



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

March 2014



The Prez Sez

It is with regret that we have to announce that TMRA member Bob Thompson, N8AJP, died February 6, 2014. Our sympathies go to his significant other, Ella, KB8TOJ, also a TMRA member, and to the others in his family. The club has made a donation in Bob's memory to the Honor Flight of NW Ohio.

Help at the TMRA Hamfest March 16th: 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.

Want to serve the Club by helping on a committee ? We have three coming up. When the Hamfest financials are complete, we will need a Budget Committee to propose a plan for the Financial Year July 2014 – June 2015 - if you'd like to help with that, let me know. We also need a few members to serve as the Audit Committee – to review “the books”. And we need a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of members to run as candidates for election as Officers at the June meeting, which is now our Annual Business meeting.

73, Brian WD8MXR

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Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LCARES) is a dedicated group of amateur radio volunteers who are trained in emergency radio communication. We provide back up communications to local disaster service providers, law enforcement and Lucas County EMA in the event of total communications breakdown.

Lucas County ARES meets each month (on the 4th Saturday) at 9:00am - St. Lukes Hospital Basement - Private Dining Room.

If you are not a Lucas County resident you are welcome to join us.

For more information please visit our website <http://www.lucasares.org/> or call Brenda, (KB8IUP) 419-866-5928

ver. Feb 22, 2014

VE session 2/8/14

Congratulations to Brandon, KD8WMS, (New Tech) and Richard, KD8WMT. (New General)

Need VE's for testing at the Hamfest
Contact KC8TVW@arrl.net

Your League: ARRL to File "Friend of the Court" Brief in Ohio Antenna Case

The ARRL plans to file a "friend of the court" or *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of an Ohio radio amateur who has been at loggerheads with his community since 2009 in efforts to erect a modest antenna support structure. The Village of Swanton, Ohio, turned down the application of ARRL Life Member Gary Wodtke, WW8N, for an antenna variance to put up a 60 foot tower. Wodtke appealed, however, and in January the Fulton County Common Pleas Court issued a final judgment in his favor, ruling that federal and state law preempted Swanton's antenna ordinance.

Now, Swanton is appealing that order to the [Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals](#), asserting, in part, that Ohio's [PRB-1](#) antenna law is unconstitutional, because it conflicts with the state's "Home Rule" statute, which gives communities broad and preemptive regulatory powers. Like the federal law, Ohio's PRB-1 statute calls on towns to "reasonably accommodate amateur station communications and shall constitute the minimum practicable regulation necessary." Ohio Section State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP, believes the state appeals court's decision in *Wodtke v. Village of Swanton* could set legal precedent for similar antenna-related cases down the road. An attorney, Pittner was instrumental in getting Ohio's PRB-1 law enacted.



"Appellate decisions are generally final, unless further review is granted by the Ohio Supreme Court," Pittner said in a statement. "While a court of appeals decision represents the law only in that appellate district, it carries significant precedential value in other Ohio courts and may also be cited in similar cases in other states."

In addition to the state's antenna regulation pre-emption law, the application and authority of the federal PRB-1 statute, embraced in Section 97.15(b) of the FCC's Amateur Service rules, will be at issue in the appeal. This case will mark the first time a state PRB-1 law has been challenged in an appeal.

Assisting in the case is telecommunications attorney and antenna rights advocate and expert Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, the author of *Antenna Zoning for the Radio Amateur*, published by the ARRL and now in its second edition.

The Village of Swanton's ordinance established a fixed antenna height of 20 feet above the residential roofline. Wodtke wants to install a 60 foot antenna support structure on his 0.2 acre residential lot; the village allows greater height where the lot is at least 5 acres. While the appeal is pending, both parties have agreed that Wodtke be permitted to install a 40 foot antenna support structure, which complies with Swanton's current ordinance.

from The ARRL letter for February 27, 2014

The TMRA Hamfest is March 16th HELP is needed. (Security) and other stuff.

I have volunteered to act as security coordinator for the Hamfest for many years. I have volunteered this year too. I am looking for help from Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) members to act as security personnel during Saturday's setup (3:00 pm to 8:00 pm) and again on Sunday before the doors open (5:00 am) until they close (2:00 pm). Please volunteer to fill one or more of the time slots during these periods. A few hours per day is what I need.

In order to make the Hamfest successful we must volunteer our time for TMRA during the Hamfest weekend. This is the largest event we do all year. I am asking for a few hours from those who are TMRA members not just for security positions but to volunteer where you can. This is a very large event. If you have volunteered in the past, your expertise is needed again so please step up and help

make the Toledo Hamfest an enjoyable experience for all who are going to attend. You can do this by volunteering your time on that weekend to make the TMRA Hamfest a success.

Thanks for your time.

Steve Bellner / W8TER
VP Toledo Mobile Radio Association.

Contact Steve, w8ter to volunteer for security.
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419-367-1200

Newcomers and Elmers Net Info for March 2014

Date: Sunday, March 02, 2014 10:52

THANK YOU ALL,

With three plus months of the Newcomers and Elmers Net in the logbooks we are still going strong. The use of the 2M repeater to "put the wattage into your cottage" every Sunday night at 2000 hrs has a real following. We continue to receive positive feedback from the Newcomers for the TMRA providing this service.

Below are the dates we need a Net Control and suggested topics for March. Topics are ONLY suggestions. If you want to talk about something else, no problem.

Requested Topics are:

Ham Radio Safety; Software Defined Radio; Getting Into Contesting for Beginners LOTW; Power Supplies and Amps; Advanced FLDIGI; Public Service for Newcomers: ARES, RACES, MARS, Skywarn, Hospital Net, NORC; Nets, Parades-Races; Field Day, Special Event Stations, Operating in the Field.

Here is the link to the OH-KY-IN Scripts: http://www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php

We still need net controls for March 9, 16, 23, and 30. If you can give us a hand email or call Dave and sign up for a Sunday night. We are flexible. If something comes up on your Sunday night call me (419-893-8811), and we will find someone to fill in for you.

The strength of the Net is in having a lot of different Net Controls and Elmers, AND having an interactive net to get the new people on the air.

73,

Dave, KD8EVN

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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.



2014 SKYWARN®

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The National Weather Service (NWS), in conjunction with Lucas County SKYWARN® and the Lucas County Emergency Management Agency, will be holding a SKYWARN® Severe Weather Spotter Training class on

Saturday, March 29th 2014

10:00 a.m.

ProMedica St. Luke's Hospital Auditorium in Maumee, Ohio.

**The class will last about 2 hours and includes a multimedia presentation.*

Gary Garnet, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Cleveland, Ohio, presents this training each spring. The training is recommended for Fire, Police and all emergency service responders. It is open to all citizens interested in severe weather recognition, reporting, safety and teaches:

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For more information contact:
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