



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

October 2011



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 N8TLH 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 2010 !).

What was new, of course, was our TMRA Amateur of the Year. Last year's recipient, Dan KE8UE, presented the 2011 award to Joe KJ0EYT – Joe is very active on behalf of the TMRA – just take a look at the committee membership list to see some of his contributions in addition to being a Trustee. As a co-webmaster, he also doubles as our unofficial Historian (we don't have an "official" Historian position) – take a look at the documentation of the TMRA history that he has amassed on the website.



Joe, KJ0EYT, receives the 2011 TMRA Amateur of the Year award from Dan, KE8UE.

kc8ufv photo

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.

The members present at the September General meeting approved the recommended changes that the By-Laws Review Committee presented.

Elsewhere in this edition of the

Newsletter is a listing of the TMRA Committees and groups, and the present members of these. If you'd like to help with or be on one or more – just let me know.

73, Brian WD8MXR

An Interesting QSL Card

Nick, AF8CS, recently received an interesting QSL card after a 20 meter contact with tractor mobile KØLU.



KØLU

CONFIRMING QSO WITH <i>AF8CS</i>		DAY MONTH YEAR <i>17 May 2011</i>	
UTC <i>1907</i>	MHz <i>14.290</i>	RST <i>5-7</i>	MODE <i>SSB</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> PSE <input type="checkbox"/> QSL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TNX			

EX: WAØNZO

Hetting County • Grid: DN86
ISSB 9478 • TFO 218
QCWA 31863 • Geratol 2330, D576
OMISS 4562

Member of the
Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club



Leon Kirschmann
11024 - 73 St SW
Regent, ND 58650



Tractor Info:

Case IH Steiger

STX375 375HP

Cummins Engine 915CID

Fuel Capacity: 300 Gallons

20.8 x 42 Radial Tires

Weight: 37,000 lbs

185 Amp Alternator

List Price: \$245,000

On the back of this card are 4 of the 5 tractors I have used for my "Tractor Mobile" operation. My first tractor mobile was a 1973 Steiger Cougar, then a 1979 Steiger Panther. Number three was a 1992 Case IH 9270 and number four is a 2002 Case IH STX375. The front of my card is the 2005 Case IH STX375 with the scorpion screwdriver antenna. All of these tractors were built in the Steiger Case IH tractor plant in Fargo, ND. The Steiger tractor was first made in 1957 by the Steiger family of Red Lake Falls, MN and The first model was built in a barn on the family farm. Since 2005 there have been 50,000 of these tractors built.

I was licensed in 1996 and I started my "Tractor Mobile" in 1974. At present (2010) I have been married for 41 years to my great wife, Cindy. We are starting to do more traveling and we like to downhill ski. We have 2 children, which are both married and from that we are blessed with 7 grandchildren ranging from 14 years to 3 years. I thank all of you who have made my work much more enjoyable because of Ham Radio.

*TNX Nick for the Contact and QSL 73 km
KØLU Tractor Mobile*
73, Leon - KØLU "Tractor Mobile"

TMRA Committees and Groups: October 2011 – September 2012

Technical Committee:

Active, voting members: Dan KE8UE and Steve W8TER (Co-Chairs), Dave KB8EH, Mike WA8SYD, Steve, N8XSF, Brian WD8MXR, Chris KC8UFV, Joe KJ0EYT, Tony N8WAC, Rod KB8OTP

"Consulting members": Jerry WJ8E, Chuck KB8FXJ, Ron N8RLH, Tom KB8PAI.

D-STAR subcommittee:

Joe KJ0EYT (Chair), Steve W8TER, Chris KC8UFV, Jason N8IR, Rod KB8OTP, Zack N8ZAK, Al W8AII, Ron N8APZ.

Programming for repeaters and controllers subcommittee:

Joe KJ0EYT (Chair), Chris KC8UFV, Rod KB8OTP, Zack N8ZAK

Control Operators:

Dave KB8EH, Chuck KB8FXJ, Paul N8XDB, Brian WD8MXR, Jim KC8BAA, Steve W8TER, Ron N8RLH, Joe KJ0EYT, Rod KB8OTP, Dan KE8UE

Web Masters:

Joe KJ0EYT, Tom KB8PAI

Packet BBS sys-op

Steve, N8XSF

Education:

Mike WA8SYD, Steve KC8TVW

Membership:

Rita, WB8FBG

Challenger Committee:

Steve W8TER (Chair), Chris KC8UFV, Bob K8ADK, Dave KB8EH, Brenda KB8IUP, Ron N8RLH, Mike WA8SYD, Rita WB8FBG, Brian WD8MXR, Steve KC8TVW, Reed KD8HYY, Pat KC8WQU, Zack N8ZAK.

Equipment Manager:

Brian WD8MXR

Flower (Get-well/sympathy cards):

Brian WD8MXR

TMRA Representatives to the LCARES Board of Trustees:

Chuck KB8FXJ, Ron N8RLH

Dayton Bus:

Mike WA8SYD

Field Day:

Steve W8TER (Chair) Steve would be grateful for a Co-Chair person

Programs:

Steve, KC8TVW

Public Information Officer (PIO)

Mike N8YAE

Hamfest Committee:

Brian WD8MXR Chair:

Dave, KD8NJY Security:

Brenda KB8IUP Treasurer:

Kathy KD8PCQ (assisted by Rita WB8FBG) Tickets:

James WD8IOL Tables:

Tom KB8PAI Set-up:

Mike WA8SYD Prizes:

Chris KC8UFV Talk-In:

Mike N8YAE Publicity:

Chuck KB8FXJ Set-up/Communications:

Ron N8RLH Forums:

Statutory Agent:

Brent, WD8PNZ

By-Laws Review Committee: Budget Committee: Audit Committee:**Nominating Committee: Christmas Party Committee.**

To be named at the appropriate times

TRAC Fox Hunt

The Toledo Radio Amateur Club is doing it again. We are having another Fox Hunt October 9, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. . Listen to the input of the 147.375 repeater and try to find Steve Ashenfelter's little fox buddy.

TMRA Info Nets

You are invited to turn on your radio on Sunday evening. Tune in to the TMRA repeaters 147.270+ Mhz or 442.850+ Mhz.

Here you will find 2 interesting ham radio nets, and when you join in, it gets even better. They are open to all radio amateurs, TMRA membership is not required.

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Tom, K8OSH, is shown here with his new Yaesu radio. Tom won the grand prize at the recent Findlay Hamfest.

kb8iup photo

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THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673

President, Brian, WD8MXR; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER;

Secretary, Ron, N8RLH; Treasurer, Brenda, KB8IUP.

Board Members: Chris, KC8UFV; Joe, KJ0EYT; Tom, KB8PAI; Rita, WB8FBG; Dan, KE8UE.

TMRA Home Page www.tmrahamradio.org Webmasters, Tom, KB8PAI & Joe, KJ0EYT

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)

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.