



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

December 2012



The Prez Sez

As usual, our December general meeting will be the Club's Christmas Party. In addition to the drawing for the donated Kenwood HF radios – see below – this year we'll have drawings to give away 2 tickets to the Dayton Hamvention; drawings for 2 free passes on the TMRA's bus to Dayton; and drawings for 5 complimentary tickets to our Hamfest on March 17th, 2013.

As I reported in last month's Newsletter, Richard, KB8NXO has generously donated 2 Kenwood HF transceivers to the TMRA – a TS-140 and a TS-830, with the request that they be given to “new General class operators who are in need and deserving of the equipment.” So, if you are a member of TMRA and currently hold a General class license that you obtained after January 1st 2012, or if you upgrade to General before December 12th 2012, and are interested in one of these radios, let me know - email me at wd8mxr@gmail.com. We will hold a drawing for them at the TMRA December meeting on December 12th, that is, at the TMRA Christmas party. As we realize that not everyone can make that event, if you've entered your name in the drawing for one of these KW radios, you do not have to be present to win.

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LCARES) needs more support from amateurs in the area – not only from Lucas County: you can cross county lines and be a member of ARES in another county other than the one in which you reside; you can be a member of more than one county ARES. The LCARES General Meeting is held at St. Luke's Hospital (meeting room in the basement) on the 4th Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00am, with several of us eating breakfast before the meeting in the very reasonably-priced hospital cafeteria. To register with LCARES, contact Brenda, KB8IUP who is currently the acting Emergency Coordinator for LCARES. The permanent position as LCARES EC is vacant – contact Brent WD8PNZ if you are interested in being considered for that position. With the change in the By-Laws of LCARES, Inc., coming into effect January 2013, all the LCARES, Inc. Trustees will be “at large”, not representing local clubs, and Richard KA9IVY is looking for volunteers to run for election for a 2 year term as a Trustee at the January LCARES general meeting.

73, Brian WD8MXR

Plan now to attend the 2012 TMRA annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12. Make your reservation before Friday, Dec. 7, by calling Sandy, KD8HYS, at 734 847 1208. The party starts at 6:30.

Membership News

At a recent meeting, the subject was brought up about dues. Don't worry, not an increase. It is just a reminder that Dues are due January first and the editor wanted an article for the newsletter.

Dues run from January 1, thru December 31. For most of us the dues are \$20.00 per year. There are 3 who had their name drawn last year and will not have to pay dues for 2013. Three calls will be drawn at the January meeting for the year 2014.

A Family membership runs concurrently with the primary ham's membership. A person is considered a member of the family, if they live in the same household with the TMRA member. Each family members pay \$5.00 per year. It is true they must also be a ham.

Technician classes taken and passed during this year will receive an complimentary membership for the current year and if passed during the last months of the year will receive the complimentary next year's membership.

A person who is a full-time college or high school student pays \$5.00 per year.

Seventy (70) years and older hams have waived membership dues providing they have been a member in goodstanding for at least the previous three (3) consecutive years. They are also considered a complimentary member with full benefits.

To hold office, you must be a TMRA member.

Finally, as of now, you can renew at the meetings with cash, money order or check, or renew by mail with a check or money order. IF, you are new or had let your membership lapse, the membership form must be filled out.

Questions??? call me at 734-755-9936

Tnx & 73 Rita Membership Chair

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Mail is checked just once a week. :(

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Thank You, For A Job “Well Done”

To Rick, K8RKS, for coordinating the Amateur Radio assistance for the local marathons, bike events, parades and other special occasions we provide communications support for. Many planning hours are required to pull this off successfully. Recruiting ham operators, assigning positions and determining frequencies are the parts of this task that we see. He also meets with the organizations sponsoring the events to determine their communications needs.

We who participate in providing this service to the community often hear the shouts of “Thank You” from the runners, walkers or riders. Next year when you are asked to volunteer for one of these events, please sing up. Those events are already being planned. In a few months Rick will be calling on us again.

Thanks Again
Chuck, KB8FXJ

From Weavers Words Dec 2, 2012

Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas

The year 2012 is rapidly coming to an end. I thank the Lord for the good things that have happened to so many of you and your families, and to me and my family. At the same time, I pause to think of those of us who are no longer with us or who are suffering medical, financial and other forms of difficulty. With these thoughts in mind, I wish each of you a very Happy Hanukah or Merry Christmas.

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Dale's Tales for November

Sometimes I find it a real task to crank out a few monthly comments, and then there are times I can't seem to shut it off. It calls to mind the unsung efforts of our club newsletter editors. Do we really thank them enough? I suspect not. Month-after-month, they are overcoming writer's block and producing newsletters to keep us all informed and entertained. Occasionally pleading with us for article submissions and ideas, and getting little in exchange, they still seem to pull off these masterpieces on a regular basis. Across the Great Lakes Division we are able to learn what each club is doing, what they do to grow membership, how they are serving their community, how they recruit new hams and sometimes even their best barbeque recipes. Many clubs share news articles and ideas. I know Jim and I enjoy reading all the latest news, and I personally want to thank all of the ham club newsletter editors for the outstanding effort they put forth to produce these award-winning efforts. Why not take the time yourself to give them a real heartfelt pat on the back, or even a short article?

Thanks and 73,

Dale, WA8EFK

ARRL Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

The Sunday nite TMRA net at 8:30 has been a little weak(?) or missing lately. If you have any suggestions on how to get it going again, please contact Brian, WD8MXR. Does the time need to change? How about a different night of the week? Let us know what you think.

Merry Christmas and have a Safe and Happy New Year, from The Toledo Mobile Radio Association

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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)

D-Star Repeater: 442.750 APRS: 144.390

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.