forget to pay your dues to your local club and don't forget to keep your ARRL membership active as well. Club Officers - make sure that you keep the information about your club up-to-date with the League and the A.C.C. as well!

73 - Scott, N8SY  
Interim ACC

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## A Few Scenes From Dayton



*kb8fxj photos*

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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.