



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

October 2021



From the Prez, Steve W8TER

Once again October is upon us. Note that soon will follow rain, snow and then Accumulations of snow and of course cold weather. It is almost the perfect time to erect an antenna if you subscribe to the theory that antennas put up during snowstorms are always the best antennas.

Having said all that I want encourage you to take a close look at you antenna farm and give it the once over so you can be sure that if it fails, it will be because it wasn't a good installation.

We will be holding our General meeting on October 13th and look forward to Dan Metzger's presentation of "KTWR 2021:

MY SUMMER AT A HIGH POWER SHORTWAVE BROADCAST STATION."

Mike will do a presentation at the general meeting on October 13th.

CURRENT COVID: The health administration is issuing booster shots. I got mine. I hope you take the time to get yours too. We meet at the Electrical Industry Building on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meeting is open to all. You do not have to be a member or a ham to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 13th.at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

73,

Steve, W8TER

Call to Order: President Steve, W8TER called the meeting to order at 7:05PM Started with Pledge of allegiance 7:00 PM at the Electrical Industries Building in Rossford, Ohio. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence Fran Higgins, W8RZN SK Talked about Being son of Fran and Dottie Higgins who were instrumental in producing the newsletter during their membership.

Roll Call: Introductions. Welcomed new KM6HYG a new visitor.

Minutes: There was a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from WA2DHG and seconded by KD8WCB. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Rich, KE8IJV. Motion to accept the Treasurers report by KD8WCB seconded by KD8IZU. Motion carried.

President's Report: Steve, W8TER. Still in need of someone to take over Secretary position. Also asked for those with account experience to consider helping with the treasurer and bursar.

Hamfest: WD8MXR reports that we get a 10% discount for the Owens facility. KD8WCB is an alumni of Owens. Contracts were signed for the Hamfest. Hamfest is a work in progress. Brian is looking for a food vendor.

Tech Committee: No report as Tech Committee meets next Wednesday.

ARES / RACES: KD8IZU Saturday October 2, 2021 is the Simulated Emergency Test. Tim is trying to get use of the EMS Training Center and trying to get access to the hospitals.

Emergency Preparedness Hurricane Ida activated the Hurricane Watch net www.hwn.org Net was held on 7.268 and 14,325 Stay off frequency during net. FEMA has changed rules on 60 meters. Channel 1 is voice and channel 2 is data. US amateur stations may use these channels as a secondary user.

FLdigi Net: Net is on Tuesdays at 7:30.

Education: WA8SYD. Nothing until November looking into availability of training Center.

Lucas County Siren Net: KD8KXD over 30 hams participated in September's net. WA8SYD mentioned that Siren locations are not published.

Winter Field Day: Usually the fourth weekend in January. Looking for someone to head this activity.

Dayton Bus 2022: Dave, WA2DHG, Dayton Bus has been secured. Dave, wa2dhg is in need of an cochairman to assist by riding the bus. Someone who is willing to ride the bus.

Ohio State Parks On The Air: is in September 11, 2021. OSPOTA.

Christmas Party: Not sure if we will have one. Date would be December 8, 2021

Area Hamfests: Findlay. Adrian

Amateur of the Year: Last year was Rich, KQ6EF. This year congratulations go to Skeet, KD8KXD.

Motion to adjourn: 7:55

Bruce, AA8HS demonstrated Shortwave listening after the meeting

TMRA MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already renewed, TMRA memberships for the current year have already expired on June 30th! Becoming a member of TMRA shows your support for the club and is now the only source of income for the club. For certain club activities, membership is required for insurance coverage. The fastest, easier way to renew is through Paypal at www.tmrahamradio.org/store

You can charge a one time payment with a credit card for a very small fee if you do not already have a Paypal account.



ARES News
From Tim, KD8IZU
boxcar@toast.net.

Please always keep in touch through ARES in Brief Net on Sunday Nights at 7:30 or the ARES IO Group. If you have questions, you can contact Tim KD8IZU

This may give you some ideas of stuff to buy at the Findlay Ham fest the next day. There will not be a ARES in Brief net that Sunday night since we are having the Mini meeting Saturday night.

Please use the repeaters as much as possible.

Also remember there is still recovery efforts going on, please stay clear of the HF emergency frequencies unless you have official business.

From:	Lucas County ARES (main@lucasares.groups.io)
Event:	Simulated Emergency Test
Date:	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Time:	8:00 AM
Duration:	1.00:00:00
Timezone:	(GMT) Greenwich Mean Time: London (GMT+01:00)
Location:	County wide
Notes:	
Invitees:	

KD8IZU has issue a fund raising challenge, "Donate your spare change to LCARES". Contact Tim KD8IZU for details.

AMATEUR OF THE YEAR Skeet KD8KXD



Congratulations to Skeet KD8KXD on his award as TMRA Amateur of the Year for 2021. Skeet was a graduate of the TMRA spring class in 2009 and has been an active member of the Club since then. He is a member of the Tech. Committee and the HamFest Committee and has been Ticket Chairman for the last few Hamfests. He has served as a Trustee of the Club, and is the NCS for the TMRA Siren reporting net on the 1st Friday of each month. He is active with the weekly TMRA digital net and is always prepared to be alternate net control. While not TMRA functions, Skeet's contributions to amateur radio also include Lucas County ARES, being the Emergency Coordinator for LCARES and often taking part in the bimonthly hospital radio tests/drills. The award was presented at the TMTA General on September 8th. Congratulations again Skeet. Brian WD8MXR

Skeet's real name is Lowell L. Kern. Skeet was a nickname he received as a child (mouskeeter?) and has something to do with an insect. *Ed.*

For those hams interested in generator equipment for portable operation:

Take a look at www.mpja.com, item #32053 MI. \$11.95. Goes up to 9999.9 hours - don't know if it starts again at 0000.0 - probably will never find out !. As of today (9/30/2021) the MPJA website shows they have 27 in stock

Runs on 12 - 36 VDC - runs off the Honda generator's 12VDC battery charging outlet or can be powered with a wall-wart on the 120 VAC output (although I needed to use a 15VDC wall-wart) to run it. I estimate that my 2000i has only about 20 hours on it, so I ran the meter up to 20 h with a 13.8v PS.

73, Brian WD8MXR

From Tom, KD8WCD, info about dispatching changes in the NWORPSS for scanner users:



[Mayor's Message / Simply Sylvania](#)

[Mayor's Message by Craig A. Stough, "Sylvania Police Dispatching Changing October 25."](#)

Here is the link:

<https://www.simplysylvania.org/message-september-23?fbclid=IwAR3vB58OuCWJRoASWjzyQm0mHali-dHHYzSm0Wu8WTyMoYwbLNW93TE30Oo>

This means that some talkgroups may change in the Northwest Ohio Regional Public Service System (NWORPSS). For scanner users this should not be a problem.

1. For Whistler scanners, add a wildcard in the trunked radio systems tab for NWORPSS. Those talkgroups that are locked out should remain that way and new ones will show up on the screen.
2. For Uniden scanners, make certain that ID Search is enabled (function E) and new talkgroups should show up.
3. For sdrtrunk users, in the Alias section, add a new Alias with an identifier APCO25 Talkgroup range of 0 to 65535 (all talkgroups) or change a blacklisted group to listen instead of mute. Then, you will hear all new talkgroups.

Findlay Hamfest 2021 from ARRL September Section Journal



Ham Radio Humor



I'm finally gonna make that multi band full wave 160m dipole hahaha. from Vern Snow W8VHS



This will fix it!

**WHEN YOU'RE NEW TO HAM
RADIO AND DON'T HAVE AN
ELMER, SO YOU ORDER A
BUNCH OF THINGS**



**AND HOPE THEY
ALL WORK TOGETHER.**

WHEN THE LIGHT FLICKERS



1% ELECTRICAL ISSUES

**99% THE GUY
WITH THE TOWER.**



"Okay, we've text, tweeted and emailed the old man. Does anyone know Morse code?"



Dale's Tales

Dale's Tales - October 2021

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for October, 2021.

GREAT LAKES CONVENTION UPDATE. A disappointing decision, but as you are now aware the Great Lakes Division ARRL Convention was canceled. Certainly, the Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club faced a very difficult decision. Attendees, vendors, guests, advertisers, convention sponsors, forum speakers, luncheon staff, convention center venue, tickets sellers, ticket refunds and more had to be notified and take action. To the club's credit, everything went smoothly and from the decision on Wednesday evening, things were pretty well spun down by the weekend.

What happens next? Only time will tell. The Covid pandemic has forced this cancellation and may well cause other course corrections over the next few months. At best, we will plan and execute as conditions permit. From the whole Vette City Hamfest team and the convention team, our sincere thanks to everyone for their cooperation and understanding. Be safe and stay safe.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST (SET). October brings the SET to the forefront. Nationally, it is held the first weekend of October, but local communities may select other dates to accommodate participation. In any event, check in and offer your local ARES group a hand. Interest in Emergency Communications has grown considerably in recent years, and SET offers us all an opportunity for a little practice and a shot at improving our skill set. (Pun intended). Even a few minutes will be valuable for all involved.

"**CLUB LEADERS NOTE:**" That was the way I began a commentary about how well the responses were from my last month's emailing to club leaders and contacts in the Great Lakes Division. I reported how nice it was to see only about 10% defective e-mail addresses. That comment was perhaps

a little premature as 24 hours later the stats changed considerably for the worse. The final number reached more than 25%. I feel confident this is due to personnel changes in clubs and e-mail addresses that have just gone obsolete. It does call for those who lead our radio clubs to annually do a review of the club's status with ARRL and insure that we do have the correct contact information on file. Without that, we cannot do the simple task of referring new hams to local clubs and sometimes we may question whether certain clubs are still in service. Please make an effort to file your club's Annual Report - do it today. If you can't do it, phone me! This really needs to happen.

SCOTT'S STUFF: Comments from your ARRL Vice Director Scott, N8SY.

Are you ready for fall? Wow, the weather has really changed here in the metropolis of Lexington. Even the trees are starting to show some of their rich, beautiful colors. Is winter far behind? Shame on me for saying that, but I will remind you that Christmas is less than 3 months away!!

I'm sure by now you have heard the bad news about the VetteCity /Great Lakes Division Convention being canceled. It's unfortunate, but I have to say that it was the right decision. Hopefully, if this COVID stuff ever calms down a bit, we can try it again next year!

Work on the new standing committee, Emergency Communications Field Services Committee (ECFSC) has already begun. We've had several good meetings and there is a lot on the plate to do. I'll keep you updated as much as I can on the progress of the committee. One of the very first items on the list was to get the old Form 4 updated and on-line. Form 4 is the monthly Section Emergency Coordinator's Report form that goes to Headquarters. The updates have been completed and a new Form 4a has been rolled out. All the Section Emergency Coordinators around the country have been notified of the changes made and work is being done on getting them onto the new reporting system. There's a lot more in the works that I'll be reporting on as time goes on. So, stay tuned!

As I reported last month, the Joseph Phillips, K8QOE, Newsletter Award selection had concluded. Since our plans got changed due to the cancellation of the convention, Dale and I have decided to announce the winner here. So, here goes:

The winner of the 2021 Joseph Phillips, K8QOE Newsletter award is none other than.... Wait a minute...I think I'd better announce just which newsletters were in the running first.

For Michigan, "The Scope" from the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association. Editor: Chris Ranes, NS8Q.

For Ohio, "RADIOGRAM" from Portage County Amateur Radio Service. Editor: Thomas (Parky) Parkinson, KB8UUZ.

For Kentucky, "QUA/HAM news" from Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society. Editor: Bart Breeding, KB4FEE.

The judges felt that the 3 newsletters submitted were really very good and showed a lot of professionalism in their reporting of stories and such. They were super impressed with grammar and punctuation being exceptionally good for non-professional writers. They also felt that the graphics and general layout of the newsletters were exceptional as well. They all commented that the newsletters were easy for laypersons to read and understand and not so technical that it went over their heads on what the authors were writing about.

And now (Drum roll please..) The winner is... "RADIOGRAM" from Portage County Amateur Radio Service. Editor: Thomas (Parky) Parkinson, KB8UUZ.

Dale and I want to thank everyone that writes a newsletter. You are all to be congratulated as that you are the ones to tell the story, not only about your club but about amateur radio as well. Newsletters are the vehicle that gets our message out to those who aren't amateurs already. Your stories are what get the folks interested and wanting more information and eventually becoming a "HAM" themselves. So, even though there will only be one newsletter award winner, every newsletter is a winner to us!

That is going to do it from here this month. So, G.O.T.A. and have FUN!!!

--73, Scott Yonally N8SY, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

HAMFESTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests for the remainder of 2021. Please note that all are subject to change, so please stay current by checking the sponsoring club's web page before making your travel arrangements. Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set.

If your club plans to request ARRL Hamfest Sanctioning, they should do so well in advance of the planned Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. QST announcements require a 3 month lead time. If a swap is cancelled or the date is going to change, please notify ARRL HQ.

2021 Great Lakes Div. ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest calendar. Please feel free to reproduce and publish in your local Club Newsletter, with credit to the source.

10/09/2021 - Midland Pop-up Trunk Sale, Midland, MI
10/09/2021 - CANCELLED - Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest, Westminister, OH
10/16/2021 - Muskegon Color Tour Swap, Muskegon, MI
10/17/2021 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
10/31/2021 - Massillon Swap, Massillon, OH
11/06/2021 - Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH
12/04/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH
12/05/2021 - L'Anse Creuse Swap, Troy, MI

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

73, Be safe, Stay safe.

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Did you know?

- The **Lucas County ARES Informational Net** is every Sunday at 7:30 pm on 147.270.
- The social net is every Sunday at 8:00 pm on 147.270.
- The **FLDigi Net** meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM at 147.27 MHz
- **Six Meter Nets** meet every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 PM (EST). The Thursday night Net is on 50.255 USB. For more information contact Dan, KE8UE, at dlcunn@sbcglobal.net. The Monday night 6 meter Net is at 9 PM on the TMRA 6 meter repeater.
- The **Lucas County Siren Net** is the first Friday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on 147.270 + W/103.5 PL and 442.850 + W/103.5 PL.
- The **Lucas County Hospital Net** is the first Saturday of the even numbered months at 10:00 AM.
- The **NORC Net** is the first Saturday of each month. This net typically meets at 11:00 AM on or around +/- 7.200 MHz LSB.
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- **Ron, N8RLH**, has ham gear from the estates of silent keys. Contact: 419-345-6382 or rlhornbeck@att.net.
- The **TMRA apparel store** is now open. Contact Gold Medal Ideas at <http://www.goldmedalideas.com/tmra>.
- The calendar at the **TMRA website**, www.tmrahamradio.org, lists numerous ham radio activities each month.
- TMRA has a **Facebook** page and an **Instagram** page, which can be accessed from an icon on the TMRA website or at <https://www.instagram.com/tmrahamradio/>.
- Don't forget to select TMRA as your Organization of choice for **Kroger Cares** and **Amazon Smile**. This results in a donation to the club as a portion of your purchase. Instead of typing in the URL www.amazon.com, you must use smile.amazon.com.
- There is a 900 Mhz net Saturday nights at 9 pm on the TMRA 900 Mhz repeater.
- There is a simplex two meter net on 144.22 Mhz USB Friday nights at 8 pm.

Editor's Note: Beginning with the February 2019 issue, The Beacon will no longer produce a print version for mailing. The Beacon understands this change may inconvenience some club members and regrets that it is necessary.

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