



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

June 2014



## The Prez Sez

As we changed our membership, financial and elected officers years to run concurrently, starting July 1<sup>st</sup> each year, our June General meeting takes on new importance. Not only is it the last meeting before Field Day, the last chance to renew your membership in person, it's the meeting at which members vote on the proposed budget for the up-coming year and elect officers for the up-coming year. So be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> – usual place and time. Need more incentive to come? We have a 2m/440MHz HT (Baofeng UV-3R) that was an unclaimed prize at the TMRA Hamfest March that we will raffle off at the June meeting. It has been programmed with many area repeaters, thanks to Chris, KC8UVF.

At the meeting, co-chairs Steve, W8TER and Glen, W8MUK, will have the latest details about the TMRA Field Day – June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Membership chairman, Ernie, W8EEE, will be anxious to be able to keep his membership records up-to-date with renewals: please remember that even if you are a 70 year old or older member with a complimentary membership, we still need you to fill out a membership application form!

Also, please remember that nominations for officers are open until it's time to vote at the meeting !

73, Brian, WD8MXR.

## Help Needed!

I finally heard from Metroparks and they would like our help with the Happy Trails 5K. The race is June 14th and the start time is 8 AM. It usually lasts a couple hours

I haven't heard anything yet from the Maumee Bay Triathlon folks but if you'd like to help out with that race if I can ever get a hold of them please let me know that also. The race is June 15th and the start time is 7:50 AM. We are usually done by 11. . Please let me know if you can help at either k8rks@arrl.net or 419-471-0573.

Thanks!

Rick, K8RKS  
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## Field Day 2014

Field Day is only a month away! It's time to dust off your outdoor gear, check your radio equipment, and make plans to be at the grounds of the Wolcott House in Maumee, Ohio on June 28 and 29. We will set up in the morning on Saturday, June 28 and begin operating at 2:00 pm.

All hams are invited to operate or to just come and observe. This is a family event so everyone is welcome!

If you haven't already contacted one or more of the band captains to reserve some operating time, you should do so soon. If you want to bring your own rig, you may use one of the antennas that will be set up for each band. We ask that you contact the appropriate band captain to coordinate your radio set-up and operating time. You are welcome to bring your experimental or other special antenna, but be sure to discuss location and set-up with the band captain to minimize interference. Additional band captains are needed, contact Steve or Glenn if you are interested.

Not planning to operate? Volunteers are needed to log contacts, erect antennas, set up tents, and give lots of advice.

Remember, 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.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join us at Field Day. Why not introduce your children and their friends to the excitement of ham radio! 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

## Antenna Build Event

A multi-faceted event was held at the No. 2 fire station in Maumee on May 10. What started out as an antenna build party turned out to not only involve antennas, but power poles and digital software as well.

Since we had a fair amount of expertise in many areas, virtually any question regarding ham radio was fair game.

In my opinion, this is what the spirit of ham radio is all about, getting elmers and newcomers together. It is also what drives the elmers and newcomers net on Sunday nights.

Steve, KC8TVW



Lots to do and learn at the Antenna Build Event.

kb8fxj photo

## VE Session May 10

Congrats to new techs: John, KD8YRY and Scott, KD8YRZ. Also, congrats to Joe, KD8UZA, who passed his 'General' at Dayton

## TMRA Annual Membership Time

Reminder: The membership year will end June 30, 2014 – which means it might be time to renew your membership. Many have already renewed, and I thank you for it. If you are unsure if you are current or not, please send me an email or call me. Dues are \$20.00 per year for a regular membership. Student and Family memberships are available.

Please fill out a membership form when you renew.

The form can be found at: [http://www.tmrahamradio.org/TMRA\\_Membership\\_App.pdf](http://www.tmrahamradio.org/TMRA_Membership_App.pdf)

The by-laws state that everyone must fill out a new form every year, even if you are over 70. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Everyone who pays on or before June 30, 2014 will be entered into a drawing for an additional one year free membership. (see by-laws II (3)(f)(ii)).

[Trivia: Did you know that the word "membership" is mentioned 67 times in our by-laws, and the word "dues" 32 times. A copy of the club by-laws is also available on the club web site.]

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## Scammers In Ham Radio Gear

The amount of scamming in the buying and selling of amateur radio gear is on the rise. I have been seeing this on the most popular ham radio websites, QRZ.com, QTH.com and eHam.net. The scammer will use QRZ.com to look up the details on a ham they've randomly chosen. Using that ham's callsign and name, the scammer will list amateur radio items that don't exist for sale on numerous ham websites and eBay, only accepting Paypal for payment.

One of the ways hams have been checking to see if the seller is a scammer is by verifying the email address of the ham on QRZ.com. If the email address on the ham's QRZ page is different from the seller's email, they will contact the ham to see if they really are selling the item(s) in question.

Not every ham has claimed their QRZ.com account, if you haven't claimed your account I suggest you do so, there is no cost to a standard account. On the About Us page of our club's website is a list of our members, clicking on a member's name will take you to their QRZ.com page. I have not seen any postings on the ham websites of a scammer hijacking an unclaimed QRZ account, but its only a matter of time before it will happen.

73,

David, AD4WX

*Submitted by Rita, WB8FBG, who now lives in Tennessee.  
Dave, AD4WX, is president of her local ham radio club.*

## Dale's Tales For June

Greetings all.

Well, I am pleased to report that the Dayton HamVention® seemed to be an outstanding success. I had the good fortune to be present at the ARRL Expo for much of the time and enjoyed meeting and greeting many visitors. Thanks to those who took the time for stopping by and thanks also to Scott Yonally, N8SY, Ohio Section Manager for hosting. A little inclement weather did not seem to have a serious negative effect on the spirit outdoor crowd as everyone took it in stride. Reports were that vendor sales were up over recent years, all good signs for ham radio.

Field Day is rapidly approaching, and I want to encourage everyone to do what they can to participate at your local FD event. There is always a place for everyone, and consider this: if you don't consider yourself to be an operator, there is a need for helpers to set up and tear down, keep watch over the generator, insure site safety, fire up the grille, and a host of other specific needs. There are the ops and loggers who need relief, and I do encourage everyone to take a stint at operating even if you don't consider yourself to be a "pro" at doing it. This is a marvelous training ground. You will see your skills improve, you will be able to copy better and faster, it just happens. The longer you operate the more you will be able to pull call signs out of the QRM and noise with ease. Give it a try, even if you never stray from operating on the local repeater. One never knows when you may be called to fit into a critical communications need and the skills you pick up on Field Day can save the day.

73, see you on the bands.

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*from WEAVER'S WORDS, June 02, 2014*

## MONROE HAMFEST And Computer Show

Only 2 weeks to go Father's Day - June 15, 2014

7:30 am to 1 pm

Presented by: The Monroe County Radio Comm. Assoc. Monroe County Fairgrounds M-50 at Raisinville Rd (2 miles west of Monroe) Free Parking Indoor Facilities / Trunk Sales Computers and Equipment Distributors / Hot Food. Overnight Camping available.

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TMRA W8HHF  
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The TMRA meets at  
7:30 PM on the second  
Wednesday of every  
month in  
The Electrical Industry  
Building, Lime City Rd.  
Rossford, Ohio.

Stan Arnett, AC8W ac8w@comcast.net will be available to check QSL cards. Applicants can find details about filling the forms out online, SASE to the League, etc. on line at <http://www.arrl.org/>. He cannot check 160M cards unfortunately.

Talk-in 146.72 For more information and Table, Trunk and Ticket orders Go to: <http://www.merca.org> Click on "Hamfest" in the left column or email Fred, KA8EBI at ka8ebi@yahoo.com  
*This is an ARRL approved Hamfest.*

## **Pan Ohio Hope Ride 2014**

The American Cancer Society Pan Ohio Hope Ride is July 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2014. It's only a 328 mile bicycle ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati in four days with over 500 cyclists. We're looking for amateur radio volunteers to staff water stops, dangerous or misleading intersections, and railroad tracks on all four days of the ride. By doing so, you'll be providing situational awareness and guiding the dedicated cyclists in the right direction.

Emergency Coordinators and their volunteers know the area a helluva lot better than we do. Therefore, I am looking for Emergency Coordinators to be team captains in the counties where the ride comes through. I am asking them to recruit volunteers and station them in strategic locations along the route.

Volunteers who would like to be stationed at the water stops, start or finish need to contact me at w8dec@arrl.net so I can add them to the volunteer roster and notify the POHR staff.

Volunteers stationed at strategic locations, dangerous or confusing intersections, and railroad tracks will be volunteering with their ARES Team under the direction of their Emergency Coordinator or their designee.

The POHR communications plan is being tweaked from last year. It will be published well enough in advance so volunteers can get their radio programmed prior to the event.

More information including maps can be found at [www.panohiohopeide.org](http://www.panohiohopeide.org).

[http://1.facebook.com/1.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.panohiohopeide.org%2F&h=pAQGdd6zb&enc=AZPXhrZH2DbnsB\\_Ujyqb9yK2LKIN9ZFhOtyD1Bl6UEB90wXKRzRkz4shKem3mKBrgNjsLjvLUAuwb7ocXvGA0t3cFUkaEDyU1GWgrWvWUOowtJJ5mXJqWk0qP9L56XLqpHFjUMWTNICm0MhKMI4kJsvwEELXgEca0avHot5N5dRgsw&s=1](http://1.facebook.com/1.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.panohiohopeide.org%2F&h=pAQGdd6zb&enc=AZPXhrZH2DbnsB_Ujyqb9yK2LKIN9ZFhOtyD1Bl6UEB90wXKRzRkz4shKem3mKBrgNjsLjvLUAuwb7ocXvGA0t3cFUkaEDyU1GWgrWvWUOowtJJ5mXJqWk0qP9L56XLqpHFjUMWTNICm0MhKMI4kJsvwEELXgEca0avHot5N5dRgsw&s=1)

Please keep in mind there may be minor changes to the route between now and the event. Will advise when I know further.

I really like this event. It's for a good cause. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

73 de Matt, W8DEC

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*-Note: Lucas County Skywarn and TRAC meetings have been moved to the first Thursday of the month.*