



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

October 2010



## The Prez Sez

The September General meeting of TMRA was election night for the Officers: as there was no competition for any of the offices, there was no suspense nor surprises in the outcomes: I was re-elected President, Steve, W8TER, was re-elected Vice-President, Ron, N8RLH, was re-elected Secretary. Brenda, KB8IUP, was re-elected Treasurer. (I didn't have to write this – just went back to what I'd written in October 2009 and inserted “re-“ before “elected Treasurer”).

What was new, of course, was our TMRA Amateur of the Year. Last year's recipient, Rita, WB8FBG, announced and presented the 2010 award and plaque to Dan, KE8UE. Dan has a long history of membership and activities with the TMRA – Trustee, Co-chair of the Technical Committee, Field Day Chairperson, Equipment Manager to name a few. Congratulations to Dan – I hope we have a photograph of him receiving his plaque – I forgot my camera that evening.

Congratulations also to another TMRA member – Steve, W8TER, has recently been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (LCARES). As many of us know from Steve's many years as TMRA Field Day Chairperson, two of Steve's great interests concern emergency preparedness for radio amateurs and digital modes in amateur radio, and I hope that many of us will share his enthusiasm and work with and support him in these areas. LCARES meets at St. Luke's Hospital at 9:00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The Wood County ARES (WCARES) meets at the Wood County Sheriff's building in Bowling Green at 9:00am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: TMRA member Bob, W8NYY, is the EC for WCARES. Remember – you're not limited to the county in which you live – so why not get involved with both groups? Emergencies don't recognize county lines – and there are bridges over the river that separates us!

We have signed a contract with Owens Community College (OCC) to hold our 2011 Hamfest there in March 2011: same facilities as last year, so we'll be able to have VE license testing and Forums again. If you have any ideas for forums or suggestions for speakers – let Ron N8RLH, know.

As I am continuing as President, I will not be rotating onto the Board of Trustees, there will be a vacancy that we have to fill by electing a member; the Executive Committee is the Nominating Committee for such vacancies and we'll have some nominees to present, at the November meeting, to the membership for election to fill the vacancy. If you'd like to be considered for the position as Trustee – let one of the Exec Committee know.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

October 4- Challenger Learning Center goes on the air.

October 9- Hams needed at Maumee Bay State Park. Demonstrate Amateur Radio to Boy Scouts. Call Steve, W8TER, 367-1200 for information.

October 16, 17- “Jamboree on the Air” at Camp Miakonda. Call Steve, W8TER, 367-1200 for information.

## Ham Of The Year Award

He, yes this time it is an OM, who has been a member of the TMRA a fairly long time. As a member of the club he has been a Trustee and has helped on the generator committee and been field day chairman.



Dan, KE8UE, 2010 TMRA Ham of the Year

At one time he worked at a radio station and actually had a FCC first class license. (This was not an easy license to get.) When I asked Dan later on when he knew it was him, he said when I mentioned the FCC license. So he knew early on.

He prefers ICOM equipment and listens to the radio almost 100% of the time. Well that might be an exaggeration, but not much. He is fond of 220 although all frequencies are of interest to him.

At one time he and Tom, PAI, bowled together. Now we are going to get into things that will start to narrow it down a bit more.

He spends the whole weekend at Dayton.

He is a retired boiler operator. As a volunteer fireman he brought tents to field day.

He seems to like to check into nets even if he has nothing to say at that particular time. Yet if you see him here at the meetings, he loves to talk. Well, what real ham doesn't?

His uncle, W8KW, owned a restaurant in Michigan and was a one time bootlegger. His uncle was the one who got him into radio.

The last 3 hints – He has an antenna farm with a Rhombic and a beverage antenna.

He has participated in the Tech Committee and carries several handhelds most of the time.

Do we have any guesses?

*It is Dan, KE8UE.*

As some of you know, last year's winner of the award is the one who presents this year's award.

I didn't realize what was expected of me until I read the rules for the award. It seems that I was the chair of the committee of the past recipients. When we met, each of us put forth a person and a reason why we thought they deserved the award. We had several very, very good nominations but at the end only one stood out. Let me tell you true, that quite a few of us changed our decision from the one we had nominated to the one who totally deserves the award.

73,  
Rita, WB8FBG

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## Ohio Section Notes for October, 2010

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1.) Simulated Emergency Test this weekend, October 2nd and 3rd. Be sure to check into your local Traffic Nets, or the Ohio Single Sideband Net (3972.5 kHz) and generate traffic. This is the weekend we try to overload and run a stress test for the National Traffic System. For more information from the league on this exercise, visit [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and hit the main link in the scrolling headlines.

2.) Ohio Section and ARES Conference, which will be held October 16th. The location is the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, 2080 Citygate Drive in Columbus. The doors open at 8:00am, and we'll be wrapped up around 3:00pm. The tentative schedule is as follows:

8:00 - 9:00 Coffee and doughnuts  
9:00 - 9:10 ARRL Section Manager's welcome (Frank Piper, KI8GW)  
9:10 - 9:15 Introductions  
9:15 - 9:25 ARRL Great Lakes Division Director (Jim Weaver, K8JE)  
9:25 - 9:30 Conference Chairman (Scott Yonally, N8SY)  
9:30 - 10:00 Clubs (Tom Sly, WB8LCD)  
10:00 - 10:15 Break  
10:15 - 10:45 Digital modes and RFI (Rick Swain, KK8O)  
10:45 - 11:15 Digital TV (Art Towslee, WA8RMC)  
11:15 - 11:45 House / Senate Bills 212 & 218 (Nick Pittner, K8NAP)  
11:45 - 12:00 Awards presentations  
12:00 - 1:00 Pizza lunch  
1:00 - 1:30 ARES Remarks (Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ)  
1:30 - 2:00 Air Base Emergency Management (John Frederick, N8GOU)  
2:00 - 2:15 Break  
2:15 - 2:45 ARES and Social Media (Matt Welch, W8DEC)  
2:45 - 3:00 Wrap-Up

To help get some headcount, please send me an e-mail ([ki8gw@arrl.org](mailto:ki8gw@arrl.org)), and let us know how many from your clubs or ARES groups are attending.

Thanks!

*Now here's the ACC report, by Interim ACC Scott Yonally, N8SY:*

Hi Gang,

Fall has definitely arrived! Cold nights and the leaves turning colors along with Friday night high school football and ham clubs meeting in regular session again are the best indicators of it. Are you're a regular dues paying member of a club? If not, why not? With literally hundreds of clubs to join around the state, why not find a club where you are welcome and join in the fun.

This month I am going to highlight a particular form on the Ohio Section Website. FSD-212 is the form that the E.C.'s and D.E.C.'s need to know by heart. By now all of the E.C.'s and D.E.C.'s are very aware that they are to fill out this form each month for their area.

For many years this form has been available on the website but, it didn't work. Or when it did, it wasn't consistent enough to rely on. That's now changed! I am now tracking each and every report through the system. In our ideal world I should see a report from every E.C. and D.E.C. in our state. Now, I am telling you all of this because I want you to know that these reports are being watched. Yes, big brother is watching you. I have done it because we need to have these reports on a consistent basis, and if you don't have confidence in the system, you won't use it. So, with that said, if you have a question about your submitted form, please contact me right away. I can let you know exactly what was sent and when it was sent. This tracking actually started last month. I was able to track every form that was correctly submitted. Now I state it that way because there are still some of you who are not going to the right website. In order for this form to work, you need to be checked in on the Ohio Section website. You'll find it at: <http://www.arrlohio.org>

I recognize that this needs to be a two-way street. I am working on a program that will auto-forward you the completed form for your records. This way you have an electronic copy that you need for your records as well. It's still in the

experimental stage right now and some will receive messages and some might not yet. My plan is to have this in full operation before the end of the year.

Also, be sure to have your newsletter editors and webmasters check to see that they have the correct web address for the site, believe this or not, I'm still seeing some newsletters around the state listing the Ohio Section website with the wrong address. You'll find it at: <http://www.arrlohoio.org>

As a reminder, the Section website has an area with listings for both local ARES and club net data listed on it. The list is growing, but it won't be complete without your input. I'm still not hearing from a number of counties and clubs that I'm sure have nets and club meetings that would be great to be included. 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!!

Now, since I have your attention for website stuff, I want to make sure that you are aware that the Great Lakes Division website has been completely revamped, and the domain name has been changed. For those of you who have repeatedly gone to the old site for forms and old information, you're out of luck, it's totally gone. Please be sure to update your browser's favorites for the new site: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org>. Also, again for the editors and webmasters, please make sure that you update your links to the new site. As I stated above, the old site is totally gone now. Please update your link to: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org>.

The Great Lakes Director is curious as to what's on your mind. He has placed a survey on the Division website with some questions as well as some areas where he'd like you to input your thoughts and ideas.

Now, a few highlights from newsletters from around the state.

From the *Buckeye Burr*.. they report that they had a great picnic gathering in August.

From West Stark they report that they will be re-activating their weekly 2 Meter Net using the 147.180 repeater. For now, the net will be held every Friday night at 8 PM except the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month which is club meeting night. This net will be open to all amateur radio operators.

The Western Reserve ARC is looking forward, they are already planning a holiday party for January of next year!

That's going to do 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 A.C.C.

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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.