



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

May 2022



The Prez sez:

Ah Spring!

Dayton is soon upon us and we are taking the bus to Xenia Oh for the Hamvention event. Make a list so you do not forget to get that much needed accessory or the batteries that power your station.

Don't forget or overlook the forums. They are usually very informative and educational.

Plan well for the trip. It is going to be fun and we are hoping the weather holds out.

If you want the best time take the bus and leave the driving to us.

Contact Dave, WA2DHG at Phone: 419-260-4916 or e-mail buses12@accesstoledo.com. To reserve a spot on the bus.

We will be meeting the bus on Saturday May 21st at the site were we hold our general meetings, the Electrical industry building 727 Lime City Rd. Rossford.

The cost of the bus ride is \$40.00. It does NOT include the cost of the Hamvention ticket.

Glenn, W8MUK is our contact on the bus. The Bus will be leaving at exactly 5:30 AM. We arrive at the Hamvention at about the same time the gates open. We park close to the entrance. The bus is available all day long so if you want to sit and relax or sleep, the bus may be the best place to do so. You can drop off your newly purchased goods and go back in for more.

We leave the Hamvention about closing time and stop for a sit- down meal on the way back. We should arrive back at the Electrical Industry Building about 9:30 PM.

I want to thank Steve, KC8TVW and Mike, WA8SYD for their outstanding technician class. WE have seven new Techs and 2 new Generals.

We are working on getting ready for a two day event on June 3rd and 4th when TMRA will be on the air as K8E on board the Museum Ship, Schoonmaker.

Also at the end of June we will be holding a 24 hour event known as Field Day. This event will be at the Wolcott House Museum 1031 River Rd. Maumee, Ohio. This event is open to the public.



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

Congratulations to New Spring 2022 Tech Glass Graduates:

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| KE8UQE | Ed McCarroll | Tech |
| KE8UQF | Vicky Cox | General |
| IKE8UQG | Harvey Hammond | Tech |
| KE8UQH | Jeff Bicanovsky | Tech |
| KE8UQI | Steve Bicanovsky | Tech |
| KE8UQJ | Colin De Saint Victor | Tech |
| KE8UQK | Ryan Hartman | General |
| KE8UQL | Scott Hartman | Tech |
| KK7FQU | Lance Weislak | Tech |

KE8OTG Larry Lenhart Upgrade to General

Courtesy Steve KC8TVW

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 Electrical Industry Building on Lime City Road, the same place where we hold our General Meetings, 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. Non TMRA members are also welcome.



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.



A promotional poster for the 2022 SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotter Training. The poster has a blue background with several yellow lightning bolts. At the top, there is a black navigation bar with various icons. The main title "2022 SKYWARN" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text "SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING" and "MAY 9, 2022" is centered in white. A registration link "https://bit.ly/LucasCtySKYWARN2022" is provided in blue. The location "Toledo Main Library Large Glass Conference Room 325 N Michigan St., Toledo" is listed in black. The time "6-8 PM" is highlighted in a yellow box. Logos for Lucas County EMA and NOAA are at the bottom.

2022 SKYWARN

**SEVERE WEATHER
SPOTTER TRAINING
MAY 9, 2022**

**Register today at
<https://bit.ly/LucasCtySKYWARN2022>**

**Toledo Main Library
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LUCAS COUNTY
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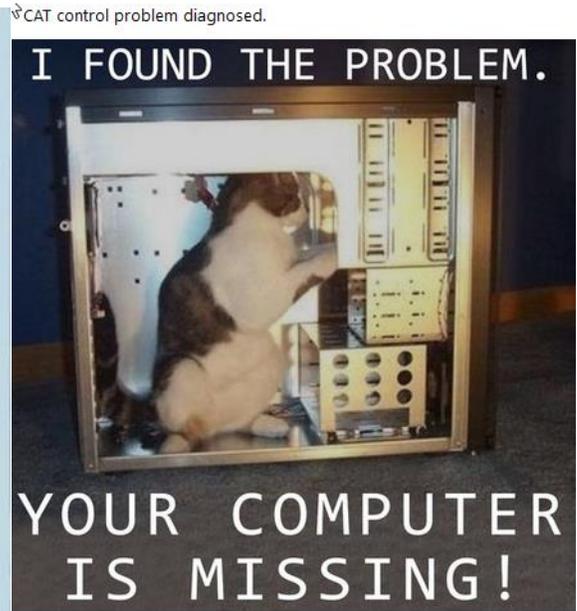
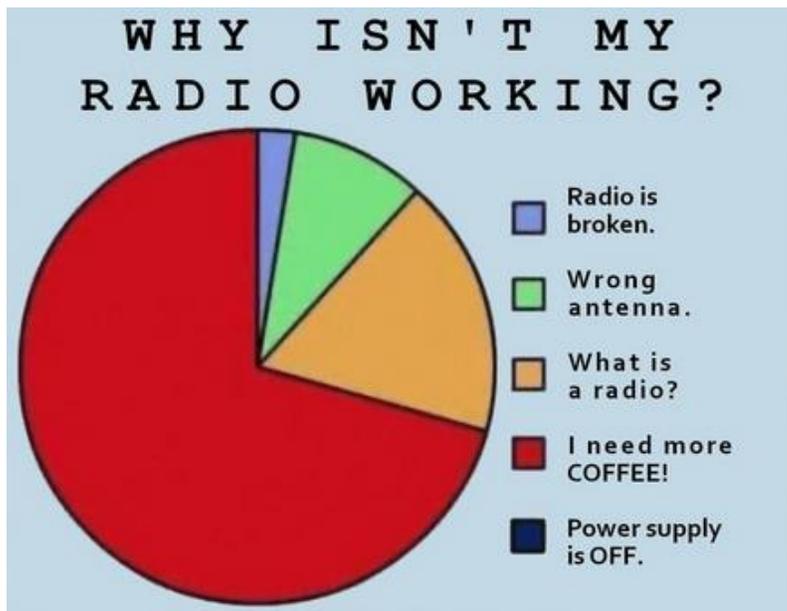
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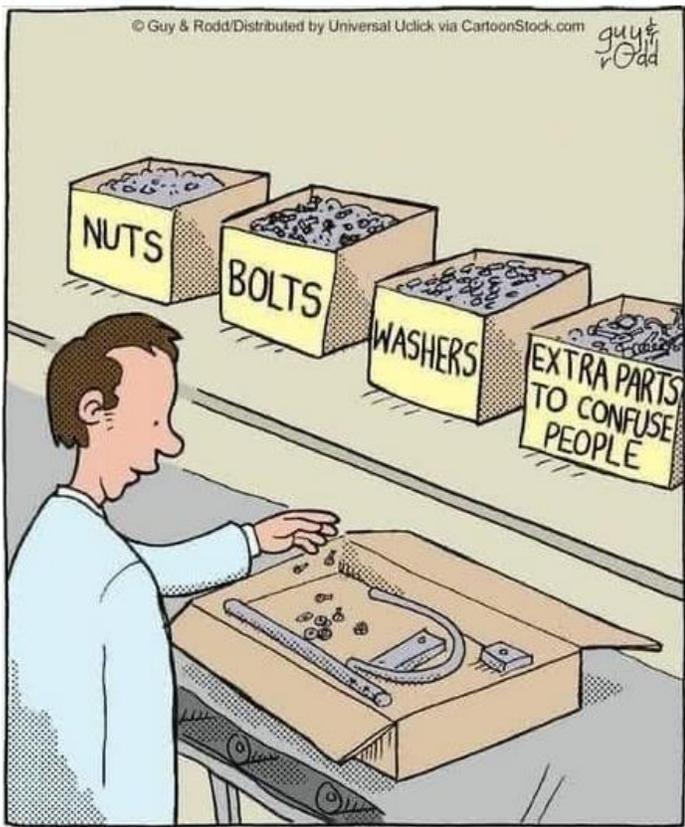
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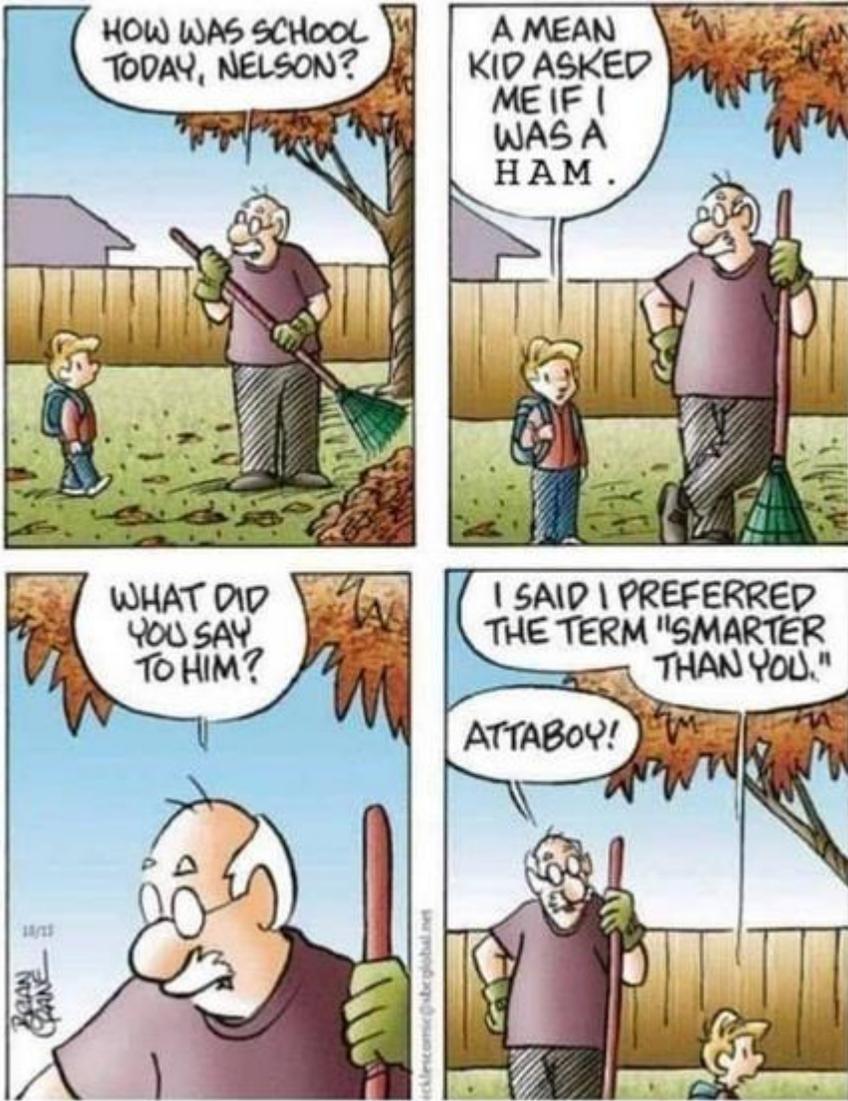


Steve W8TER seated at his GRAB&GO case, and Skeet KD8KXD and Stephen W8WHY at the TMRA's G&G case.
Courtesy Brian WD8MXR

Ham Radio Humor







Dale's Tales for May

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

CONGRATULATIONS to John E. Ross, KD8IDJ, of Columbus, Ohio, selected by ARRL to be our new national ARRL News Editor.

An Extra class licensee, for the past 10 years, John has served as the Public Information Coordinator for the ARRL Ohio Section. His background includes journalist and broadcast engineer. An OSU graduate, he had dual careers as Vice President/Associate for Wilson Group Communications, a Columbus-based public relations, media relations, and crisis management firm. He recently retired from AT&T after 28 years as a Network Analyst.

He is a US Army and US Army Reserve veteran, and is a six-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award for helping disabled and homeless veterans.

John has been training with Bob Inderbitzen NQ1R and ARRL Headquarters staff members of the editorial team for the last few weeks. He has already produced the last 2 editions of the ARRL Letter, and ARRL Audio News. John will also produce news content for ARRL's website, and the "Happenings" and "Amateur Radio World" columns in QST.

Submissions for The ARRL Letter and ARRL News can be sent to John via news@arrl.org.

HAMFESTING: Continuing the discussion from last month, I have had discussions with our three Division Section Managers to cover some concerns that have been expressed regarding Great Lakes Division Hamfests. The first relates to what may constitute a "Swap" or "Hamfest", versus what are recently being called "Trunk" swaps. It seems most swaps, at least when the weather is warm, are in fact swaps involving a lot of sales from trunk, tailgate, and personal tables in the trunk sales areas. Furthermore, there is no real accepted definition that covers what differentiates a "trunk sale" from any other type of swap. Should it be a limited number of sellers? Attendance?

Available lot size? Admission charge? Sponsor's choice? At this point we are seriously considering no longer attempting to define hamfests by a definitions as "Trunk sales/swap" or not and will use a general listing as either a hamfest (or a ham swap meet), sponsor's choice for those two traditional naming conventions. Your input is solicited.

The second matter arises as to the number of ARRL Sanctioned hamfests that should be permitted each season for a specific sponsor. Further discussion with ARRL Headquarters and our Section Managers has resulted in a Great Lakes Division policy change that takes effect May 1, 2022 and applies to all future ARRL Sanctioning applications. The Great Lakes Division will grant ARRL Hamfest Sanctioning to a maximum of two hamfest per sponsoring organization each year. These two must be at least four months apart, putting each in a different season. The allowance of two is a consideration made because of many shifted hamfest dates caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic. As you are aware, ARRL contributes prizes to Sanctioned events, and this new policy exhibits fairness to all of our hamfest sponsors.

HAMVENTION 2022: News directly from the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn.:

Hamvention in Three Weeks!

It has been an amazing and eventful three years since we had an in-person Hamvention. We are now three weeks away from ending that

Covid-19 caused pause. In the spring of 2019 it never occurred to us that we might not be having Hamvention for a while. As world events played out, we learned that public health officials and other government officials would prohibit our meeting together to learn, visit, and have fun with our many friends. Way back in March of 2020, none of us knew much about the pandemic that was beginning to sweep across the world.

There was not a lot that we could do other than be law abiding citizens, trying to stay alive, and doing our part to not spread the virus further. Lots has gone under the bridge since then. Politics got involved. Friends died. Businesses suffered. Kids were made to have school by Zoom. And amateur radio emerged as a way to stay connected without spreading the pandemic.

We are finally to the stage that we can meet, see each other face-to-face, and continue our love of learning everything radio. We can present the accumulated awards sponsored by Hamvention for the last three years of winners. We can hear about many new ideas related to amateur radio in the Forums, including the hams that made a difference in developing immunizations against Covid-19.

So, here's to Hamvention! See you at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in exactly 20 days! Buy your plane tickets, fill up the car with super-expensive gas, just get here!!

Rick Allnutt WS8G
Hamvention 2022 General Chair

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

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

Scott's Stuff - May Edition

I want to express my congratulations to John Ross, KD8IDJ for becoming the newest ARRL News Editor! John is taking over the reins for Rick Lindquist, WW1ME who recently retired from this post. As many of you know, John was my Public Information Coordinator for almost all of my time as Section Manager for Ohio. He's gonna' do the Great Lakes Division proud for sure!

Have you heard the latest? The FCC is once again processing license applications and exam session files, but the process has been slowed down some since the addition of the \$35 fee started. Our ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Maria Somma has reported that the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) electronic batch filing (EBF) system was down for several days. So, this will mean that there will be some delays until they get caught back up in getting licenses processed. Please be patient, they will get processed!

Shifting Gears... As I expressed last month "April showers bring May flowers and May flowers brings the Dayton Hamvention!!!" Yes, there's now only 19 days left before Dayton!! Are you ready for this? The biggest hamfest in the world is back, and you're not gonna' want to miss out on the fun and excitement of everyone getting back together.

This year's theme is "Reunion." It's the 70th anniversary so let's make this the best hamfest weekend ever!

OK, shifting gears again... Now, for all the contesters out there. May has contests. If you are interested in just having some fun, here is a link to a schedule of all the contests for the month of May...

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.html>

Now speaking of contests... Well... This isn't actually a contest, it's an ARES Exercise but it's fun no matter what you call it, Field Day is fast approaching. Yes, Field Day this year is June 25 - 26. Is your club planning on participating? I sure hope so. As I have done for many years, I'll be out and about visiting many of the Field Day sites once again this year! Where will I be? Who knows! My plans this year is just to get in the car and go.

So, how will I know where the sites will be? Simple, I will go to those sites that have registered on the ARRL Field Day Locator! <https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> There are already a bunch of sites listed on the map that I can go to. So, hope to see you at Field Day!

That is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and "Catch Me On The Air 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 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 July 2022:

05/01/22 - Lucas County Trunk Swap, Toledo, OH

05/07/22 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI

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

05/21/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI

05/28/22 - Scioto Valley, Piketon, OH

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

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>

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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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