



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

April 2014



## The Prez Sez

Our 59<sup>th</sup> Hamfest is now history, and I want to thank all who helped make it a success – the Hamfest Committee, volunteer helpers the day before and the day of, our vendors, and all who bought tickets to attend. The number of tables and the number of vendors were about the same as the last few years, but attendance was up about 10% over last year. We'll have more details at the April General meeting. Mark your calendars for Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 – that will be our 60<sup>th</sup> Hamfest. We're planning on returning to Owens Community College again next year. Marshall's Hamfest will be Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> next year.

The program that was scheduled for our March General meeting – Steve, KC8TNV's presentation on PowerPole connectors – will be at our April meeting.

The next TMRA Executive Committee meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in May – 7:30pm at the Maumee #2 Fire Station.



Brenda, KB8IUP, presented a check to Maumee resident, John, main prize drawing winner of the 2014 TMRA Hamfest

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73, Brian, WD8MXR

## Help Needed!

Well, it's that time of year again and we're looking for help with the Glass City Marathon. It's being held on April 27th this year and the race start time is 7 AM and the course closes at 1 PM.

As in past years we need operators for water stops, med tents and SAG wagons. Not everyone needs to stay for the entire event. Please let me know at [k8rks@arrl.net](mailto:k8rks@arrl.net) or 419-471-0573 if you can help out with this event or if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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## Hamfest "SECURITY"

No matter if this was your first hamfest or your 30th it will likely be remembered as being one of the coldest. Just an FYI The Owens Police do not want us to call ourselves "security" as they believe it is inappropriate for us to be in a security position since they are the campus police and it could create a legal problem. I am currently entertaining the idea of changing our current category from "security" to something else. Next year our working group shall be known by a

different name but will be doing the same tasks. Suggestions as to what category or name we should consider our jobs to fit into are welcome. Many thanks to those who volunteered to stand guard at the doors, guide and assist the vendors with their wares, and just take time to provide the assistance so the TMRA hamfest was secure and friendly. It was cold and the security team stood watch at their assigned doors. It seemed like winter was not going to give in to the hamfest.



This is just a sample of what was available at the 2014 TMRA Hamfest.

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I know the vendors were glad to have the assistance you provided to them setting up and tearing down. Door handling and security is a thankless job but you made the Hamfest a good experience for the vendors. This makes them glad they came and I believe they will remember the help and will likely return next year in part because of the help security personnel provide. This hamfest runs on fuel from the club members.

Thanks to the security team Dave, KD8QBR; Steve, KD8QBU; Caleb, KD8QBT; Jim, KD8QBH; Mike, N8GBU; Ron, KD8SEW; Matt, KD8WFZ; Doug, AB8XW; Dave, KD8EVN; Mike, W8MAL; Dale, WA8? (Forgot your call); Reid, KD8UOU and Brian, KC8TRL. I hope I have listed all who were on duty if I missed you I apologize.

Again, a big thank you for your contribution to make this club function a success.

73,  
Steve Bellner / W8TER

## TMRA Bus To Dayton

On Saturday, May 17, TMRA is once again sponsoring a comfortable bus trip to the annual Dayton Hamvention®.

Contact Mike, WA8SYD to reserve your seat now. You can rest up on the way and be ready for a full day of *hamfesting*.

## Lucas County Skywarn® Training

Gary Garnett (*NWS, Cleveland office*) presented the 2014 Lucas County Skywarn® training session on Saturday, March 29. Almost 300 persons attended the annual event at ProMedica St. Luke's Hospital Auditorium.

## TMRA Tech Committee

The TMRA Tech Committee will meet on Monday April 14, at the Maumee #2 Fire Station on Dussel Drive. (7:00 PM) All members are welcome to attend.

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The TMRA meets at  
7:30 PM on the second  
Wednesday of every  
month in  
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