



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

February 2014



## The Prez Sez

It is with regret that we have to announce that TMRA member Robert (Bob) Burr, N8WBG, died January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Club's condolences go out to his daughter Sandy, KD8HYS, also a TMRA member. The Club will make a donation in Bob's memory as the family wishes.

At the TMRA Executive Committee meeting January 22, 2014 it was decided that if there is in effect at 5:00pm on the day of a scheduled TMRA General meeting, TMRA Executive Committee meeting, and TMRA Technical Committee meeting a snow emergency declaration of Level 1, 2, or 3 in Lucas County and/or Wood County, that meeting is cancelled. This should avoid any confusion as to whether or not a meeting is still on, and who decides, and when, to cancel a meeting. While announcements of cancellations may be made on our 147.20 and 442.85 repeaters, please monitor local TV stations or any other source of information regarding a county sheriff's declaration.

The Snow Emergency Classifications in Ohio are \*:

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

\* <http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/snowemergencyclassifications.aspx>

Help at the TMRA Hamfest March 16<sup>th</sup>: we need volunteers to set up tables Saturday morning, and to take down tables after the Hamfest Sunday afternoon – contact Tom, KB8PAI. Chris, KC8UFV, needs help with talk-in Sunday morning. Steve, W8TER, needs help with Security Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday morning until the end of the Hamfest. Skeet, KD8KXD, needs help Sunday morning with ticket sales. Steve, KC8TVW, needs help with VE testing Sunday morning. We're also looking for volunteers to offer help to vendors in getting their stuff into (and out of) the building – we have 2 trolleys with rubber-tired wheels – more would be helpful if you can bring one to use.

Volunteer for at least an hour in some activity and the Club will buy your lunch on Sunday – again this year we'll have vouchers worth \$5.00 at the OCC SHAC food service as a token of our appreciation for your help.

Steve W8TER has revised the TMRA Information Booklet and a copy can be found on the Club's website.

An up-date on the Icom 2m D-STAR repeater: we have one on order directly from Icom, but in answer to a question about expected shipping date, we were told that at present they have no information as to when they will be shipping these repeaters.

Last month I asked “Eleven plus two = 13, twelve plus one = 13: what’s interesting about that ?” Eleven plus two is an anagram of twelve plus one.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

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## **Results From The December Tech Class And December And January VE Test Sessions**

Congratulations to the following new hams and upgrades:

### *December*

#### *Technician*

Sean, KD8WBX; Ed, KD8WBY; Darin , KD8WBZ; John , KD8WCA ; Rich , KD8WCB; James, KD8WCC; Bill, KD8WCE; Jeremy, KD8WCF; Deana, KD8WCG and Bill, KD9ADC.

#### *General*

Tim, KD8IZU and Tom, KD8WCD.

Thanks to WA8SYD, KC8UFV and KD8NJY for helping teach the class.

Thanks for help with the testing: W8TER, WD8MXR, KD8EVN, KJ0EYT, N8GBU, KC8UFV and KD8FNA

### *January*

#### *Technician*

David, KD8WFW; Eric, KD8WFW and Matt, KD8WFZ.

#### *General*

Dan, KD8WFX; Mike, KD8WFY and Ed, KD8WBY.

Thanks for help with the testing: Steve, W8TER; Brian WD8MXR; Dave, KD8EVN; Chris, KC8UFV and Ernie, K8EEE.

73,  
Steve, KC8TVW

## **SKYWARN and TRAC Meetings**

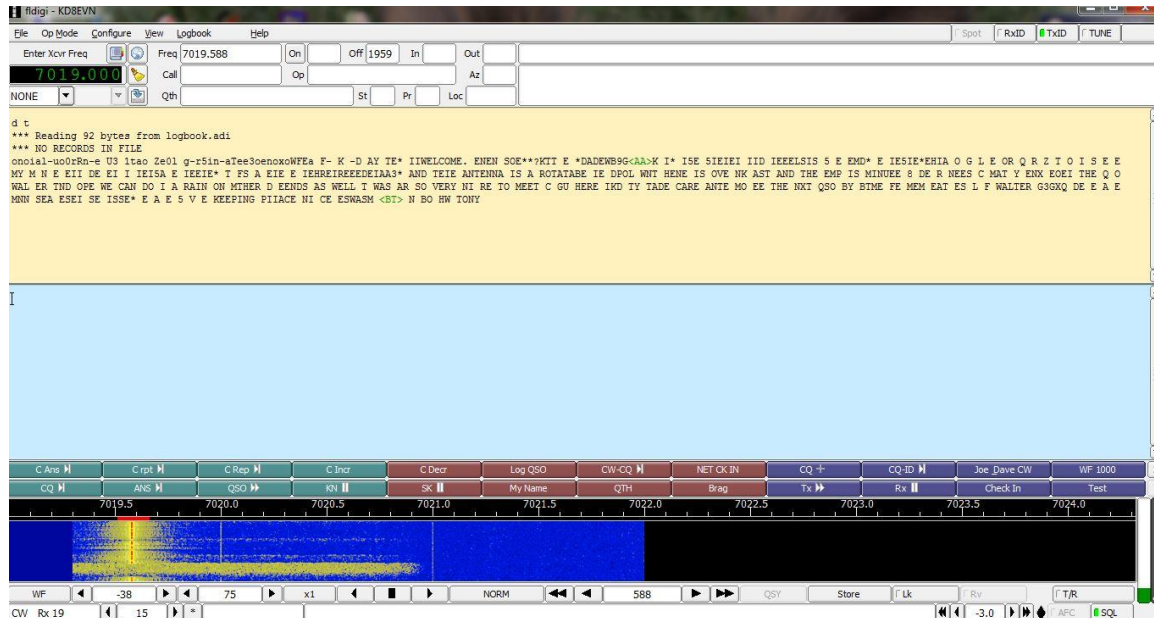
Lucas County SKYWARN and TRAC meet at 7:30 pm, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the Lucas County EMA Training Center, 2127 Jefferson Ave. (located behind the Lucas County 911 dispatch center) All are welcome to attend.

# Toledo Mobile Radio Association presents Wireless Day

# FLDIGI

DIGITAL SOFTWARE TRAINING for

Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS)



**WHERE:** Lucas County Maumee Branch Library  
501 River Rd. Maumee, Ohio 43537

**WHEN:** 9:00 AM Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2014

**BRING A 2 METER HT AND YOUR LAPTOP**

This class is entry level: Installation of software - Navigating the software program (MACROS)  
- How to transmit and receive - What modes to use - Where do I listen? - Even more if you want it and time allows - Questions answered.

**The class is free.... ALL ARE WELCOME!**

This training is part of Toledo Mobile Radio Association's WIRELESS DAY till 4:30 PM  
You are invited to stay after class and put your FLDIGI learning to use. We will be operating on HF using FLDIGI after the class and it will be an excellent opportunity to make that first HF digital soundcard contact. We'll have food and snacks to keep you going.

Contact Steve [KC8TVW@arrl.net](mailto:KC8TVW@arrl.net) 419-467-3734 or Steve [W8TER@arrl.net](mailto:W8TER@arrl.net) 419-367-1200  
Talk-in 147.270 + PL 103.5 or 444.700 + PL 103.5

## Passing This Along

*From W5FJG/KC4AAA I have just been assigned to the Amundsen-Scott Pole Station (The South Pole). I should be active during the weekends using the station call KC4AAA. You can work us on 14.243 +- QRM on Sundays between 0001 and 0200/0300UTC. The station is well equipped with a KW, 20M and 40M mono banders fixed on the US and a tribander fixed on Europe . A 17M mono bander was just installed and will go operational the weekend of Jan 25, 2014. Also we just regained the ability to operate CW from this station. Working on the digital modes now, and hope to have PSK-31 and RTTY up and running in a few weeks.*

73 Joe

de David, AJ4TF

## February Hamfest

Mid \* Winter Hamfest & Computer Show  
Sunday, February 16, 2014  
Richland County Fairgrounds  
750 North Home Road  
Mansfield, Ohio

Talk in on W8WE, 146.940- (71.9 PL)  
More info on [www.w8we.org](http://www.w8we.org)

**Make plans now, to attend the 2014 Annual Lucas County  
SKYWARN® Training  
Saturday, March 29, at 10:00 am,  
ProMedica St.Luke's Hospital  
Maumee, Ohio**

## LCARES Meeting

Remember to attend the February LCARES meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday February 22. The meeting will be held in the Private Dining Room, located in the basement of ProMedica St. Luke's Hospital. Join us for breakfast in the cafeteria before the meeting.

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W8MUK; Joe, KJ0EYT;  
James, WD8IOL; Dan,  
KE8UE; Dave, KD8EVN.

TMRA Home Page  
[www.tmrahamradio.org](http://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 on the second  
Wednesday of every  
month in  
The Electrical Industry  
Building, Lime City Rd.  
Rossford, Ohio.