



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

June 2022



The Prez sez:

We have a lot going on. There are two of TMRA's major events taking place.

First the Museum Ships on the air will be under the special call sign K8E. They will be working 20 meters and 40 meters on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. The station will be manned by club members and if you have not yet been aboard, they will be operating from the "Dog House" aboard the SS Schoonmaker docked as a museum ship here in Toledo. You should be able to contact the station on the repeater or on simplex freq [145.555](https://www.facebook.com/k8e). They will operate each day from morning until the museum closes for the day. Club members are encouraged to operate aboard the ship regardless of license class.

Field Day is June 25th and 26th. There is much to do and the event calls for all hands to help.

Field day is the time we practice our readiness to activate and operate off the grid. That means **NO** internet, **NO** cell phones, **NO** commercial power, and **NO air conditioning**. It tests our ability to get on the air and operate, survive, and maintain our communication station under less-than-ideal conditions.

If you lost electricity would you still be able to cook on your gas stove or have hot water? What about your battery power? The idea behind Field Day is to see how well you can operate portable (In the Field) and without commercial power. Find out just how well you are prepared. Field day planning and assessment will be Friday June 24th at the Wolcott House 1035 River Rd. Maumee. at 7 pm.

We will soon be looking to dispose of some of our equipment from the storage unit as we intend to pare down our footprint and junk box. Since last year the cost of maintaining a storage unit has increased to over \$1000.00 a year. Some items may be disposed of to the trash and some may be auctioned off while other items will seek storage from volunteers.

Please keep in mind the Ukrainians and their plight from their aggressor. I am hopeful that we remembered to honor those who gave all and be grateful about what we have because of them.

73,

Steve/W8TER

TMRA General Amateur Radio Meeting for 05/11/2022

The meeting began at 7:10 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership Roll call and introductions.

Congratulations to New Spring 2022 Tech Class Graduates (and General Grads also)

Motion to not read the Minutes of the last meeting. 1st Dan (KE8UE) 2nd Mike (WA8SYD).

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given 1st Dan (KE8UE) 2nd Mike (WA8SYD).

Rich (KD8WCB) and Glenn (W8MUK) discussed the opening weekend of The James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship. June 4 and 5, 2022, Based in Toledo, Ohio.

Visitors will be welcomed aboard and taught the history of the ship, and view exhibits that show life was like on the lakes in the 1900's. Amateur Radio members will be on board. The Schoonmaker will have Ham radios and antennas set up to contact other ships with well wishers and greetings from all over the world.

These contacts are collected thru The New Jersey Radio Club.

TMRA is asking for volunteers to come to the ship on May 26, 2022 to prepare equipment and antennas.

Next, there is Field Day, June 25, 26 we will need helpers to help set up radios, antennas, generators and tents.

If you've never been to a Field Day or if you've been to many, you have to come and see this event. It is a great experience.

The bus trip to Dayton/Xenia will be on May 21, 2022. The bus leaves the Electrical Industry Building at 5:30 AM and returns to Toledo approximately 9:00PM with you and all your treasures.

The Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. 1st Vern (W8VNS) 2nd Dan (KE8UE)

The meeting ended at 8:10 PM

TMRA Memberships will expire on June 30th, 2022. If you have not renewed for the 2023 year, please do so. TMRA needs your membership support more than ever since we have not been able to host hamfests. The easier way to pay is with Paypal at www.tmrahamradio.org/store



James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ships on the Air
Darin Snell KD8WBZ
Dave Shugar KD8TVN



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. 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.

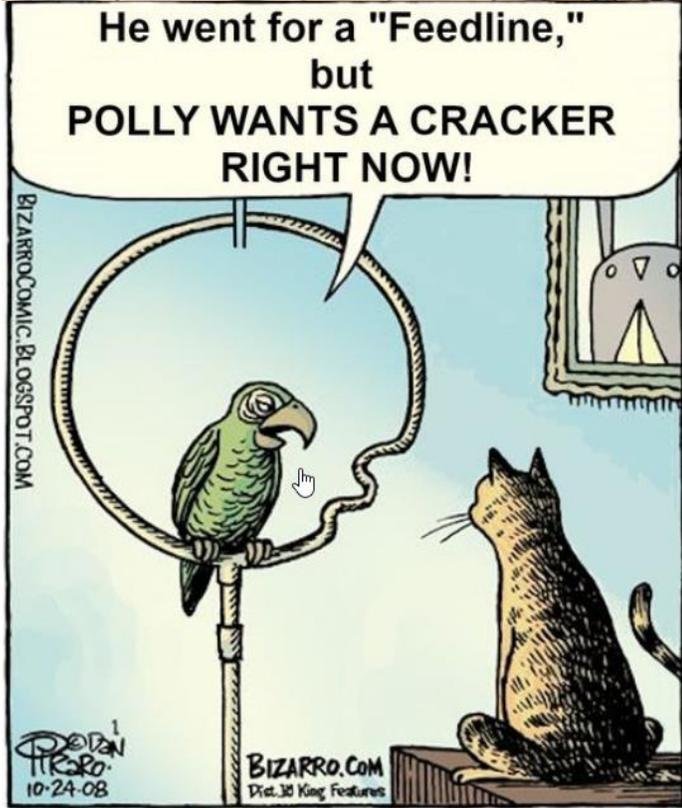
The ARES monthly meeting is the 4th Saturday of each month.

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

Volunteers are still needed for the Muddy Mini event June 18th. Contact Rick K8RKS for more info at k8rks@arrl.net
419-471-0573

DMR NEWS: The Toledo N8EFJ DMR repeater 444.85 Mhz with 449.85 input is back on the air. Talkgroup details are available on Repeaterbook.com

Ham Radio Humor



or how my mag loop got bent



WHEN HAMS GET SHIPWRECKED



Dale's Tales for June

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

HAMVENTION has come and gone, but from this ham's perspective, it was so great to have it back. Our Great Lakes Division booth inside ARRL's EXPO, drew many visitors. Thanks to all who stopped by and posted their QSL cards and signed our guest register. I'm sure there were many, many more that visited and did not have the opportunity to register. It seems everyone was enjoying the Hamvention's return, visiting the dealers, vendors and flea market and taking the opportunity to enjoy the many forums that are always a part of this experience.

Our thanks to the Dayton Amateur Radio Association for their outstanding efforts in pulling this excellent team of volunteers together to make Hamvention the greatest Amateur Radio event in the world.

JUNE brings Field Day, the biggest operating event of the year. It is time to finalize your plans. Operate with a club or on your own, but this is a great time to exercise your skills. I know that when FD is over, I am a better op. I clearly can discern calls and signal reports through QRM and QRN much better following my streak of

Field Day operating. And despite the fact that my club sets up much like previous times, there is always some innovation or idea that gets tested each year. Often with success, sometimes not, but we learn from both the successes and the failures and that is just one of the fun parts of Field Day.

THIS WEEEEKND, we honored our brave heroes who gave their lives in defense of freedom. I hope you all took the time to think about them and their great sacrifices. Even a short moment of remembrance, a brief thought of their time served, or a pause of respect for their families, is the least we can offer.

LAST MONTH I wrote about some changes to hamfest listings and how we will approach ARRL Sanctioning these activities. The policy revision is to offer ARRL Sanctioning to a maximum number of hamfests/swaps sponsored by a club and will be limited to two in any given year and they must be four months apart. This is done in the interest of fairness to every ARRL Affiliated club hosting a hamfest, and will allow clubs to adjust to new schedules caused by prior COVID-related cancellations.

I have received some good suggestions relating to naming conventions as they relate to "Hamfest", "Swap", "Swapmeet", "Trunkswap", "Trunkfest" etc. and have been talking with my fellow ARRL Directors about how best to name these events. Listings will now be shown as either "Hamfest" or "Swap", using the sponsor's registration and a guide. In most circumstances, "Hamfests" include at least one building for housing displays and vendor tables and may offer forums or meeting rooms, while "Swaps" are primarily smaller in scale and limited to outdoor events.

Let's try to move our event listings in this direction, while allowing a little leeway as we make this migration.

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

Wow... I think that sums up Dayton weekend! It was so great getting out and being able to see and talk with all of you and boy, we did talk. I've had the opportunity for many years to man that booth and I will say that this year was the best. Yes, we had our booth neighbors on either side of us jealous as we had them stacked up 5 - 6 deep many times throughout the weekend. If you didn't make it to Dayton this year. I am so sorry for you. The theme this year was "Reunion" and it really fit. It was a reunion for everyone there. Now, I have to ask, how many of you purchased new radios while you were there. It seemed like everyone that passed our booth had some sort of a new radio in a bag or under their arm. So, with all those new radios just purchased I hope to start hearing some of you on the air soon!

Shifting Gears... Now that Dayton is over are you ready for more fun?

June 25 - 26 is Field Day. The biggest event that we all do every year that demonstrates to our served agencies what amateur radio is really all about, communications. Are you participating with a local club this year or just having some ham friends over for a great weekend? I will be out and about once again this year. I will try to get to as many of the Field Day sites as I can. I usually hit around 14 - 16 sites and I choose them from whatever direction I happen to pick from the dart that I throw at the dartboard. Have you listed your Field Day site on the ARRL Field Day Station Locator yet? Here's a link to it... <https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

Now, my territory is large so if I don't get to visit your site this year, please forgive me. I'll try harder next year to get to you.

Oh, thank you in advance for all the warm welcomes and great food. Hams love to eat and they have the best food for Field Day. I even had fresh lobster one year!

OK, shifting gears again... Now, for all the contesters out there. June has contests even if you take Field Day out of that picture. If you are interested in just having some fun, here is a link to a schedule of all the contests for the month of June... <https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.html>

A few folks asked me recently why my article sounds like I'm in a race car with the shifting of the gears. Well, it's simple, I live just in front of Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and many times when I'm writing this column I'm outside where I can hear the cars on the track shifting up and down and I tend to type in tune with the shifting up and down that the cars are doing. So, if sometimes my articles seem "geared" to motorsports, now you know why. Oh, by the way, Mid-Ohio is the only track in Ohio that does a NASCAR race. Just imagine how hard it is to run one of those cars on that track when it has both left and right turns! It's a blast for sure.

That is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and "Catch Me On The Air, Field Day or at a hamfest!!!"

73,

Scott Yonally N8SY, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

HAMFEST LISTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests through August 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 August 2022:

06/04/22 - Fulton County Swap, Wauseon, OH

06/04/22 - IRA Hamfest, Hudsonville, MI

06/05/22 - Chelsea Hamfest, Chelsea, MI

06/11/22 - Luce County Yooper Hamfest, Newberry, MI

06/11-22 - St Joseph Hamfest, Centreville, MI

06/18/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI

06/18/22 - Midland Hamfest, Midland, MI

06/19/22 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

07/09/22 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest, Mansfield, OH

07/10/22 - Flying Beers, Ferndale, MI

07/16/22 - NORAS Fest, Elyria, OH

07/16/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI

07/17/22 - Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH

08/06/22 - Columbus Hamfest, Columbus, OH

08/13/22 - Letcher Co, Hamfest, Whitesburg, KY

08/13/22 - Cincinnati Hamfest, Owensville, OH

08/20/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI

If you club plans to request ARRL Hamfest Sanctioning, you 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 your 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,

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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. 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.
- **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.

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