



# *TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*

November 2012



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## **The Prez Sez**

As I will not be moving from President to a Trustee, the Executive Committee nominated Glenn, W8MUK, for a new Trustee, and he was elected to that position at the October TMRA General meeting for a 5-year term on the Executive Committee. Many thanks to Glenn for his willingness to serve.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, or if you upgrade to General before December 12<sup>th</sup> 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, you do not have to be present to win.

At the November TMRA General meeting Chris, KC8UFV, will be demonstrating handling techniques for surface-mount components – how to get them on (and how to take them off) and still have them work. We'll have a close-up camera and a projector for the demo – so we won't all be crowding over Chris to see how to do it.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is the current list of members of TMRA committees for 2012-2013. Note the change in the LCARES, Inc Board of Trustees.

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LCARES) needs more support from amateurs in the area – not only from Lucas County: the LCARES General Meeting is held at St. Luke's Hospital (meeting room in the basement) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00am, with several of us eating breakfast before the meeting in the very reasonably-priced hospital cafeteria. The October meeting was cancelled, but at the September and at the August meeting there were only 5 or 6 amateurs in attendance. 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.

73, Brian WD8MXR

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## **A Few Good Hams Needed**

Yes, a few good hams are needed to assist with the annual Maumee “Holiday Hustle Run” and “Holiday Light Parade.” The event will be held on Saturday, November 24. Please call Rick, K8RKS, at 4194710573 to volunteer.

## 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

Mail - Rita Baker WB8FNG

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Mail is checked just once a week. :(

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## TMRA Committees and Groups: October 2012 – September 2013

### 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 and Rod, KB8OTP.

“Consulting members”: Jerry, WJ8E; Chuck, KB8FXJ; Ron, N8RLH and Tom, KB8PAI.

### D-STAR subcommittee:

Joe, KJ0EYT, (Chair), Steve, W8TER; Chris, KC8UFV; Rod, KB8OTP; Zack, N8ZAK and Al, W8AII.

### Programming for repeaters and controllers subcommittee:

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

**Control Operators:**

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

**Web Masters:**

Joe, KJ0EYT and Tom, KB8PAI.

**Education:**

Mike, WA8SYD and Steve, KC8TVW.

**Membership:**

Rita, WB8FBG

**Challenger Committee:**

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

**Equipment Manager:**

Brian, WD8MXR.

**Flower (Get-well/sympathy cards):**

Brian, WD8MXR.

**TMRA Representatives to the LCARES, Inc. Board of Trustees (until January 2013).**

**Next year clubs will not appoint representatives to the LCARES, Inc. Board:**

Chuck, KB8FXJ and Ron, N8RLH.

**Dayton Bus:**

Mike, WA8SYD.

**Field Day:**

Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK (Co-Chairs).

**Programs:**

Steve, KC8TVW.

**Public Information Officer (PIO)**

Vacant – the position is open for a volunteer

**Hamfest Committee:**

Brian, WD8MXR, - Chair.

Brenda, KB8IUP, - Treasurer.

James, WD8IOL, - Tables.

Mike, WA8SYD, - Prizes.

Ron, N8RLH, - Forums.

Steve, W8TER, - Security.

Skeet, KD8KXD, - Tickets.

Tom, KB8PAI, - Set-up.

Chris, KC8UFV, - Talk-In.

Chuck, KB8FXJ, - Set-up/Communications.

**Statutory Agent:**

Brent, WD8PNZ.

**By-Laws Review Committee: Budget Committee: Audit Committee:**

**Nominating Committee: Christmas Party Committee.**

To be named at the appropriate times

## KB6NU's Column for October 2012

25, 50, and 75 Years Ago in QST (October 2012)

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

QST publishes a column every month towards the back of the magazine that highlights from issues 25, 50, and 75 years ago. Now that the QST archive is online, it's really worth taking a look at these articles. Here are a few that caught my eye in October:

October 1937

\* Modernizing the Simple Regenerative Receiver ([http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs\\_archive/19076](http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/19076)) by Vernon Chambers, W1JEQ. This a nicely-designed and built regen using two tubes, a 6K5 pentode and 6C5 triode. I'm going to keep this design in mind if I ever get around to playing with all the tubes I have. As an aside, I searched on W1JEQ's callsign and found out that he wrote 87 articles for QST from 1936 through February 1958. This was his third article.

\* Concentrated Directional Antennas for Transmission and Reception ([http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs\\_archive/19078](http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/19078)) by John L. Reinartz, W1QP, and Burton T. Simpson, W8CPC. This article describes two different antennas. The first is a half-wave loop antenna that the author says works on 2-1/2, 5, 10, and 20m. The second is a square loop antenna called a "signal squirter" for 14 Mc.

October 1962

\* In "New Apparatus" ([http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs\\_archive/46246](http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/46246)) on page 27, a key made by J. A. Hills, W8FYO, of Dayton, OH is shown under the heading, "New Key Mechanism for Electronic Keyers." The photo clearly shows a key whose design was adopted by Bencher for the BY-1 paddle.

\* The Towering Problem ([http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs\\_archive/46122](http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/46122)) by Jay Kay Klein, WA2LII clearly shows that putting up towers have always been a problem for amateur radio operators. This is a humorous take on the problem. What's notable is that this type of humorous article almost never appears in QST anymore. Amateur radio seems to have lost its sense of humor, or at least its cadre of humorous writers.

October 1987

\* Stalking Those Fugitive Components ([http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs\\_archive/81357](http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/81357)) by Doug DeMaw, W1FB. Today, we often complain about the demise of local parts suppliers, but this article shows that this was a problem 25 years ago as well. W1FB gives some advice that I gave not long ago on my blog. That is, stock up on parts, especially when you find a good deal on them, and you won't have to scrounge around for them when you want them.

Digitizing all of the back issues of QST and putting them online is one of the things that the ARRL has done right. This is a wonderful resource for members. If you have a favorite QST article I'd love to hear about it. Please send me the title and the month it was published. My e-mail address is [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

Thanks & 73.

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When not perusing old issues of QST, Dan is the station manager for WA2HOM, the amateur radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum. He also writes amateur radio license study guides. In fact, by the time you read this, the No-Nonsense Extra Class Study Guide should be available on Amazon. Just search for "KB6NU."

## 2 New Members

Kevin Galambos, W8VQK

Sorry Kevin did not put any answers to the questions. Yet his email says volumes. Wait until you get the new list to see what it is.

Brendan Haggerty, KD8NTS

Brendan took his technician class here. He has since taken his general and passed that too. He visits Grandpa Richard, KA9IVY, whenever he can.

Rita, WB8FBG

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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.

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

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TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://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.