



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2013



The Prez Sez

As you most likely know, the TMRA's three "years" – membership year (January-December), financial/fiscal year (May-April), and elected officials' year (October-September) do not coincide. The reasoning for this situation appears to be lost in the mists of history. With our Hamfest in mid-March, the Budget Committee has to meet after the Hamfest but before the March Executive Committee meeting to develop a proposed budget to be presented and approved by that committee prior to presenting it to the membership at the April general meeting in time for the start of the new financial year May 1st. It is not always easy for a Budget Committee to meet in that brief period between the Hamfest and an Executive Committee meeting later in March. It is not practical for the Budget Committee to meet before the Hamfest as the Hamfest is both the largest source of income for the club and the largest expense for the club – we need to have as many of the Hamfest income and expense details known before developing a budget for the following financial year. In order to allow more time between the Hamfest and developing a new budget, the Executive Committee is proposing that we change our financial year to run from July 1st through June 30th each year. It seems logical, also, to change the other two "years" to run concurrently with the financial year, so those changes are also being proposed, and will be brought before the membership present at the May 8th, 2013 general meeting, and if approved, will take effect July 1st, 2013.

The current budget, due to end April 30th 2014 would be extended to June 30th 2104.

The current term for the Officers and one Trustee, due to end September 30th 2013, would end June 30th 2013 and we would hold election of Officers at the June 2013 meeting.

What about Membership Dues ? Good question - those who have paid dues for the year January 1st to December 30th 2013 would have their membership extended until June 30th 2014 – 6 months free membership! Those members who have paid ahead for two or more years would get their 6 months free membership when their current paid years end.

The TMRA By-Laws would have to be revised, and the proposed revisions are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

D-STAR repeaters offer some important features that we don't have on other repeaters and in the interests of good and considerate usage of the TMRA D-STAR repeater, our D-STAR Committee has developed some guidelines to that end. These are now the club's policies regarding usage of the D-STAR repeater, and are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

Tony, N8WAC, has some thoughts on "Techs-on-Ten" for which he is seeking the TMRA's support – be sure to read his article in this issue on that.

If we vote to change our "years" – we'll need nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to be voted on at June's meeting, which is only a little over 5 weeks away.

For those of you who are going to Dayton – here's hoping that the weather is dry and cool that week-end – don't forget that the TMRA has a bus – contact Mike WA8SYD.

73, Brian WD8MXR

Changes To The TMRA By-Laws If We Change Our Years:

If the membership votes at the May 8, 2013 meeting to change the TMRA's Membership year, Financial year, and Officers' and Trustees' year to run concurrently from July 1 to June 30, the following changes will be made to the TMRA By-Laws, effective May 8, 2013.

The complete By-Laws are available on the TMRA website.

Section II, 3d. change September 1st to April 1st.

Section III, 1. change before January 1st to before July 1st, and (dues year), change January 1st through December 30th to July 1st through June 30th.

Section III, 4. change March 1st to September 1st.

Section III, 5. change September 1st to March 1st; change December 31st to June 30th, and change August 31st to February 28th.

Section IV, 2. change September to July.

Section VI, 1. change October 1st through September 30th to July 1st through June 30th.

Section VI, 2b, i). change June to March.

Section VI, 2b, ii) change February to March, and March to May.

Section VI, 2b, iii). change May to February.

Section VI, 2b, iv) change September to June.

Section VII, 6. change April to June.

Section VIII, 1. change April to June, and (fiscal year) change May 1st through April 30th to July 1st to June 30th.

Section IX, 1. change August to June.

Section IX, 4. change August to May.

Section IX, 5. change September to June.

Section XI, 1. change October 1st through September 1st to July 1st through June 30th.

Section XIV, 1. change September Annual Business Meeting to September Meeting.

Appendix B. A, 10. change Annual Business Meeting of the Club in September to meeting of the club in September.

TMRA D-STAR

The TMRA D-STAR Committee has proposed the following policies and rules for the TMRA D-STAR repeater, and these have been approved and accepted by the Executive Committee

1. Voice ID and ask if the repeater is in use before doing any linking and/or unlinking.
2. The D-STAR repeater is to remain unlinked when not in use: this means, do not link it and then leave the repeater without unlinking it.
3. Linking the repeater is to be done with the sole purpose of making a contact: no linking just to hear the repeater – it is not a scanner. Link the repeater, make your call, and when done, unlink it.
4. Membership in TMRA is NOT required to link or unlink the repeater.
5. TMRA members have priority over non-members for linking and unlinking.
6. Amateur internet gateway users are limited to only one device connected to gateway server at a time: that is one device per call sign, DV Dongle or DVAP or Hotspot.
7. The D-STAR Committee and the TMRA Executive Committee reserve the right to restrict access to the repeater in the case of repeated failures to respect and follow the policies and rules stated above.

My Proposal To The Members Of The TMRA Club

During one of the technical committee meetings we were discussing the possibility of putting a 10 meter repeater on the air. During the meeting it was stated that if a 10 meter repeater were to go on air that the Technician class would not be eligible to use it. This got me thinking to the reasoning as to why not. The Technician class has world wide use of the 10 meter band from 28.300 to 28.500 USB. But not the repeater portion of the 10 meter band (29.520 to 29.700). Technician class have access to repeaters on every band from 6 meters and up. The Technician class also have access to world wide repeaters via D-star, IRLP and Echolink but are ineligible to use the 10 meter repeaters to do the same. The more I thought about this the less it seemed to make sense.

My proposal to the members of the TMRA club is that “we as a club file a petition of rule change to the FCC to allow the Technician class to have accessibility to the 10 meter repeaters (29.520 to 29.700)”. With permission from the officers of TMRA I would like to bring this proposal to the club members for open discussion at the May TMRA meeting.

N8WAC,Tony

May Birthdays

KC8UFV	Chris Hart	5/1	W8VQK	Kevin Galambos	5/2
N8XLK	Edward Gralak	5/5	KC8TVO	Scott Ball	5/7
WA8SCR	Robert Lober	5/12	KC8TVP	Mark Ball	5/15
WA8JTB	Gerald Carter	5/21	W8WP	Paul Wujkowski	5/21
N8CDL	Patrick Walsh	5/22	KC8PFQ	Frank Ball	5/24
KB8NVF	Howard Jones	5/26			

If you have looked to see who has a birthday on the same day as you and your name is missing - it could be that it was missing either in the database I received or it was lacking when the application form was filled out. It is more than co-incidence when folks have the same birth month and day. I once heard that if you take just 10 people at random and check the birth month and day, 2 will have the same dates. I used to play with it, and it is true more often than expected.

WB8FBG

In The Local Community

On Friday April 19th Mike, WA8SYD and Steve, W8TER had the privilege of talking about Amateur radio and its history to the residents of The Glendale Senior Living Center in Toledo, Ohio.

The small crowd gathered on the common area for the talk. We had a Morse code key, an oscillator, and a D-STAR radio, all of which were demonstrated. While WA8SYD told and explained about the infancy of Amateur radio, its inventors and its humble beginnings up to the time of television, there were several who shared various stories from their youth about their experience with radio operation.

In the group were some experienced electrical workers who in their day had some understanding of electricity, which made for some interesting interaction between them and the speaker. There was a crowd of various seniors who shared their memories and had a more enjoyable day because of the volunteers of amateur radio and the Toledo Mobile Radio Association.

Steve Bellner, W8TER

Hams Say Farewell to George, WB8HHZ

On Sunday April 28, about thirty local hams plus some from Vermilion, Seneca County and Tontogany came together at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Toledo to wish George, WB8HHZ, best wishes as he leaves the Toledo area. George has decided to move to Florida with his daughter where she can keep him in line. George was involved with the Lucas County ARES group for at least 35 years in one capacity or another. A plaque was presented to him for his years of service. He was a great person to work with and was always available for SKYWARN. Thanks to everyone who came to bid George farewell. Thanks to Lana, N8PHD & Ross, NS8C, Mergenthaler for their help making this a success. George said, he will let us know his new email address as soon as he gets one.



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73, Brenda, KB8IUP



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You can find more pictures of George's party on the LC_ARES-LCARES Yahoo! Group.

ARLX005 Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Scheduled for May 11

Special Bulletin 5 ARLX005 From ARRL Headquarters

In celebration of the 63rd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test. Although Armed Forces Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 18 in 2013 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 11 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 17-19.

The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to stations making contact with the military stations.

Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for the Army, Air Force and Navy/Marine Corps and Coast Guard MARS stations. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB); some stations will use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse code. Depending on propagation and staffing, some stations may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.

Check the MARS Armed Forces Crossband Test website at <http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements> for schedules and frequencies of participating military stations, including a list of stations that will be transmitting the annual Secretary of Defense message. Instructions on how to copy and submit the message are also included.

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Great Lakes Division Convention – 2013

The Great Lakes Division's Convention for 2013, is to be held in conjunction with the Voice of Aladdin's annual Hamfest on August 3 in Columbus, OH. There will be a Convention Luncheon where ARRL Executive Director Dave Sumner K1ZZ will speak, plus several awards and presentations, including the Great Lakes Division's Ham Radio Newsletter Award. The programs include: Carl Leutzelschwab, K9LA, Propagation; Jay Adrick, K8CJY, Voice of America Site and its history; Jim Weaver, K8JE, ARRL Forum; Kitty Hevener, W8TDA, Club Growth; Dave Maynard, WA3EZN, Traffic Handling; Jim Brooks, KY4Z, Public Service

Great Lakes Division Convention information from: WEAVER'S WORDS - Friday, May 03, 2013

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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.