



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

September 2013



The Prez Sez

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. The TMRA Christmas Party will be held Wednesday December 11th – Sandy, KD8HYS, Pat, KC8WQU and Brenda, KB8IUP, are the organizing committee for it, and they have more details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

At the November TMRA General Meeting those members present voted to hold our Field Day in 2014 on the grounds of the Wolcott House in Maumee. Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK, will be Co-Chairmen again in 2014.

Also at the November meeting, Steve announced his intention to re-vitalize the Sunday evening TMRA net, and proposed basing it on an Elmer net that the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society has been running in the Cincinnati area for the last several months. Eight of our members have volunteered to be a Net Control Station, so Steve has a schedule of nets so far through Sunday January 12, 2014. Steve will have more on this net, which is open to all amateurs but with an emphasis on helping new Hams who are looking for information, and for experienced Hams but who might need help with a new (really new or new-to-them) technology or aspect of amateur radio. Take a look at the OH-KY-IN ARC website http://www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php. (underscore between elmer and net). Tune in to our net on 147.27 Sundays at 8:00pm.

Richard, KA9IVY, the President of Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Inc. (LCARES, Inc.) is seeking nominations for 4 Trustees for LCARES, Inc. for a 2 year term February 1, 2014 – January 31, 2016. If you're interested, contact Richard.

73, Brian

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Our New Sunday Night Net

The Newcomers and Elmer's Net.

TMRA would like to thank and give credit to The Ohio – Kentucky – Indiana Radio Society for creating and putting this net material together.

This net meets every Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. We meet... on-the air, of course! The TMRA repeater is 147.270 with a + plus offset of 600 kHz and a PL Tone of 103.5 Hz for transmit

New to Amateur Radio? Or, just feel "inexperienced?" Then this net is for YOU!

The Newcomers and Elmer's weekly net is geared toward new people in the hobby, and is intended to be a comfortable place to learn about Amateur Radio. Our goal is not only to help you learn, but also to give you real-world experience talking on your radio.

Each week, there will be a topic for discussion, but ALL questions are welcome whatever the area of the radio hobby. If we do not know the answer right away, we will find out!

From the "Elmer's" side of things, we know getting on the air and learning about radios and antennas can be hard, and we want to make this net an inviting place for new hams to gain knowledge and experience. Mistakes are WELCOME! ALL of us have made AND still make mistakes; this is how we all learn.

We will be discouraging folks from checking in who are neither newcomers nor *Elmer's* (*Elmer* is amateur radio-speak for someone who passes along helpful knowledge and experience to new Hams), as there are plenty of nets for experienced hams. But everyone who wants to learn or who is willing to help others learn in an encouraging way are definitely welcome!

If you would like to take part as a net control, contact Steve, W8TER.
Thanks for listening.

TMRA Christmas Party

December 11, 2013

Set up 4:00~4:30 pm EST Meal Starts 6:30 pm EST

Electrical Industry Building, 807 Lime City Road Rossford, Ohio

Please RSVP no later than December 9th, by calling Sandra, KD8HYS, 734-847-1208

Or Brenda, KB8IUP, 419-866-5928

When calling be prepared to tell them:

1. The number of adults
2. Number of children and "boy" or "girl" / ages of children (for age appropriate small present)
3. What dish you are bringing to pass

Hope to see you there!

Moving Forward

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association has recently within the past few years, been installing and changing over to Icom's DSTAR repeater system. There has been some questioning as to the reasoning behind this venture.

The changing of the repeaters goes along with the changing of the new hams coming into the amateur radio community. Switching to a new mode or changing how something functions is part of the progression. Ham radio has switched from Spark Gap CW to AM Voice to SSB to FM to Packet radio to Software defined radio to Internet connecting to Digital to Software mode. There will come a time when the experimenters will develop something new and different again.

There is a saying that goes "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" "If you need to fix it, make sure you know how to use it!" The second part of that quote is seldom if ever used. It does emphasize the need for the experienced to teach the inexperienced. It is a two way street for old and young when it comes to elmering. Spending the time to include and educate those who do not understand will go a long way.

There is a somewhat familiar quote from a movie script that hauntingly makes sense..."If you build it they will come." Either way you look at it, those who want to experiment and play with radio will likely be attracted to whatever the most current trend is because they have already played with most everything else. Those on the cutting edge should keep in mind that those who are NOT up to speed on the latest and greatest may want to be.

Take the time to be an elmer anyway you can.

Thanks for listening.
Steve Bellner / W8TER
Maumee, Ohio

editors note: the dstar system is not replacing the analog systems, just another available mode.

From The Section Emergency Coordinator..

Amateur radio volunteers converged on Reynoldsburg, Ohio on Saturday, November 9th to attend the 2013 All Ohio ARES Conference at the Ohio Fire Academy. Below is just a glimpse of what took place. There is no way I can put everything in the email. It would be like writing a book.

Many thanks to Steve Ewald, WX1X, from ARRL HQ for being our guest speaker and staying with us for the entire conference. Many thanks to Jim Weaver, Frank Piper, and ARRL for all your help and support.

This year's recipient of the Ross T. Stillsano, KB8J TZ, Memorial Award was David Rickon, NF8O, of Medina, Ohio in ARES District 6. Please join me in congratulating Dave by sending him an email to drickon@zoominternet.net.

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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 on the second
Wednesday of every
month in
The Electrical Industry
Building, Lime City Rd.
Rossford, Ohio.

I handed out awards to Stan Broadway, N8BHL, and Tim Price, K8WFL, for all their hard work on the Ohio ARES Resource System OARS. I also handed out a certificate of appreciation to Carl Gedeon, KB8VXE, of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, for his continued strive for excellence not only in Cuyahoga County ARES but also the Ohio Section.



Go kits large and small on display.

kb8fxj photo

Many thanks to everyone who brought a go box or go kit! They were all impressive and I could tell right away how much time and effort was put into them. Speaking of go kits, I know there were not enough hard copies of Frank Sole's, KB8YHD, go kit list. I also know he had a sign up sheet for anyone who wanted one emailed to them. Well, I attached the sheet to this email for the benefit of everyone.

Many thanks to the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, Preble County ARES, Massillon Amateur Radio Club, Medina M2M, Stan Broadway and his Canned Ham and Marion County ARES for bringing and setting up your communications truck and/or trailer. That is the first time I have seen so many setup at one time in the Ohio Section other than Hamvention. Many thanks to what I call the Beverage Establishment Strike Team or BEST for providing all the coffee, hot apple cider, hot cocoa, and all the necessary supplies throughout the

day. I thank you very much for making sure the people were taken care of.

VE Testing results...6 new Technicians! 3 more upgraded to General Class. Congratulations everyone. Many thanks to Muskingum County EC Kathleen KB3RDR and her team of VE's for making this happen again this year!

I have reviewed all 68 evaluation forms received. Many thanks for the feedback. I appreciate everyone for taking the time to complete the evaluation form. If you attended the conference and did not complete an evaluation form, please email me at w8dec2@gmail.com and I will send one out to you.

As I mentioned at the conference, the Ohio Fire Academy is a great facility. But considering we were imminently close of maxing out capacity, I am exploring alternate venues such as Ohio State University. I have a lead in that direction which will be pursued after the first of the year.

Ladies and gentlemen, I cannot thank you enough for your participation and support in the best All Ohio ARES Conference I have ever attended. After going through the cancellations, 139 volunteers registered online. Drum roll please...we had 145 people sign in! That's an approximate 40% increase over last year! This conference made history. History that I am glad to be a part of. I am so looking forward to next year.

73 de Matt Welch, W8DEC

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION
SEE YOU AT THE DECEMBER PARTY DECEMBER 11.**



One of the many communication trucks and trailers on display at the 2013 All Ohio ARES Conference

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