



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

July 2015



## The Prez Sez

As many of you probably know, we did not vote on the proposed changes to our By-Laws at the June meeting, nor did we hold the scheduled election of officers. Some last minute issues that arose have now been clarified and corrected and we will vote on the revised version of the proposed changes – published elsewhere in this Newsletter – and we will elect officers for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. At present candidates are Glenn, W8MUK, for Vice-President; Zak, N8ZAK, for Secretary; Rich, KD8WCB, for Treasurer: no-one has yet showed an interest in running for President, and if no-one does – I'm willing to be a candidate for that. Nominations will be closed at the July meeting just before we vote.

Glenn, W8MUK, is taking over as Editor of the *Newsletter*, effective with the August issue: we thank him for that, and thank Chuck, KB8FXJ and Brenda, KB8IUP, for their many years as Editors.

Field Day: thanks go to Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK, for organizing it again this year: I assume they will have a report either in this Newsletter or next month's. If you were at the site Saturday, you saw just how much water and wind that we experienced, which led to reducing the activities somewhat. Wind blew over the tower and 20m beam, damaging both, and wind and rain made operating under the club's tent impossible. We did have several stations on the air – one in the old Railway Depot, one in a camper, several in small individual tents. Fortunately we were able to set-up the food and eat dinner in the basement of the church. Many thanks to all who came out and to those who operated. Rob, KV8P made some satellite contacts Sunday morning, and had many of us enviously admiring his folding, wheeled, operating console.

Hamfest 2016: Rossford Schools will not be at the Owens Community College campus next year, so we now have a signed contract with OCC to hold our hamfest there next March.

Membership: our membership year runs July 1 through June 30, so renewals are due before July 1. An important reminder to those over 70 years of age members with complimentary membership that to be listed as a current member, it is necessary to complete a membership renewal form (the application form) each year and give/send it to our Membership Chairman Ernie, K8EEE, so that we know that you still want to be a TMRA member. It could be important for insurance coverage that we have an up-to-date and accurate list of active members.

73, Brian

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## Field Day 2015

Wet and wild! Not the way you would normally describe Field Day, but this year it seems to fit well. Sandwiched between good weather on Friday afternoon and on Sunday during the day, Saturday was stormy from the middle of the night until early Sunday morning. The steady rain and driving winds tested our rain gear as well as our emergency communications capabilities. It was hard to find a dry spot operate or even to sit. Regardless, we didn't give up and made a surprising number of contacts.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who braved the bad weather to operate, assist, or to just hang out. In spite of losing the 20 meter beam and almost losing the club tent, we managed to get six stations on the air, including voice, digital, and satellite modes. We operated from campers, tents, the vintage railroad station, and from an innovative mobile communications desk out in the open (after the rain stopped, of course). Antennas ranged from the usual dipoles and verticals, to an inverted "V" and a cleverly designed satellite array. There was plenty of food for anyone who was hungry, as long as you didn't expect anything to be grilled outdoors.



Rob, KV8P, operates his portable satellite station at the Field Day site.  
wd8mxr photo

Special thanks to all of those who stuck out the adverse weather to assist in the setup and operation. Of particular interest were the satellite and HF station KP8V, the digital stations K8EEE/KD8EVN, KC8TVW, KD8NJY, the voice stations using vertical antennas, KB8FXJ/KB8IUP, KD8WBN, the ARES emergency communications van and trailer KD8IZU, the Get On The Air operations of KD8ZHY assisted by KD8ZYI and the air cannon for launching guy ropes high into the trees by our local air cannon expert, K8EEE. Those of us with old-fashioned slingshots are very jealous.



On Saturday, wind and rain redecorated the TMRA field day shelter.  
kb8fxj photo

Also, thanks to everyone who hauled equipment to and from the storage unit, who helped with set up on Friday and tear down on Sunday, who brought food and beverages to share, who told stories of past field days, and who just made helpful suggestions. Every field day is a learning experience and some of the best ideas come from these suggestions.

Next, we will tally our contacts, submit our report to ARRL, and begin planning for next year. Your comments and questions about field day are welcome and appreciated.

73,  
Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK

## **Dale's Tales**

Greetings everyone, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for July 2015.

Convention: Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, ARRL's Education Services Manager will be our guest and our keynote speaker for the 2015 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention. Debra joins us from ARRL Headquarters and is directly involved with getting school kids involved with Amateur Radio. Among her many duties, she heads up the Teachers Institute plus the ARISS program to contact the International Space Station by amateur radio. If you have an interest in getting younger folks into this hobby, Debra's talk is one you should not miss.

The Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club is hosting your Convention on August 1, this year. The location is the Aladdin Shrine Center at 3858 Stelzer Rd, in Columbus, OH. <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/Forums> will include DX, NVIS, Digital Voice, ARES, HF Sound Card Modes, OSSBN/NTS and there will be on-site VE testing.

Returning this year will be an opportunity for ARRL members to join the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong (ROWH). A special session, available only at State, Division and National Conventions, will allow candidates to join the ROWH Check the Division Web pages at <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/> for membership applications. Not familiar with the ROWH? The ARRL Great Lakes Convention is your time to discover the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong.

*Comments: from our Vice Director, Tom W8WTD:*

Such crazy weather. I started thinking about past Field Days, and the only one that I can remember that was so cold and rainy wasn't one around here. It was in the late 1970's, when we were camping out on a mountainside in Idaho, above the 8,000 foot level. Cold and rainy. And that's what it was in West-Central Ohio this past weekend.

Still, it was good to see some of the clubs and their efforts. I only managed to get to two sites, the Champaign/Logan club in West Liberty, Ohio, and the Shelby County ARES Group in Sidney, Ohio. The weather was a factor limiting each club, with a scaled-down operation in West Liberty at the park, and another accommodation to the weather in Sidney, keeping the vehicles off the very soggy grass fields, and moving the operation partly indoors. The spirit of Field Day held everyone together in spite of the weather. Put up that antenna, get on the air!

You have to admit that some things are easier to do when they are "fun." And Field Day was work this year. Putting antennas up in the rain just takes some of the fun out of it. And having to work for contacts isn't great, either. But we saw some real dedication out there this weekend. It may not be as much fun, but it hones the operating skills to ask for repeats, to keep trying to dig signals out of the noise. It's satisfying when you get that difficult contact in the log. It's just one more contact, but it was worth the effort to listen just a little harder, to figure out that call sign or section. Good work, everyone!

The next big event for the Division is our convention on August 1st in Columbus, Ohio. You'll be hearing more about it over the next several weeks. Make plans now to be there.

73, until next month, Tom, W8WTD

**Amateur Radio Parity Act:** A companion bill to House Bill 1301 has been introduced in the US Senate. It is Senate Bill S. 1685, introduced by Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker, with Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut as the initial Cosponsor. We have full details on the ARRL Web pages related to field support of this measure. Our efforts with House Bill 1301 are continuing very well with your support, as of Tuesday June 30, we have reached 84 cosponsors.

Current FCC Regulations allow homeowners in deed-restricted residences to install TV receive only (TVRO) antennas. This includes both dish antennas and conventional over the air antennas. "Amateur Radio Parity Act" HB 1301 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to direct the FCC to allow Radio Amateurs to have "parity" with the current TVRO antenna regulations and install reasonable ham radio antennas. The new ARRL Web Page <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act> contains the complete text of both bills.

**Hamfesting:** Here is the current Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest Schedule for the next few weeks. These swaps have received their sanctioning approval from ARRL HQ at the time of this publication.

July 10-11 - Michigan Summer Outing - Hale (Lupton) MI July 11 - 20/9 Tailgate - Austintown, OH July 18 - NOARS Fest - Elyria, OH July 18 - GMARC Trunk Fest - Shelby Twp, MI July 19 - Van Wert - Van Wert, OH July 26 - CMARC Outdoor - Lansing, MI July 26 - Portage - Randolph, OH Aug 1 - UP Hamfest - Escanaba, MI Aug 1 - *Great Lakes Convention - Columbus, OH* Aug 9 - Central Kentucky - Lawrenceburg, KY Aug 16 - Seaway Trunk Swap - Port Huron, MI Aug 23 - Cuyahoga Falls Trunk Swap - Stow, OH

73, see you on the bands.

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**Remember, July 25, LCARES Meeting at St. Luke's Hospital (9:00 AM)**

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Treasurer, Brenda, KB8IUP.

Board Members: Glenn, W8MUK;  
Joe, KJ0EYT; James, WD8IOL;  
Dan, KE8UE; Dave, KD8EVN.

TMRA Home Page

[www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org)

Webmasters, Zak, N8ZAK &  
Mike, N8ZLW

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.

TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS  
June 25, 2015

Prepared by Glenn Ingersoll, Trustee

Note: *Changes are in italics.*

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT

The general management of the affairs of this corporation shall be under the control, supervision and direction of the ***Executive Committee, which shall function as the corporation's board of directors.***

SECTION V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2. The Board of Trustees shall meet *as part of the Executive Committee.*
6. ***The Board of Trustees shall have authority to call the Executive Committee into a special session if the President shall be unwilling or unable to call an Executive Committee meeting within a four (4) month period.***
13. [DELETE]
14. [RENUMBER]

SECTION VI. OFFICERS

5. The Secretary
  - e. ***Shall receive, review, and approve all requests for disbursement of Association funds as follows:***
    - i). ***Shall obtain receipts and/or other proofs that the expense was undertaken for the benefit of the Association.***
    - ii). ***Shall, in accordance with part 1)., above, give written authorization to the Treasurer to disburse funds, provided the expense is authorized by the Budget or by the Executive Committee, and maintain a record thereof.***
    - iii). ***Shall refer any requests for disbursement not authorized by the Budget to the Executive Committee for review and approval.***
    - iv). ***Shall design and utilize an "Authorization for Disbursement" form, subject to Executive Committee approval, upon which the Treasurer shall rely for authorization to disburse funds.***
  - f. ***Shall have charge of all receipts of monies of the Association and promptly deposit said monies in the Association bank account(s).***
    - i). ***Shall be a signatory on all bank accounts.***

- ii). ***In the absence of a Membership Chairperson, shall assume those duties, i.e.: keep accounts and collect all applications, fees, dues and charges from members.***
- g. ***Shall receive all bank statements and shall, monthly, reconcile the checking account statement(s) with the Treasurer's check register, and with the Authorization for Disbursement forms issued to the Treasurer.***
- h. ***Shall provide a copy of all bank statements to the Treasurer if the bank(s) is not doing so.***
- i. ***Shall maintain an accounting of all receipts of monies, approved expenditures, corresponding disbursements, and status of the Budget.***
- j. ***Shall report at each regular Association meeting and each Executive Committee meeting all approved expenditures and the status of the Budget.***
- k. ***Shall maintain the post office box.***
- l. ***Shall submit all financial books for audit to the Auditing Committee.***
- m. ***Shall prepare a year-end financial report on the budget for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.***
- n. ***To be acceptable to the Nominating Committee, the nominee shall:***
  - i). ***Be bondable***
  - ii). ***Express a willingness to seek re-election at the end of his/her one (1) year term of office.***
  - iii). ***Have acceptable business/accounting experience.***
  - iv). ***Have a familiarity with computerized spreadsheet/financial programs suitable for maintaining the Association's budget records. A suitable computer program, if needed, will be provided by the Association to the Secretary in order to maintain the Association's financial records.***
- o. ***Shall be a member, ex officio, of the Budget Committee, having an equal vote.***

6. The Treasurer

- a. [DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE NEW "a", BELOW]
- b. [DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE NEW "b", BELOW]
- a. Shall hold all monies in the name of the Association and disburse said funds as ***authorized by the Secretary*** or as stipulated elsewhere in these By-Laws.
- b. Shall keep regular accounts of all ***authorizations for disbursement*** and disbursements ***and assist the secretary in reconciling the monthly bank statement(s).***

e-l. [RENUMBERED]

m. [DELETED]

#### SECTION VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. ***The Executive Committee shall have control of the property and affairs of the Association as guided by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee shall have power to suspend, censure and take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the principles of this Association and promote its best interests. It shall also review, discuss and recommend to the Association matters of concern, practice and /or policy.***
7. ***The Executive Committee must approve any expenditure of the Association in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) that is not included in the budget.***
8. ***To conduct business, a meeting of the Executive Committee must have at least three (3) members of the Board of Trustees present.***
9. ***The Board of Trustees shall have authority to call the Executive Committee into a special session if the President shall be unwilling or unable to call an Executive Committee meeting within a six month period. The Vice President shall preside or the Board of Trustees shall select a Trustee to preside at the special session. The Executive Committee in this special session shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the Executive Committee as if it were called by the President. The notice and attendance requirements of this Section shall be followed.***

#### SECTION VIII. BUDGET AND FINANCE

4. Any financial obligation or expenditure not budgeted, in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), ***must first be approved by the Executive Committee, and then*** must also be approved by two thirds (2/3) majority of the Association in attendance at a regular meeting before the ***Secretary may authorize*** the Treasurer to expend Association funds.

**July 8 TMRA Meeting is an important one.  
Come vote on the by-law changes and offices for the  
next year.**