



# *TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*

April 2013



## **The Prez Sez**

The 2013 Hamfest has come and gone: following the trend of many hamfests, it wasn't our biggest but it compared favorably with last year's – just a few less vendors and a few less tables. Attendance was up very slightly from last year. Many thanks to all who helped with the event. We'll be planning for 2014 soon, and although the costs of having it at Owens Community College increase each year, we have a really good location there; vendors and attendees seem to like it, it's bright and clean, with space for us to expand (i.e. set up more tables if needed). Any club member who would like to be on the Hamfest Committee should let me know. So far the present committee has heard of very few "issues" or problems that arose, but if anyone has or knows of any problems, or has suggestions for future Hamfests – please let us know.

Now that the Hamfest is over, the bills have been paid and the income is known, the Budget Committee has met and formulated a proposed Budget for our Financial Year (FY) 2013-2014, which starts May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Executive Committee has approved it, so now it comes before the General membership (at the meeting Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>) for final consideration and approval.

We're only about 10 weeks away from Field Day: this year we'll be back at the Wolcott House grounds. Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK, are co-FD Chairmen this year – so contact Steve or Glenn to let them know what band/mode(s) you'd like to operate.

The next meeting of the TMRA Executive Committee will be Wednesday April 24, 2013, 7:30pm at the Maumee #2 fire station on Dussel Drive.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

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The Glass City Marathon is coming up Sunday, April 28th. Radio operators are needed to help with this event. The race starts at 7 AM on the campus of UT. The course runs out northwest from UT into Sylvania. They close the course at 1 PM. Not everyone who helps needs to be there for the whole time. Please consider donating some time to help with this great event.

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## Romance and Ham Radio

On behalf of Jeanne, KB8TAT and myself (Tom, KB8PAI), I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the acknowledgement of our marriage on March 15, 2013, at the Toledo Hamfest and all of the 'well-wishes' offered by club members before and during the event. It had not been planned necessarily to coincide with the Hamfest, it just worked out that way. But, it turned out to be a very nice event with extra special meaning for us.

Early on in our relationship, Jeanne was explicitly informed under no-uncertain terms of my Amateur Radio hobby and my commitment to this organization (I was the President, along with other titles at the time,) so much so, that she expressed interest and also became licensed, even though she had very little knowledge of amateur radio previous to our having met. I am proud of her for achieving her General license and working towards her Extra.

We both enjoy our Amateur Radio hobby, and the Club and its members have become something of a second family for us. Our experience was made a little extra special having you all to celebrate with us. Thanks especially to Brenda, KB8IUP and Chris, KC8UFV for helping to bring this celebration to the attention of all who attended the hamfest.

I hope every TMRA member that went to the hamfest had a great time. Thanks for making our time special.

73,

-Tom, KB8PAI and Jeanne, KB8TAT Swartz



I'm the one on the right :)

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## Special Event Station W8H

Commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dudley's Massacre during the War of 1812

It is official! TMRA will be hosting a special event station on May 4, 2013 at the Maumee branch of the Lucas County Library. It is our first Special Event Station in a few years and we hope it will be the first of many to come. We would like to maximize the fun and excitement of this opportunity and get the all TMRA members to have the chance to experience being/operating a Special Event Station. It is a wonderful way to showcase our club in the amateur radio community and help hams with their WAS, DX, and personal radio and antenna settings.

### DUDLEY'S MASSACRE

Here on May 5, 1813 Colonel Dudley's troops spiked the British artillery besieging Fort Meigs; but in the exhilaration of Victory they were led into ambush where over 600 were lost.

Dudley's Defeat or "Dudley's Massacre," involved military brilliance and bungling, cowardice and bravery, and an example of the violence that often accompanied life in America's early days.

At the Maumee Branch of the Lucas County Library, site of Dudley's Massacre in Maumee, Ohio May 4, 2013 from 1000 to 1600hrs (1400Z to 2000Z) (0900 to 1700hrs i.e. 1400 to 2100Z if library setup allows)

TMRA Committee: Dave Shugar KD8EVN and Ernie Ducey K8EEE

The event will be in May QST as shown in the announcement below:

**05/04/2013 | Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Dudley's Massacre during the War of 1812**

**May 4, 1500Z-2100Z, W8H**, Maumee, OH. Toledo Mobile Radio Association. 14.270 7.270; 7.075 PSK 31. QSL.  
Toledo Mobile Radio Association, PO Box 9673, Toledo, OH 43697. [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org)

- On May 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a 1 x 1 Special Event Callsign W8H
- We will be listed in QST Special Events approved by the ARRL
- Press Releases will be sent to:
  - Toledo Blade
  - Maumee Mirror
  - Perrysburg Messenger Journal
- W8H will be in QRZ and also in W8HHF in QRZ
- W8H will be on the TMRA Website

If you are interested in being a part of the TMRA **W8H Special Event, 5/4/2013** please sign in on the sign-up sheet at the April TMRA meeting. Put in the frequency and mode you would like to work and the times you would like to work. Any questions or for further information email Dave Shugar, KD8EVN at [KD8EVN@arrl.net](mailto:KD8EVN@arrl.net) or Ernie Ducey, K8EEE at [educey@roadrunner.com](mailto:educey@roadrunner.com) you can phone Dave at 419-893-8811.

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The **Siege of Fort Meigs** took place during the War of 1812, in northwestern Ohio. A small British army with support from Indians attempted to capture the recently-constructed fort to forestall an American offensive against Detroit, which the British had captured the previous year. An American sortie and relief attempt failed with heavy casualties, but the British failed to capture the fort and were forced to raise the siege.

Early on the morning of 5 May, a detachment from Clay's brigade under Colonel William Dudley landed from boats on the north bank of the river. Dudley's command comprised 761 of his own 10th Kentucky Detached Regiment of Militia, 60 of the 13th Kentucky Regiment of Detached Militia and 45 U.S. Army regular troops. This force stormed the batteries on the north bank and spiked the guns but used ramrods for the spiking instead of handspikes, which meant that the cannon were only temporarily disabled. Dudley then lost control of some of his men. Coming under fire from Indians in the woods, part of the Kentuckian force pursued Tecumseh's men, who led them deeper into the forest. Dudley followed in an attempt to bring them back, leaving Major James Shelby in command at the battery. Major Adam Muir led three companies of the 41st and one of Canadian militia from the British camp and stormed the battery, killing many of the Kentuckians and forcing Shelby to surrender. In the woods, the disorganized Kentuckians were decimated in confused fighting. Of Dudley's 866 officers and men, only 150 escaped to the fort. This became known as "Dudley's Massacre" or "Dudley's Defeat".

After the battle, the prisoners from Dudley's command were taken for confinement to the ruined Fort Miami near the British camp. Here, some of the Indians began massacring prisoners and several Americans were killed before Tecumseh, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Elliott and Captain Thomas McKee of the Indian Department persuaded the warriors to stop. Tecumseh is reputed to have asked Procter why he had not stopped the massacre and, when British Major-General Procter replied that the Indians could not be made to obey, replied, "Begone! You are unfit to command. Go and put on petticoats". Another version of the incident had Tecumseh rebuking Procter with, "I conquer to save; you to kill". Eye-witness accounts stated that between 12 and 14 prisoners were killed in the massacre. The battle of 5 May was known to the British as "the Battle of the Miami", having taken place beside the Miami du Lac River now known as the Maumee River.

## W8P Spreads the Word about End Polio Now

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24, 2013, amateur radio operators gathered at WA2HOM, the amateur radio station at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. We were there to operate special event station W8P to commemorate the founding of the Rotary Club on February 23, 1905 and spread the word about Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign ([www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)).

The goal of the End Polio Now program is to rid the world of this terrible disease. Rotary International launched this program in 1985, and with the aid of UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has cut the number of cases by more than 99.9%. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries. In 2012, polio is endemic in only two regions. We like to say that we're "this close" to eradicating polio.

The unique part of the special operating event is that stations all over the world took part in it. Rotary is an international organization, and its amateur radio fellowship, Rotarians on Amateur Radio (ROAR), includes members all over the world. In Australia, a group operated the special event station VI4POLIO. In Europe, Pertti, past president of ROAR, operated his station, EA7GSU. Here in the States, a group that included yours truly; Jack, N8PMG; Jameson, KD8PIJ; Dinesh, AB3DC; and Mark, W8MP operated W8P.



Since the museum is only open from 1500Z – 2200Z, we were only able to operate for seven hours on Saturday. We spent all of our time on 20m phone, with our beam pointed southwest, concentrating on working mostly U.S. stations. We had originally intended to operate on 14.287 MHz, but quickly had to change frequencies, as that portion of the band was occupied by participants in the Mississippi QSO party.

We finally ended up on 14.227 MHz and made a total of 110 contacts on Saturday. This included 29 states and four DX contacts.

On Sunday, we only operated for a couple of hours and made another 27 contacts. While we made fewer contacts on Sunday, the contacts that we did make were more poignant than the ones on Saturday.

My first contact on Sunday was with a gentleman who was spending the winter in Florida, but whose hometown was Standish, Michigan. He told me that his mother had polio, and in the late 1930s and early 1940s, they would put her on a bus for Ann Arbor, where she would receive treatments. While there's no way to be sure, I think that this ham's mother was taking part in some of the research leading to the Salk vaccine in 1955. That research took place right here at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

I also talked to hams that had direct experience with polio. One was a polio survivor himself. Another's wife was a polio survivor. A third was a physician who had been to Africa and had treated polio victims there.

It was a real treat to combine two activities that I enjoy so much—amateur radio and Rotary—and it felt good to know that in some small way I was furthering the work of the End Polio Now campaign. I hope that next year we will once again operate this special event and get even more Rotarians and amateur radio operators to participate.

-----When he's not trying to save the world, Dan, KB6NU enjoys working CW on the HF bands. For more information about his operating activities and his "No-Nonsense" series of amateur radio license study guides, go to [KB6NU.Com](http://KB6NU.Com) or e-mail [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

## Northwest Ohio ARES Net

6:40 pm - 7:40 pm

Location: Normally on 147.375 and Linked to 442.950. The Alternate Frequency is 146.610 w/PL 103.5

Notes:

This Net takes place everyday at 6:40 PM on 147.375 or alternate 146.610 w/PL 103.5.

It is a directed net. This net Handles traffic, trains to handle traffic, and shares information concerning The National Traffic System.

This net needs liaison stations to attend the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN) on 3.972.5 LSB

The traffic management goal in the Ohio Section is to establish and maintain a seamless interface for traffic handling between the NTS and ARES. The Section Traffic Manager (STM) is appointed by the Section Manager to supervise traffic handling organization at the section level, --that is, to coordinate all traffic efforts within the section, regardless of mode or National Traffic System (NTS) affiliation, so that routings within the section and connections with other networks and digital traffic nodes will result in orderly and efficient traffic flow. Mutual cooperation and coordination with the Section Emergency Coordinator is a constant so that traffic nets and emergency nets in the section present a unified public service front.

Colleen, N8TNV

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***BE SURE TO ATTEND THE NEXT TMRA MEETING ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> .  
IMPORTANT HAMFEST INFORMATION.***

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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.