



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

October 2012



The Prez Sez

Congratulations to Chris, KC8UFV, on being recognized as the TMRA Amateur of the Year for 2012. Last year's awardee, Joe, KJ0EYT, presented Chris with the plaque at the September General meeting. Chris is active in the club as a member of the Technical Committee and its sub-committees and is always ready to share his electronics and computer skills with others; the Hamfest Committee, running the Talk-In for the last few years; as a VE and stands in for Steve, KC8TVW, as VEC when Steve can't be there at the testing sessions; and has been a Trustee of the club for the last 5 years.

Also at the September meeting, officers for the year 2012-2013 were elected: actually it was, once again, "re-elected" as only the existing officers were running for office. My thanks to: Steve, W8TER; Ron, N8RLH and Brenda, KB8IUP, for being willing to serve as Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer again.

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 currently hold a General



Joe, KJ0EYT, presents Chris with the TMRA Amateur of the Year plaque at the September General meeting. *kb8fxj photo*

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, you do not have to be present to win.

The TMRA Hamfest Committee will start meeting soon (first meeting is Saturday October 13th) to plan for the 2013 Hamfest on March 17th 2013 at Owens Community College. If you're interested in helping, or have ideas and suggestions – please let me know.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

TMRA 2012 Amateur of the Year Award

For this years TMRA Amateur of the Year award presentation I decided to do something a little different. I had everyone raise their hands. Then I made a series of statements. Only if I made a statement which DID NOT apply to a person were they allowed to lower their hands. These are the statements I made:

- I have been a member of the club for more than one year. This is a prerequisite for being nominated to receive the reward.
- I have not received this award before. This is also a prerequisite for being nominated to receive the reward.
- I am a male. Sorry ladies.
- I have been to at least one TMRA Field Day
- I have been to at least one TMRA Hamfest, as a customer or volunteer.
- I am 18 years old or older. Sorry kiddies.
- I have been to the Dayton Hamvention at least once
- I have soldered something at least once.
- I have used D-STAR at least once.
- I have volunteered at at least one TMRA hamfest.
- I have been a part of at least one TMRA work party.
- I have volunteered at more than one TMRA hamfest.
- I have used FLDigi before
- I am a VE
- I have acted as a VE at at least one hamfest.
- I am an Extra licensed ham.
- I have assembled an electronic circuit from components and soldered them together.
- I have used APRS in the past year.
- I own at least one D-STAR radio.
- I am, or have been, a TMRA club trustee.
- I own more than one D-STAR radio.
- I have designed my own PCB board.
- I have run at least one TMRA VE session.
- I run the talk-in during the TMRA hamfest.
- I can usually recognize DTMF tones by ear.

Ladies and gentlemen of the TMRA, may I present to you your 2012

TMRA Amateur of the Year, KC8UFV, Chris Hart.

Congrats Chris!!!

Joe, KJ0EYT

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Internet-based Systems' Fallibility

A letter to the editor of the *ARES E-Letter* (September 19, 2012)

As a regular reader of the ARES E-Letter, I've watched the newsletter consistently espouse the use of D-STAR for disaster response and emergency communications services. One of the ARRL's catchy slogans, which is really more than just a slogan as it rings true is: "When all else fails, Amateur Radio."

Here in the mid-peninsula area south of San Francisco, we regularly train using simplex among hams, relaying as needed, to ensure all exercise participants get the messages. Among other things, these exercises encourage us to put up more effective antennas to ensure we can communicate across our cities on simplex and not rely on the numerous local repeaters.

I have nothing against D-STAR, IRLP, EchoLink, or repeaters. They can be very useful systems when they are available. My concern is the emphasis on relying on the availability of the Internet for emergency communications. I would like to suggest that any emergency exercise that uses the Internet to pass traffic, also include direct ham-to-ham communication to pass traffic. Furthermore, the ARES E-Letter should encourage this direct communication so that we will truly be prepared for an emergency when/if the Internet is not available:

"When all else fails, Amateur Radio."

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[Stiebel sent this follow-up note: Our last Monday night ARES/RACES net was called "Rubber Ducky Night." Everyone checking in was asked to use their hand-held with either the stock rubber ducky, or an after-market antenna that mounted on their hand-held, i.e., an antenna that one could walk around with on the radio to simulate what communications would be like if our homes' outside antennas were knocked down. Yes, the net took a bit longer with people relaying messages for those who could not be heard by the entire net, but it was good practice." - Ed.]

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All Ohio Ares Conference

Saturday, November 3rd. Ohio Fire Academy 8895 East Main Street Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Are you a volunteer in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service? Are you interested in emergency communications? Do you belong to any other volunteer communications groups? Are you an Amateur Radio operator for CERT, MRC, Red Cross, or the Salvation Army? If you answered yes to any or all of the above then this conference is for YOU! For more info, goto http://www.arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ares_conference.html

What is JOTA?

When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home.



JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides of all ages and all over the world talk with each other using Amateur (Ham) Radio. They share scouting experiences and ideas via radio waves.

Each year more than half a million youth participate in JOTA. The World Scout Bureau reported that in 2011, JOTA had over 750,000 Scout participants from nearly 6,000 amateur radio stations. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs.

JOTA activities begin at 0900 (9 AM) through 2100 (9 pm) Saturday October 20 and 0900 (9 am) to 1200 (noon) on October 21. The event is open to both overnight campers and walk-in visitors. Boy and girl scouts of all ages are invited to attend, either as a group or individually with their parents or guardians. Activities will be held in Booker Cabin, Camp Miakonda, Sylvania Ohio.

Sponsors

Our local JOTA event is sponsored each year by the Toledo Mobile Radio Association (W8HHF), in cooperation with the Erie Shores Council. JOTA is supported nationally by the BSA and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

Questions may be sent to Steve Stalker (KC8TVW): KC8TVW@arrl.net

10/05/2012

TMRA Has Booked A Cabin At Camp Miakonda For Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) October 20-21, 2012.

It would be nice to have 2-3 stations set up. One does not need a station to help. There are times when we have 20-25 scouts so any help would be appreciated. Please set aside some time to come out and participate. It is always a good time to promote amateur radio to the youth.

73,
Steve Bellner / W8TER
Toledo Mobile Radio Association VP

A Proud Grandpa

Sunday, September 16, 2012

After three years of encouragement, I now have three Grandsons who are hams.

Today Brendan Haggerty (age 13), KD8NTS, upgraded to General. Brendan got his Tech license through TMRA at age 11. Brendan, and his cousin, Stephen Jarvis, (age 12) have been at the last two or three TMRA hamfests, helping setup and tear down.

Last month, Stephen passed his Tech license and is now KD8TBE. Stephen went to Dayton with us this year,

In July, Andy Jarvis, Stephen's brother (age 10) passed his Tech License and is now KD8SWR. The VE's at Archbold said they thought he was the youngest ham they had licensed.

I suspect you will see all three helping at the next hamfest.

Richard, KA9IVY

Richard D. Brownlee, Retired
dba Pa, Grandpa, and KA9IVY

Next TMRA Meeting; Wednesday October 10. See you there.

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

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

Board Members: Chris, KC8UFV; Joe, KJ0EYT; James, WD8IOL; 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)

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.