



# *TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*

February 2022



From the Prez, Steve W8TER

TMRA has cancelled its Hamfest for 2022. The situation with Covid has caused the decision to be made. It seems that this virus is still creating havoc. TMRA cannot find reason to put people at risk for the sake of ham radio.

We hope and pray that the next year of 2023 will bring a better time for this.

As for right now, from what I understand, Xenia is still a go. We have reserved a bus for the event so if you are planning on going consider taking the bus.

We now have a new secretary. Bill, KE8OTF has graciously volunteered to fill the position. He was voted in at the January meeting. Zack, N8ZAK has been filling the position for quite some time and I want to thank him for his help in keeping the position working over such an extensive period.

I also want to thank Bill, KE8OTF for undertaking the task of organizing TMRA winter Field day at the Maumee Branch of the Lucas County Library. Though no one really wanted to stay out in the snow for the entire event, we do learn about situations and concerns while setting up and operating in the cold and actual winter conditions.

There was a good turnout for the event and it was a pleasant time just having the eyeball QSO's.

As we head on into the next operating event, I want to remind people to be safe and considerate of others in wearing protective gear and maintaining social distances when needed.

Just a reminder, winter brings hazards so try and be mindful of your situation either driving or walking. Black ice is hard to spot and a slip and fall is never fun. Keep that in mind as we get out and about.

Our next General meeting is February 9th, 2022 at the Electrical industry building. Doors open at 6 and the meeting starts at 7.

Hope to see you then.

73

Steve/W8TER

## TMRA General Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance:

Bruce announces that there are currently 86 members in TMRA.

Motion to not go thru the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. 1st and 2nd

Motion to accept Bill Kozbial (KE8OTF) as Secretary. 1st and 2nd

All in attendance accepts Bill as Secretary.

Brian (WD8MXR) Read Treasurer Report

Brian (WD8MXR) report on Toledo Hamfest food. The Train and Toy Show, held a week earlier than the Toledo Hamfest, will not have food at their show. Toledo might not have food at the Toledo Hamfest because of scarcity of Food vendors.

Tim-ARES training center meets on 4th Saturday of the month. TMRA membership is down as well of participation in ARES. Need more members to get involved.

The 6 Meter Repeater is back on air for Monday night 6 Meter fun.

According to Skeet, There was no 1st Friday Siren Net. But 28 signed in anyway. It was a

lot of fun

Mike WA8SYD has announced that he and Steve KC8TVW have scheduled a Technical License Training Class. Scheduled for 2 weekends. April 2 and April 16, 2022. Mike has been given the Okay for the use of the Training Building. Call Mike, WA8SYD at 419.476.2947 or Steve, KC8TVW at 419.467.3734 for more information.

Jenny asked if she could have the Test questions read to her. Jenny is sight impaired. She was told that she could have to be with 3 judges, in a separate room to test.

Dave WA2DHG is asking for anyone going to the Dayton (Xenia), Ohio Hamfest bus trip to sign up with (\$40.00) Reservation for the bus.

Newsletter: Bruce has advised that it would be a good time to Upgrade your computer to Windows 10 and then try to Upgrade to Windows 11. For security reasons. Microsoft will not be able to provide security updates to Windows 10 in the future so to Upgrade to Windows 11 as soon as possible using information from the January newsletter.

Winter Fun:

TMRA Winter Field Day is scheduled for January 29, 2022 at the Maumee Lucas County Library

501 River Road, Maumee, Ohio 43537 Phone: 419.259.5360 or Bill  
KE8OTF. 419.893.3420

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Emil C. Mechel (KC8DUV)

Emil is looking for a person who has knowledge in Electronics, Electronic and Military Hardware Repair, aid in military weapon design, testing and manufacture of cutting edge military weapon systems.

Send Resume or Call:

Emil C. Mechel

ARES Inc.

Test Department Manager

5225 W. Lakeshore Dr.

Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Phone: 419-635-2175 Ext. 240

Cell: 419.699.4985

## **TMRA MEMBERSHIP**

If you are not already a member of TMRA, March is the month when you can renew until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for just \$25. Many hams take advantage of this opportunity. The best way to renew is using this link to charge your membership through Paypal, even if it just a single charge with a credit card:

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

## **TMRA Bus Trip**

Again this year, TMRA will be sponsoring a round trip bus to the Dayton Hamvention on May 21, 2022. Cost for the trip will be \$40 per person with payment due in advance of the trip. The bus will leave from the Scott Park Campus of the University of Toledo at 05:30 sharp.

If you wish to make a reservation, please contact Dave WA2DHG at the TMRA monthly meetings or by email at [buses12@accesstoledo.com](mailto:buses12@accesstoledo.com). Non TMRA members are also welcome.

# The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is:

**CONSIDERATE**..... never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL**..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE**..... with knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

**FRIENDLY**..... with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED**..... Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC**..... with station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

From Dave KD8TVN



**ARES News**  
**From Tim, KD8IZU**  
[boxcar@toast.net](mailto:boxcar@toast.net).

Please always keep in touch through ARES in Brief Net on Sunday Nights at 7:30 or the ARES IO Group. The ARES and Brief Net no longer meets on the 147.270 repeater. They have moved to the 146.940 repeater on Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

the Northwest Ohio Traffic net meets every evening at 6:30 p.m. on the 147.375 repeater with the exception of the 15th they test out their alternative repeater 146.610.

If you have questions, you can contact Tim KD8IZU

Please use the repeaters as much as possible.

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





*Figure 1 Coraline, granddaughter of Brenda KB8IUP and Chuck KB8FXJ, talks to Santa on the 3916 CQ HF Net*

Pictures from Winter Field Day at the Maumee Public Library









21 hams signed into the event. Social distancing was observed. A good time was had by all.

Joseph KE8QEC made 5 CW contacts on 40 meters!

























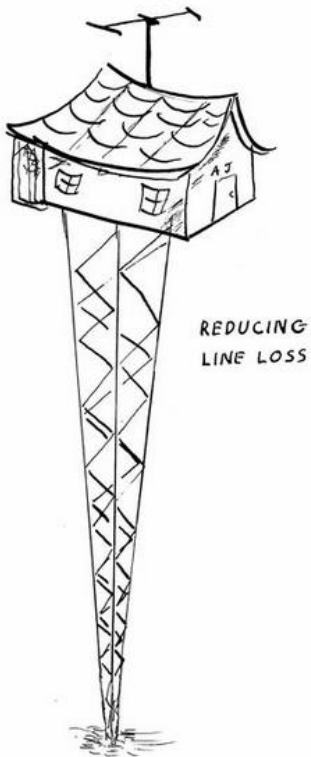
## Ham Radio Humor

**This Valentine's day take her to somewhere special**





# What I did for Winter Field Day.







## Dale's Tales

### Dale's Tales for February 2022

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for February 2022.

SOME RECENT UPDATES. When I took up the role as Great Lakes Division Director, I renewed all of the Division appointments that had been made by my predecessors. Everyone is truly dedicated and working well as a team. There were a large number of Assistant Directors (AD) in the pool of volunteers, and it was the policy to appoint as Assistant Directors, people who had served in various leadership positions. This was becoming difficult to manage. A couple of individuals had even moved from the division. I attempted to create special duties for each AD and yet looking at regular appointees to various ARRL committees like DXAC,

CAC, EMCOMM and the like, much of the duties were duplicated.

Scott, N8SY and I discussed it and we also spoke about these challenges with some of the appointees. Everyone we spoke with was of the opinion that these AD appointments, while perhaps rewarding to the office holders, were redundant and difficult to manage while truly offering little to benefit our fellow Radio Amateurs. Effective in early January, with thanks to all participants, we closed the position. I received notes from several former ADs suggesting it was the right decision. (Whew!) My personal thanks to all who served and further thanks to all who agreed to be readily available if their talents are ever needed in the future. I really appreciate how well everyone in the Great Lakes Division works together; it is something of which to be proud.

THE ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING has been completed, so over the next couple of weeks, you will see reports of what took place during this session. In brief, we have elected some new officers, Rick Roderick, K5UR continues as President while Mike Raisebeck, K1TWF remains as 1st VP and Bob Vallio, W6RGG continues as 2nd VP and Rod Stafford, W6ROD remains as International VP and Dave Minster as CEO and Secretary. We elected Rick Niswander, K7GM to continue as Treasurer until May 1 to work with positioning our new Financial Management firm and then our newly elected treasurer John Sager, WJ7S will take the helm.

NEW 2022 ARRL BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS are as follows:

**Executive Committee**

Director Abernethy  
Director McIntyre  
Director Lippert  
Director Stratton  
Director Williams  
President Roderick  
First Vice President Raisbeck  
CEO Minster

**Administration and Finance**

Director Ryan (Chair)  
Director Baker  
Director Jairam  
Director Kemmerer  
Director Norton  
Vice Director Marcin  
Vice Director Nelson  
First Vice President Raisbeck  
Treasurer Niswander  
CFO Middleton (Staff Liaison)

**Programs and Services**

Director Ritz (Chair)  
Director Lippert  
Director Luetzelschwab  
Director McIntyre  
Director Zygielbaum  
Vice Director Grady  
Vice Director Propper

Second Vice President Vallio  
Mr. Bob Naumann (Staff Liaison)

### **Emergency Communications& Field Services Committee**

Director Williams (Chair)

Director Abernethy

Director Boehner

Director Norris

Director Stratton

Vice Director Cooper

Vice Director Schilling

Vice Director Tharp

Vice Director Yonally

Josh Johnston (Staff Liaison)

Mike Walters (Staff Liaison)

### **ARDF**

Jerry Boyd WB8WFK (Co-coordinator)

Charles Scharlau NZ0I (Co-coordinator)

Richard Arnett, WB4SUV

Ruth Bromer, WB4QZG

Joseph Burkhead, KE8MKR

Thomas Chen

Brian DeYoung K4BRI

Robert Frey, WA6EZV

Ken Harker, WM5R

Lori Huberman

Joseph Huberman, K5JGH

Donald Pitchford, W9EBK

Nadia Scharlau, KO4ADV

### **ARISS Committee**

Vice Director Tharp (Chair)

Vice Director Schilling

Vice Director Nelson

Vice Director Temples

Vice Director Walls

Bob Inderbitzen (Staff Liaison)

Other consultants as needed (i.e. Rosalie White, K1STO)

## **CAC**

Mr. Craig Thompson K9CT (Chair)  
Director Lippert (Board Liaison)  
All Division Field Appointees remain

## **DXAC**

Mr. Chris Shalvoy K2CS (Chair)  
Director Luetzelschwab (Board Liaison)  
All Division Field Appointees remain

## **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)**

Director Luetzelschwab (Chair)  
Director McIntyre  
Vice Director Hudgens  
Vice Director Stearns  
Ed Hare (Staff Liaison)  
Paul Cianciolo W1VLF (Lab Staff)  
Mike Gruber (ARRL Volunteer)  
Kermit Carlson, W9XA  
Brian Cramer, W9RFI  
Richard Dubroff, W9XW  
Ron Hranac, N0IVN  
Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH  
Greg Lapin, N9GL  
Ghery Pettit, N6TPT  
Jerry Ramie, KI6LGY  
James Roop, K9SE

## **Ethics and Elections**

Director Zygielbaum (Chair)  
Director Norris  
Director Lippert

## **HF Band Planning**

First Vice President Raisbeck (Chair)  
Director Jairam  
Director Ritz  
Vice Director Hudgens  
Vice Director Sterns  
Vice Director Temples  
Others as tasking requires

## **Historical**

Vice Director Propper (Chair)  
Director Luetzelschwab  
Director Norton  
Vice Director Nelson  
Ed Hare (Staff Liaison)  
Bob Naumann (Staff Liaison)



Rod Blocksome, K0DAS  
Bill Hudzik, W2UDT  
Peter Turbide, W1PT  
Ray Thornton, W1YFF

**Legal Defense and Assistance**

International Affairs Vice President Stafford (Chair)

First Vice President Raisbeck

Vice Director Famiglio

Counsel Siddall

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR

Michael Lazaroff, K3AIR

Legal Counsel as needed

**Legal Structure Review Committee**

Director Stratton (Chair)

President Roderick

CEO Minster

International Affairs Vice President Stafford Vice Director Famiglio

**Legislative Advocacy Committee**

Director Stratton (Chair)

Director Abernethy

Vice Director Cooper

President Roderick

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR

Legal Counsel as needed

Others as tasking requires

**Logbook of The World Committee**

Greg Widin K0GW (Chair)

Director Baker (Board Liaison)

Director McIntyre

Vice Director Marcin

Treasurer Niswander

Bob Naumann (Staff Liaison)

Rick Murphy, K1MU

**Permanent Investment Management Committee (effective May 1, 2022)**

Vice Director Morine

Others to be determined

**Public Relations**

Mr. Bob Inderbitzen (Chair)

Vice Director Scott Yonally (Board Liaison)

John Bloodgood, KD0SFY

Ed Efchak, WX2R

Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR

Gordon Mooneyhan, W4EGM

Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW

Scott Roberts, KK4ECR

Angel Santana, WP3GW

Alan Griffith (RAC Representative)

**RF Safety**

Dr. Gregory Lapin N9GL (Chair)

Vice Director Propper K2DP (Board Liaison)

Ed Hare (Staff Liaison)

Jerry Bushberg, KJ6HDL

Matt Butcher, KC3WD

Brian Daly, WB7OML

Robert Gold, MD, W0KIZ

William Kaune, W7IEQ

James Ross, MD, W4GHL

Kai Siwiak, KE4PT

Bruce Small, MD, KM2L

Richard Tell, K5UJU

Guy "Bud" Tribble, MD N6SN

Gerald Griffin, MD, K6MD (Emeritus)

#### HAMVENTION: Hamvention Covid Statement

Hams and vendors hoping to attend Hamvention 2022 are asking questions about plans to deal with COVID. Hamvention management is monitoring the situation closely. General Chairman Rick Allnutt, WS8G, has issued the following statement:

"We strongly anticipate that the Hamvention 2022 is a go. We cannot guarantee what government may decide about unknown changes in the pandemic. It has become obvious that the State of Ohio is very unlikely to call a halt to large gatherings anytime soon. Despite a recent large spike in Omicron COVID cases and hospitalizations, there is no move to restrict large indoor or outdoor events such as sports events."

Allnutt added that he anticipates the official state guidance may be to recommend (but not require) wearing a mask and social distancing.

Hamvention will support state guidance. We do not anticipate checking immunization status on site.

Some have asked whether COVID testing will be available at Hamvention.

At this time there are no plans to have testing on site. Watch hamvention.org for any updates dealing with the COVID situation.

Hamvention, an official ARRL Sanctioned Event, will be held Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.

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

What a wild week that Dale and I had in Newington at the annual Board of Directors meeting recently! We both were on the go attending the various committee meetings as well as the Board meeting itself. Things started bright and early on Wednesday morning and finally coming to an end late Saturday afternoon. It was a very long week, but it was worth it for sure. You'll be hearing more about the outcomes of those meetings very soon.

I'm assuming that you are reading this column on Tuesday, February 1st, and as such, I just want to say that tomorrow is Groundhog Day!

Yes, the day we all get up before the crack of dawn and grab a little varmint that does nothing but make a mess out of our garbage cans and we celebrate whether he can see his shadow when the sun rises. Here in Ohio, we have Buckeye Chuck doing the forecasting. He's been right only slightly more than wrong, but hey, it's fun just to see if that little critter really does predict it accurately or not. Personally, I think he's no better than a coin toss, but what the heck, it's something fun to do. February is also known as the month for lovers, as that it's Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th. Now, I don't know about you, but I've found the best way to keep my YL happy is to take her out for that special dinner, if not on Valentine's Day, somewhere close to it, especially if you want to drop the bomb that you've just purchased a new very expensive transceiver. So, do yourself a favor, make dinner plans now for that special day!

Switching gears for a bit... We have a couple of great ARRL contests coming up this month, School Roundup on February 14th - 18th, and International DX - CW contest on February 19th - 20th. Hey if you're not a contester I get it, but you still can have some fun and make a kids' eyes light up if you do decide to participate

in the School Roundup.

Switching gears again... If you haven't gotten your NIMS training completed yet, this will be a great time to get that training in before the weather starts turning nice again. With winter now deeply embedded here, you'll want to stay indoors. Trust me on this, there's really nothing good on TV to watch anyway so why not take advantage of the spare time and get that all important training in now. All the classes that are suggested in the ARES Plan – including ICS-300 and 400 are available on-line. You may have to look around a bit to find an open on-line class for ICS-300 and 400, but they are out there and just ready for you to get started on!

Oh, and don't forget your first aid, CPR and AED as well as those all-important "Stop the Bleed" classes too. They are sometimes the ones that we forget about the easiest and become the most important classes we could ever do. Don't be one of those folks that say, "I don't need this training because nothing ever happens here!" It does - and will! The better that we are prepared, the better we will be at assisting our served agencies and even possibly our own families when that time comes, and like I said, it will!

Clubs, are you still meeting via Zoom or similar methods, or maybe you're one of the lucky clubs that have been meeting hybrid so that everyone gets to partake? Have you been searching for a good program to present to your club? You might consider one of the great recorded webinars that are listed in the ARRL Learning Center or even a live presentation from one of the ARRL staff. I've sat in on several live presentations from the staff and they are the best. It's really fantastic to be a part of a live presentation from ARRL Headquarters while being able to sit in your comfy easy chair at home! What better way to see just what some of your dues go to! They have many great recorded webinars that are really good and informative. Most of these are around 40 minutes or so long. Just the right amount of time to be informative, yet not so long that they get overly boring.

That is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and "Catch Me On The Air"!!!

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

#### HAMFESTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests through May 2022. 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.

Please feel free to reproduce and publish in your local Club Newsletter with credit to the source.

#### ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests through June 2022:

02/05/2022 - POSTPONED, HARA, POSTPONED TO Oct. 22, Negaunee, MI

02/12/2022 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI

02/26/2022 - Livonia Swap, Redford, MI

03/5/2022 - Cave City, Cave City, KY

03/12/2022 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidewll, OH

03/13/2022 - NOARS Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH

03/19/2022 - Crossroads, Kalamazoo, MI

03/20/2022 - CANCELED, Toledo Mobile Radio Assn Swap, CANCELED, Perrysburg, OH

04/09/2022 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

04/24/2022 - Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH

04/24-29/2022 - RV Radio Network Spring Rally, Millersburg, OH

05/07/2022 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI

05/20 to 05/22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH

05/21/2022 - GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI

06/04/2022 - IRA, Hudsonville, MI

06/05/2022 - Flying Beers, Ferndale, MI

06/18/2022 - GM ARC Trunk Swap. Shelby Twp., MI

06/19/2022 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

If you 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.

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

73, I look forward to seeing you at the next swap.

Dale Williams WA8EFK

Director

Great Lakes Division

[wa8efk@arrl.org](mailto:wa8efk@arrl.org)

## Did you know?

- The **Lucas County ARES Informational Net** is every Sunday at 7:30 pm on 147.270 or 442.85 Mhz repeaters.
- The TMRA Net meets on the air every Sunday at 8 pm on 147.27 or 442.85 Mhz repeaters.
- 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](mailto: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 **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

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