



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

November 2010



The Prez Sez

As Steve, KC8TVW, is rotating off the Board of Trustees, at the November General meeting we will vote to elect his replacement as I am continuing on as President. The Executive Committee is nominating Joe, KJ0EYT, to be a Trustee for the next 5 years, and the membership in attendance at the General meeting will vote on his nomination.

Also at the November meeting we hope to show (assuming that we can work the VCR, or that the VCR works) an ARRL video on antennas. This comes highly recommended by Rita, WB8FBG. Need another reason to come to the November meeting? The Allen County (Indiana) Amateur Radio Technical Society has generously sent us 2 complimentary tickets to the Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo, which takes place November 13 and 14, 2010. We'll raffle these off at the meeting. We'll have some flyers announcing the TMRA Hamfest next March for some-one to take down to the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

December will be our annual Christmas party – with the same format as usual -: the Club provides the meat and members bring a dish to share. Sandy, KD8HYS, is organizing the party, and if you're not sure of which category of dish to bring – salad, vegetable, or dessert – check with Sandy closer to the date – which is of course December 8th – our regular monthly meeting night.

Steve KC8TVW still needs a larger pool of VEs for our VE sessions: twice recently candidates could not take the examinations that they had prepared for and had come to the VE session to take as the appropriate number of VEs were not present. VEs with a General class license can administer Technician examinations; VEs with Advanced class can administer Tech and General examinations and VEs with Extra class can administer Tech, General and Extra class examinations. To become registered by the ARRL as a VE there's an open-book test to pass, and I urge more of our members to become VEs to support our testing sessions, which routinely are on the second Saturday each month at the Maumee fire station on Dussel Drive, Maumee – starting at 8:00am and typically over by 10:00am.

Sadly we have to note the death of the wife of George, WB8HHZ, and the Club sends its condolences to George. We also have to note the death of TMRA member Robert Czer, K8CQC; the obituary did not indicate any close relatives surviving Robert, nor did it include any information as to whom/where donations in his memory could be sent. As it is our policy to make a donation in the memory of deceased members, if anyone knew Robert or has any information, please let our Treasurer Brenda, KB8IUP, know.

73,
Brian, WD8MXR

NEXT TMRA MEETING—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BUILDING, ROSSFORD

Skull Cliff, Alaska

A place that you have never heard of and least desire to go there. It is not listed on any map. There is nothing there except the Air Station, and miles and miles and miles of tundra. No roads, we had 2 three passenger vehicles with tracks. That's how we got around. The Air Force did know where it was. It is about thirty miles down the coast from Pt Barrow. They wanted my presence there in 1949.



The Air Force set up an experimental Loran station. The picture of the camp was taken by someone who went up our 625 ft tower. The ocean was about one mile from the bottom of the picture. To the right about a third of a mile was a small bay, where the bush pilots landed on skis or pontoons depending on the time of year. The building on the bottom was our operations center, having both the Loran and our HF radio operations. The small building at the top was our HF transmitters.

I don't remember how warm it got in the summer, but our thermometer went to 61 below and we know it got at least that cold. You always hear about the "land of the midnight sun." In the wintertime, dusk is as light as it would get, in the summer That's as dark as it would get. When the northern lights would appear, you might as well turn off the radios. You could read outside..

In the summer the Navy would send a small fleet with supplies. It was a non-stop unloading so they could leave before the ice came back.

Halfway between us and Pt Barrow was the location of Will Rogers and Wiley Posts fatal air crash. All our communication was CW except for 1 voice radio to Pt. Barrow. All in all it was an interesting year, but don't think I would like to do it again.

73,
Nick, AF8CS



Will Rogers / Wiley Post
air crash memorial.

Lucas County ARES EmComm Nets

Lucas County ARES encourages all amateurs to become familiar with Emergency Communications (EmComm).

True enough, should an actual event take place, every "ham" in the area will be "monitoring the frequency" however, monitoring is not enough. There is a need for experienced operators to take to the air and pass traffic, run nets, and provide backup communication for the community and surrounding area.

There are three nets that are being put into place to encourage those who wish to be involved with emergency communications to practice EmComm.

Knowing what to do, how to do it, and when to do it can make a difference. I encourage all hams to become familiar with knowing what to do to start a net, how to pass traffic, when to communicate efficiently, and when to use various modes and frequencies.

"The Lucas County Siren Training Net" This first net is already been going on for some time now. It is held when Lucas County is scheduled to activate their outdoor warning systems. The net is held on the 147.270 TMRA repeater, and starts at 11:45 AM the first Friday of every month. This net lasts about a half an hour. Hams are encouraged to volunteer to be the net control for this net. There is a script available so you will know what to say.

"The ARES Emergency Power Net" The purpose of this net is to operate using emergency power and test emergency power equipment. You do not need to be on emergency power to check-in. Again it is open to all hams. The net is held on the 146.940 TRAC repeater and starts at 8:00 PM the first Friday of every month. Hams are encouraged to volunteer to be the net control for this net. There is a net script available.

"The ARES Training Net" This net is intended to train interested amateur radio operators in the area of emergency communications, and message handling. This is more of a round table net for discussing emergency communications. The net is held on the 443.775 KC8GWH repeater and starts at 7:00 PM every Thursday.

You do not need to be a member of ARES, or any organization to participate in any of these nets.

If you would like to volunteer to be net control for any of these nets, please contact me at w8ter@arrl.net and I can send you the net script.

Thanks for your time.

73,
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Kentucky QSO Party is This Month

Don't forget the Kentucky QSO Party in November. It runs from 1400 UTC Saturday, November 13 through 0200 UTC Sunday, November 14. Full rules and information are at <http://www.wkdx.com/mainsite/>. Click on 2010 Ky QSO Party Rules at left of page. KYQP is sponsored by the Western KY DX Association.

Amateur Radio Operators Provide Communications Support During Chilean Mine Rescue

10/14/2010

As the last of the 33 miners who were trapped 2300 feet deep inside (and 3 miles from the mine entrance) the San José Mine -- located about 27 miles from the Chilean town of Copiapó in the Atacama Desert -- rose to the surface at 0055 UTC on October 14, the world cheered in unison. The miners, who were underground for 69 days -- the longest time ever for miners to be trapped and survive -- all emerged relatively healthy.

According to the Radio Club de Chile (RCCH) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- amateurs with the Radio Club Copiapó, CE1CPI, provided communication support between the authorities and emergency equipment operators inside the San Jose Mine complex, as well as with family of the trapped miners in the complex and authorities in Copiapó. "There are no other means of communication at the scene," said Radio Club Copiapó President Jose Maldonado Lazo, CE1RXY. "The group is working in the area of the mine with three phones, while amateurs in Copiapó "are covering all the needs of SENCO [a construction company], SAMU [ambulance and EMT], the Interior Administration and the fire and police departments. We do this gladly and hope that this has a happy ending."

According to Erico José Andrade, CE2EPB, Radio Club Copiapó has a lot of equipment, enabling the club to cover almost all of the Atacama Region: "This helped effectively from the outset after the accident, because the mine complex where the emergency occurred did not have contact with ordinary phones that could coordinate the rescue effort in the shortest time possible."

Some of the 80 members of Radio Club Copiapó installed amateur equipment in the mine complex, and volunteers from the club have, from the moment the mine collapse first occurred on August 5, have taken shifts to provide communication support. "This, together with additional mobile police stations, hospitals and fire battalions, kept everyone abreast of all the needs and urgent requirements," Andrade explained.

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Dave Maynard, WA3EZN Appointed New Section Traffic Manager For Ohio

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He is an active member of the Ohio Single Side Band Net, the Central Ohio Traffic Net, and the Eighth Region Net. He is also an Official Relay Station. Now Dave Maynard, WA3EZN is the new Section Traffic Manager for the Ohio Section, taking the duties over from John Tipka, W8UL, who is retiring from the STM appointment after 3 years of service in that role.

Dave brings a lot of experience to the STM position. Active in ARES in Lucas county in the 1980's, Dave became active in the OSSBN. His interest in public service and emergency communications has stayed with him when he relocated to the Hilliard (Columbus) area in 1995, where he still resides with his wife. Dave is a graduate of Levels 1 and 2 EmComm program, and is currently working on requirements to complete the EC-016 EmComm Management Course.

73, Frank KI8GW
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John W. Tipka, W8UL Receives the 2010 Severson Award

Outgoing ARRL Ohio Section Traffic Manager John W. Tipka, W8UL of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is the 17th recipient of the Allan Severson, AB8P (SK) Memorial Award. Ohio Manager Frank Piper made the award presentation at the Ohio Section / ARES Conference on October 16th.

The Severson award, named for former Great Lakes Division Director Allan Severson who died in 1997, is issued to an Ohio Ham Radio operator who exemplified Allan's spirit of service to Amateur Radio.

Tipka held positions of Emergency Coordinator and District Emergency Coordinator, prior to being appointed Section Traffic Manager in 2007. John received his award for his work in the Ohio Section National Traffic System and Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

His Severson certificate reads "For Your Years of Dedication to the National Traffic System, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and to the Ohio Section"

The award honors the work of Allan with a single sentence written on every award certificate - "Allan's devotion to serve Amateur Radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership."

For photos of John and the Ohio Section Conference, visit the Ohio Section Website www.arrloho.org

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November 13 and 14, Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum & Exposition center. Fort Wayne, IN Talk-in, 146.880(-)
Info at www.fortwaynehamfest.com

(Attend the TMRA November meeting for a chance to win a ticket to the Fort Wayne Hamfest)

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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.