



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

January 2013



The Prez Sez

Robert Hanna, K8ADK, died on December 10th, 2012. Bob was a long-time member of TMRA; when I joined the club in the late 1970s he was the TMRA Secretary and over the years he served as a Trustee several times. He was the Hamfest table chairman for many years, ably assisted by his wife Martha, K8AAC. When TMRA created the Amateur of the Year award in 1991 – Bob was the first recipient. Two years later, Lucas County ARES awarded him its Ham of the Year Award. In addition to being very active in TMRA, Bob was active in LCARES, being the organizer and coordinator for amateur radio communications at many triathlons and foot races. He was a Trustee of LCARES, Inc. Bob was also a member of TRAC, QCWA and GTARA, for many years an officer of the latter. To amateur radio, Bob gave generously of his time, skills as an engineer and electrician, and his radio knowledge. He will be missed by many people.

December 12th was the TMRA Christmas party, and thanks go to Sandy, KD8HYS; Rita, WB8FBG; Brenda, KB8IUP; Pat, KC8WQU and Kathy for organizing it, Rod, KB8OTP, for assistance with set-up – and if I've overlooked anyone – thanks also. As we have announced in the Newsletter for the last few months, Richard, KB8NXO, donated a Kenwood TS140S and a Kenwood TS 830S to be given to a new General class licensee, and we decided to have a drawing at the Christmas party for those who qualified and were interested. We had 2 new Generals, and in the drawing Brendan, KD8NTS, won the TS140 and Caleb, KD8QBT, the TS 830.

Also at the party we had drawings for tickets to the Dayton Hamvention and for a free place on the TMRA bus to Dayton: Zak, N8ZAK and Leif, KC8RWR, each won a place on the Dayton bus and Stephen, KD8QBU and James, WD8IOL, each won a ticket to the Hamvention. We also had a drawing for a ticket to the TMRA Hamfest and Zak, N8ZAK; Dave, KB8EH; Dan, KE8UE; Skeet, KD8KXD and James, KD8DWQ, each won a ticket to our Hamfest.

An update to the Technical Committee membership in the November newsletter: Dave, KD8EVN, is a voting member.

And finally, a “cut-and-paste” from the last Newsletter – but it bears repeating: 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

Highlites from “WEAVER'S WORDS” - Ring in the New Year

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+++Dale's Tales for January +++

Good Wishes for 2013, and may it be the best for you and your family.

As many of you are aware, Director Weaver and I will be attending the Annual ARRL Board Meeting this month. Jim carries our issues to the meeting for discussion while your Vice Director bites his nails and observes from the back row. OK that is a bit of exaggeration perhaps, but the meeting consists of a very full agenda and runs the gamut of what is happening in ham radio. All of our fifteen Divisions are represented by their respective Directors and Vice-Directors. Check out the minutes of recent meetings at the ARRL Web site: <http://www.arrl.org/board-meetings>. I have been quite impressed with the activities of our Board and the very professional manner in which business is conducted. As we serve as your elected representatives, you should feel free to let either of us know where your concerns about the future of amateur radio lie. That is one important step to help us all guide the future of the World's Greatest Hobby.

73,

Dale WA8EFK, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

+++ *Scheduled Hamfests and Travel* +++

The following is a schedule of travel planned by the Director, Vice Director and Section Managers in the Great Lakes Division. These trips represent an excellent opportunity to discuss ARRL and what it is doing to support Amateur Radio.

2013:

Jan 1 - Happy New Year

Jan 17 - PSC Meeting, New Orleans, LA - K8JE

Jan 18-19 - ARRL Board meeting, New Orleans, LA - K8JE, WA8EFK

Jan 20 - Hazel Park ARC 47th Annual Hamfest, Hazel Park, MI -- WB8R -**(QSL CHECKING)**

Jan 20 - SCARF 17th Annual Hamfest, Nelsonville, OH

Jan 27 - TUSCO ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH

Feb 2 - HARA Swap and Shop, Negaunee, MI - WB8R

Feb 3 - Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH

Feb 3 - NOARS Hamfest, Lorain, WA8EFK, KI8GW, OH Cabinet

Feb 9 - 39th Annual Swap & Shop, Traverse City, MI

Feb 17 - Mansfield Winter Hamfest, Mansfield, OH -- WA8EFK, OH Cabinet - **(QSL CHECKING)**

Feb 17 - Livonia 42nd Annual Swap & Shop, Livonia, MI -- WB8R

Mar 2 - Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY - KY4Z

Mar 16 - 2013 Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI -- WB8R

Mar 17 - TMRA Radio/Computer/Electronics Hamfest, Perrysburg, OH

Mar 23 - MOVARC Ham Fest, Gallipolis, OH - OH Cabinet

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2013 Two Meter VHF Contest sponsored by Ashtabula County ARES

Objective-Make as many two meter simplex contacts to any licensed amateur during the allotted contest time.

Remember during an actual emergency, resources may be stretched and reliable simplex operations for traffic handling, shelters and basic emergency communications will be vital.

RULES

1. Open to all licensed amateurs.
2. Contest runs from January 12th, 12pm local time to January 13th, 12pm local time.
3. Contacts can be made on any two meter frequencies. (No Repeaters)
4. Contacts can be made as fixed station, mobile, portable or any combination there of.
5. Logs must be submitted to WD8PVB

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6. Logs must be post marked or E-Mailed by February 1, 2013.
7. Logs must contain: Callsign, Time, Frequency, Mode, Date and Scoring info.
8. Scoring will be as follows.
 - 1 point for non-ARES contact
 - 2 Points for ARES member
 - 3 Points for ARES officer
 - 4 Points for all Digital Contacts --- Please log mode, CW, PSK, MT63, SSTV etc.
 - 50 Points for Submitting a Log.

A station may be worked on Phone and Digital (Each counts as a good contact.)

9. Certificates will be given to the top 3 scores in each County in ARES District 10
The top 3 logs from outside of District 10 will also receive a certificate.



Every one had a good time at the TMRA Christmas party. Brian had assistance from Oliva, (daughter of Leif, KC8RWR) with the raffle tickets. Mike, WA8SYD, leads the way thru the food line, and there was lots of good food.

Field Day 2013

With snow on the ground and wind chills in the single digits, sunny days in June seem like a distant dream. But June and Field Day are not far away. It's time to start planning. First, mark your calendar for June 22 and 23, 2013. We will be at the Wolcott House grounds in Maumee, Ohio. For those of you who have been there before, there is lots of room to set up our rigs and trees from which to string antennas.

Next, give some thought to what bands and modes you would like to work. This year we want to set up band captains to better manage each band and to provide each operator with opportunities to work a variety of bands if he or she wishes. More about this later.

If you are new to being a ham or to field day, don't be concerned. There are many experienced hams that will be happy to show you what to do. Plan on coming to Field Day, study their rigs and set-up, and assist them in logging and making Field Day contacts. Also, the ARRL website has information about Field Day and the rules we will be following.

Don't forget that Field Day is also a family event! What better way to introduce your children and their friends to the excitement of ham radio! Are your neighbors and coworkers curious about your hobby? Invite them to Field Day. Join us for good food and fellowship. You'll go home with new friendships, many practical ideas, and lots of worthwhile experience.

Steve Bellner, W8TER, Field Day Chairman
Glenn Ingersoll, W8MUK, Assistant

The next LCARES meeting will be on Saturday, Jan 26. The usual place, St. Luke's Hospital, basement Private Dining Room, at 09:00. Meet your friends for breakfast in the cafeteria at 08:00.

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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.