



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

September 2010



The Prez Sez

TMRA Hamfest 2011: we have signed a contract with Owens Community College to hold our Hamfest Sunday March 20th at the same location and same arrangements and facilities as last year. We'll have flyers at the Findlay Hamfest (Sept 12), Adrian Hamfest (Sept 19), and the Fort Wayne Hamfest (Nov 20 and 21), and any other Hamfest that any of you go to between now and March and are willing to take flyers to.

September means that at the General meeting we vote for officers for the next 12 months. At the August meeting, the present officers all agreed to run for office again, and no other candidates were declared or nominated; nominations will still be accepted at the September meeting until they are closed just prior to the votes being taken.

Also at the September meeting we announce the TMRA Amateur of the Year and, hopefully if the awardee is present, present that worthy club member with his or her plaque.

I want thank our Tech Committee, ably led by co-chairs Dan, KE8UE and Steve, W8TER, and those club members who have been volunteering and helping with all the activities related to our repeaters on the UT Parks Tower. The extensive work that has been done so far, and some projected requirements, have resulted in the Tech Committee needing more money than we budgeted for them in this Financial Year 2010-11 – so at the September meeting the Tech Committee will be asking the membership for additional money.

Steve, W8TER, and his crews of volunteers have been very active at the Challenger Center getting the antenna installations on the roof completed – if Steve doesn't have an update in this Newsletter edition – he'll have one at the September meeting.

Continuing with our efforts to help the families of SKs deal with the stuff that we amateurs always seem to collect and accumulate, also at the September meeting we'll have more items from the station of Jack, K8HNI, and from the station of Jim, N8NLE. In the near future I'll have some items from my late father-in-law's (Francis, W8JJK, – my son Derek has that call now) station. Unless there's an asking price marked on any item – we're simply asking that if an item is of value to you, donate what you wish: the families are not expecting to make a large amount from this activity.

This month I'll leave you with this thought: "Why is it called a television set when you only get one?" I don't recall exactly where I recently saw this – it's on a billboard on a building on Reynolds Road in Toledo.

73, Brian WD8MXR

September 12, Findlay Hamfest, Hancock County Fairgrounds. Talk-in, 147.15+

Antenna Installation at CLC

CLC committee Tech Committee and TMRA member:

Yesterday (Saturday, Aug 28) the project at CLC had a great turn out. Thanks to George, WB8HHZ, for a short ARES meeting and helping announce the need for help at the site.

WA8SYD, (Mike); KD8KXD, (Skeet); KB8OTP, (Rod); KD8KXE, (Rob); KC8TVW, (Steve); KD8HYY, (Reed); KD8FNA, (Jim); W8AIL, (Al); KB9UPS, (also Steve); KB8FXJ, (Chuck); W8OJM, (Tom) and W8TER (Yet another Steve) were able to run the grounding protection, mount, align, and stabilize the antenna beams and also mount the vertical triband antenna. A job well done! Considering the good weather we had, it was very warm on the roof and the crew started at 10:30 AM and did not stop working until 3:00 PM. About four and a half hours X 12 people = a lot of man hours.

Grounding wire and other components donated by WA8SYD and KB8FXJ made installation much easier. Also I would like to thank all for donating talent and time. The installation looks professional.

This leaves only the coax to run. Running the coax will involve creating a connection point at the station in order to be able to disconnect the station from the coax. Hardware needs to be purchased and fabricated for this. I will be sending out an e-mail requesting help to accomplish this once we have the needed hardware. Please consider helping when you get the information.

I am hopeful that we can get this station up and running before the end of September. With that said, once we have the station operational, Reed, KD8HYY, who is the director of the Challenger Learning Center will be scheduling a "Grand Opening" for the station inviting TV stations and other people to attend. More on that after completion of the station.

Thanks for listening.

73,

Steve Bellner, W8TER

TMRA Ham Radio Classes, November 6 and 20 Location to be determined. Info updates at: www.tmrahamradio.org
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Adrian Amateur Radio Club - 38th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

Sunday, September 19, 2010 - Event Starts at 8:00 AM

Talk-In: 145.370 - 85.4 pl. Tickets are \$5.00

Will be having VE Testing, - More Information can be found at www.w8tqe.com

73 de Brian, KG8CO

Attention TRAC members:

*It is time for a TRAC meeting this Thursday,
September 2, at 7:30 PM. Springfield Twp Hall,
Angola Road*

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TMRA Field Day

Greetings TMRA members.

I have been approached by some regular attendees of the TMRA field day and they have asked me to consider trying to hold field day at the Electrical Industry Building. Well, maybe not at the building but around back.

There is a field with a very large shelter house. The shelter is big enough to accommodate just about the entire membership of TMRA. It provides very good shade and has easy access to bathrooms which I know can be of some importance {:-)

The location is familiar because it is behind where we hold our general meetings. There is some fencing and no trees. We would need to be innovative in order to get on the air.

Since field day is about practicing emergency communication setup, it seems this might be a good course of action. During an actual emergency we might not be able to hang antennas from trees.

I have not made a decision as of yet as to whether to hold it there for the 2011 Field Day but I am considering it. Since I am a committee of one, I want to make sure the members of TMRA are satisfied with any location we hold our events.

If you have not seen the area, check it out the next time you attend the general meeting. If you cannot find the area, grab me and have me show you where it is. I'll be glad to discuss it with you.

I would like to hear from you if you have any concerns or want to talk about it more.

73,
Steve, W8TER
Field Day Chairman

TMRA Sunday Nets

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association has nets every Sunday evening on the frequency of 147.270 with a PL of 103.5.

The nets are the following for every Sunday.

7:30 PM: Question and Answer net. This net is used to help assist in elmering newer hams and to discuss anything ham related in a technical sense. We try to keep it a little less than "too" technical so as to not scare away the new or potential hams. All amateurs are welcome.

8:30 PM: Information Net. This net is open to all amateur stations and check-ins are asked to share comments about amateur radio or anything they wish to discuss about events.

Immediately following the information Net is the Swap and Shop net. This usually starts about 9:00 PM. Operators are welcome to list ham radio related items they have for sale. Prices are not mentioned over the air however they may submit their listing to our web page: www.tmrahamradio.org and we can list the price there.

EmComm East

Sept 18, 2010

EmComm East is an ARRL-sanctioned amateur radio emergency communications conference, where amateur radio operators involved in EmComm can attend training sessions on technical topics, learn from served agencies, obtain VE testing for license upgrades, and interact with other EmComm operators from all over the area.

Our featured speaker this year is Steve Ewald, WV1X. Steve is the Supervisor of the ARRL Field Organization Team at Headquarters where he is the lead staff liaison to ARRL Section Managers and ARRL Field Organization appointees. He edits the Public Service column in QST and helps support the ARRL efforts in emergency and public service communications.

Please help us spread the word. Send this announcement to your local amateur radio club, ask your local Emergency Coordinator to spread the word, anything you can do to help promote the conference is most appreciated.

You can register online at our website, www.emcommeast.org. Your \$30 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

EmComm East

September 18, 2010

8:00AM - 5:00PM

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Rochester, NY

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August 14, VE Test Session

Congrats to one new ham, Kenneth, KD8ORY, and two upgrades to General William, KD8OOM and Bryan, KD8HEE

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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.