



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

July 2011



The Prez Sez

Field Day 2011 has come and gone: as to how we did (i.e. contacts made and points scored) - I don't yet know. We started off as 6A – six stations in operation, although at some times later we had at least 9 stations operating – but we signed as 6A throughout the event. Thanks go to Steve, W8TER, for chairing/organizing FD again, to Mike, WA8SYD, for arranging the facilities with the owners of the site, to N8YAE, and his family for cooking, and to every one who participated in whatever way(s) they could. Obviously Steve and his co-chair Tom, KB8PAI, and the Exec Committee will be interested in hearing what people, operators and observers, think about the site as a location for Field Day – pros and cons – so please don't hesitate to let us know. I've heard of one interesting suggestion – that we try to go to a different location every year, which could present us with more challenges regarding antenna installations and test our creative abilities, and not just for antennas but for “creature comforts” also.

At the last TMRA General Meeting, after considerable and interesting discussions, a majority of the members present voted to accept the Trustees' and the Executive Committee's recommendation that we accept Icom's offer involving a D-STAR repeater. A check for the refundable “deposit” has been sent to Icom and we expect delivery of the repeater by mid-July. If you haven't seen the D-STAR “NEWS” on the TMRA website – I urge you to do so, and, as has been stressed – to help the TMRA meet Icom's requirements regarding refunding our money – if you have or are going to get D-DSTAR-capable radio(s) – please wait to register until our D-STAR repeater is up and running on 440MHz. If you have, or get, and D-STAR capable radio before we're up and running, you can still use it as a regular radio.

September is Election of Officers month for TMRA: June was formation of a Nominating Committee month: as the result of a lack of volunteers to be on that Committee, I - because one of the perks (?) of being President is being on ALL committees - am, so far, the only member. The four present officers have all agreed to stand again for office, but that should not prevent other members from giving us some competition. Al, W8AII, at the September meeting is presenting a program on D-STAR.

If you check the TMRA website you'll see that we have a program scheduled for all the monthly meetings though November and December is the club's Xmas Party: July program is presented by Steves, W8TER and KC8TVW, on digital mode software.

73, Brian WD8MXR

Field Day 2011

As with every year, Field Day seemed to be a great time for all. This year was a little different from the past as we were at a new site. I think most people noticed this... what a nice area to congregate in. It was also a short distance to the bathrooms as this is important to some of us.



Setup went well as Skeet, KD8KXD, had brought a newly created device to assist in raising the tower that supported the 20 meter homebrew beam that the club has been using for the past few years. Skeet also brought the generator and a load of essential equipment from the storage unit. Tom, KB8PAI, brought out signage and with that we were able to make the place easy to find from the main road. Steve, KC8TVW had set up an interesting display for operating digital software and allowing visitors to easily view what he was doing. Joe, KJOEYT, and Rod, KB8OTP, setup a variety of equipment to display to visitors and they seemed to spend a lot of time demonstrating and showing off some

of the interesting modes you don't always get to see. They even set up a portable repeater and downloaded a picture from a weather satellite. An ATV station also was on display. Dave, KB8EH, operated 20 meter voice using the clubs home brew beam. Tom, KB8PAI worked 80 meters and Doug was busy working an opening in 10 meters with his home brew down/up rain gutter spout special. Brian, WD8MXR, had help from a young perspective ham who



easily adapted to using a radio and seeking contacts on 15 meters. Ron, N8RLH, set up and operated a VHF station using a multiple element beam. KB8FXJ and KB8IUP worked 40 meter voice using the totally portable (old) 4BTV that Chuck had resurrected in his spare time. If I forgot to mention any of the operators I apologize. You

all contributed to the fun.

I also want to mention that if you are not familiar with Skeet, KD8KXD, he has been responsible for doing preventative maintenance on the generator and had made arrangements for the one we used at the field day to be tuned up and running perfectly for the occasion. Thanks to Skeet, KD8KXD, and his helper Howard King (No Call)





There was only one tree in the immediate area of the shelter house and I was amazed that no one chose to use it. Most antennas were self supporting or attached to the fenceline. I should mention that one of the concerns about the site was there were no trees to string dipole antennas as there were at our previous site. That did not stop our innovative club members from creating effective antennas with which to use with their stations.

Mike, N8YAE, and Kathie, KD8PCQ, along



with their children had undertaken the most difficult task of Field day... deciding, creating, implementing and performing the task of gathering food, cooking it to perfection, and serving it just right to those hungry Field Day operators and the guests. A rigorous schedule of lunch at noon on Saturday, evening meal at 6 PM of Hamburgers donated by Mike and Kathie, TMRA supplied hotdogs and deserts and salads brought by those who know good food when they see it. There were evening snacks of leftovers, and just when you think it cannot get any better... Mike and Kathie put together a delicious breakfast of sausage and egg burritos with muffins and other assorted food items that were brought in by other club members. I was in charge of the coffee maker and had totally forgot to bring it so we had no coffee for the operators but thanks to a few who went out of their way to bring coffee and other essentials to the site. They saved the day from my mistake.



We operated "6 Alpha Ohio" this year. 6 = the number of stations on the air. Alpha indicates we are a club. Ohio indicates the state we are in.

Many came to see what the excitement was about and watched as operators tuned through the bands to find some one calling CQ Field Day.

All in all we had more fun than anything and more than a handful of visitors, came and watched...some bearing call signs.... and some with no call what so ever.

Thank you to the club for putting on Field Day. This is always a fun time for those who participate.

73,

Stephen L. Bellner, W8TER
Field Day Chairman
Toledo Mobile Radio Association.

kb8fxj photos

TMRA (W8HHF)

2011 Field Day QSO Statistics (DRAFT)

Compiled by KJ0EYT 6/27/2011

OPERATOR	QSOs
KB8FXJ	113
KB8EH	67
KD8KXD	59
KB8IUP	48
KB8OTP	41
KC8TVW	40
W8TER	37
LAURA	35
KB8PAI	30
KD8NJY	27
W8CKY	23
KD8PCM	20
N8ZAK	14
WD8MXR	13
KC8RWR	12
TANYA	11
KD8QBR	9
RAVEN	7
AB8XW	5
WA8SYD	4
KD8PCQ	1
K8EEE	1
TOTAL:	617

BAND	QSOs	%
160m	0	0.00%
80m	57	9.00%
40m	248	40.00%
20m	174	28.00%
15m	62	10.00%
10m	75	12.00%
V/UHF	1	0.00%
TOTALS:	617	100.00%

MODE	QSOs	Points per QSO	QSO Points
CW	2	2	4
Digital	90	2	180
Phone	525	1	525
TOTALS:	617		709

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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.