



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

October 2022



TOLEDO GENERAL MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION MEETING
FOR: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
MEETING STARTED AT 7:00 PM
LOCATION: ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BUILDING
727 LIME CITY ROAD ROSSFORD, OHIO

ATTENDIES: 28 MEMBERS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: FOR ALL AMERICANS

ROLL CALL

A READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE GENERAL MEETING OF AUGUST 2022

Accepting these Minutes are: 1st Steve (KC8TVW) 2nd Chuck (KB8FXJ)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bruce (AA8HS) Mentioned that Membership is up to 75 people at this time (9/14/2022).

FINANCE REPORT: Stephen (W8WHY) mentioned the incoming and outgoing monies for the last month. Meeting with Edward Jones to accept finances. Questions and discussions from the members about Amazon Rewards, Kroger Smiles and Edward Jones.

Steve (W8TER) is discussing (proposing) working on a grant, for money, to make Amateur Radio and electronics more fun and accessible to school children in the TMRA local area. Grant money can be up to \$25,000.00. To win any of the grant money, it would be used to promote interest from beginning electronics to putting together electronic kits to involvement in Amateur Radio Communications.

Note: This Grant is offered to any willing students.

Steve (W8TER) continued: The TMRA website is not quite acceptable. It needs a good cleaning and re-arranging. Anyone who might have any good ideas regarding modifying the website please let us know.

*Mentioned: The Storage Shed needs to be totally cleaned out by October, 2022. Please offer any space you may have to help store any supplies.

* S.E.T. Is mentioned: the Simulated Emergency Training Communication. This is a simulated Emergency situation in association with ARES training. Learn more about S.E.T. On October 1 & 2, 2022 on a of frequency 147.375 at 3:00 PM daily.

* Check out National Traffic Net: Network of organized hams, sponsored by ARRL, with the purpose of relaying messages throughout the United States and Canada

*Parks on the Air, at Mary Jane Thurston, met on September 9, 2022, and made good contacts on 40 meters. A total of 400 points were earned with 24 of 75 state parks being contacted.

* MARS: Military Area Radio Service is another source to contact for Emergency Training

NEW BUSINESS: Need someone to volunteer to take care of the Flag.

Looking for Trustees for the Group. Skeet (KD8KXD) has been nominated and accepted. But we need someone, who has been a member for at least 5 years. Please think about it and let us know if you would like the job.

TECH COMMITTEE: Rod KB8OTP has placed two repeaters at the PNC site. DStar as well as P25 are available on 442.75. The W8HHF DMR repeater on 443.0875 will be available on the same location soon.

Work in progress on 2-meter repeater on the double beep issue which is still present.

The 6 meter repeater antenna is missing a couple of radials. But it still works.

VE TESTING: Please contact Steve Stalker (KC8TVW) if you would like to take any ham radio examination.

Brian (WD8MXR) would like all to know that volunteers, working the Toledo Hamfest, must be members of TMRA for insurance sake.

PRESENTATION: HAM OF THE YEAR award goes to (trumpets blaring) goes to....
BRUCE AA8HS

Steve Stalker (KC8TVW) could use a couple of helpers at the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree at Camp Miaconda. Oct. 14, 15 and 16, 2022. Steve needs someone to train the kids on electronics and radio communication. (Extra credit if you were a scout)

MOTION TO ADJOURN 1st Skeet (KD8KXD) 2nd Brenda (KB8IUP)
Meeting is over at: 8:35 PM



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.



Congratulations to Bruce Hammond AA8HS on his award as the TMRA Amateur of the Year for 2022. A few things that you should know about Bruce, he was licensed as a Technician through Extra in 1993. Currently he is the Membership Chairman, Editor of the Club Newsletter, a member of the Technical Committee, and a VE. He also frequently writes technical articles and reviews for the Newsletter and presents informational programs at Club meetings. The award was presented to Bruce by Skeet KD8KXD at the TMRA General Meeting on September 14th.

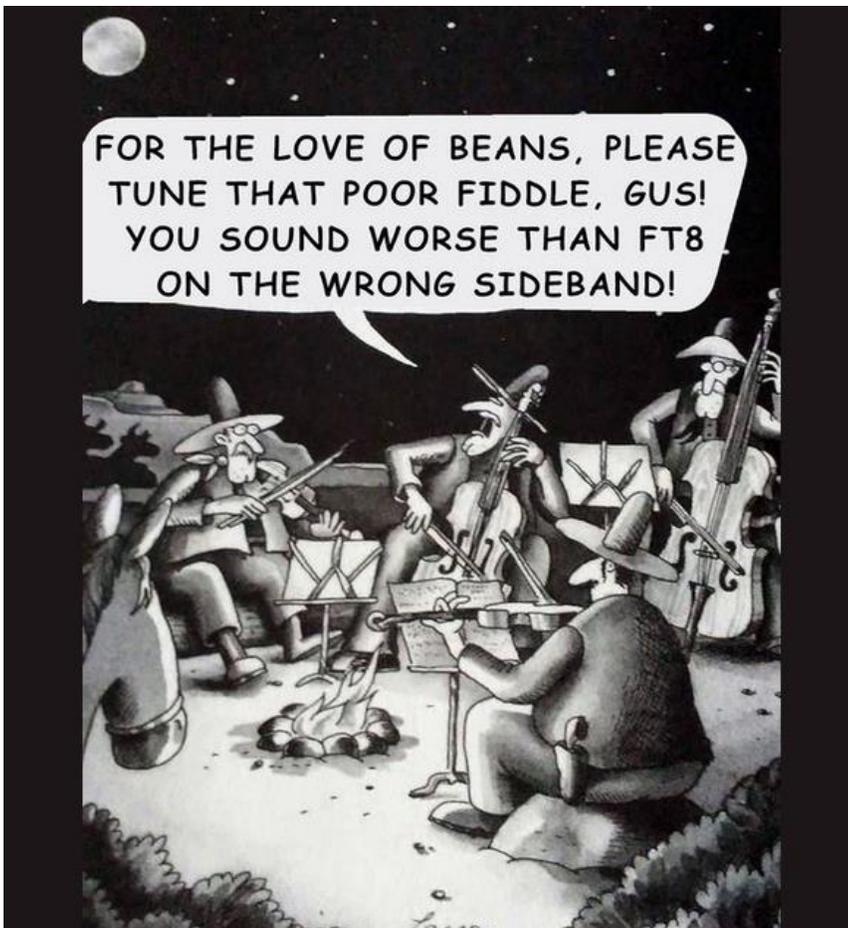
Lowell 'Skeet' Kern KD8KXD

Ohio State Parks on the Air
Mary Jane Thurston Park



Steve W8TER, Ron N8RLH, and Joseph KE8UIV

Ham Radio Humor





SOMETIMES WHEN MY RIG IS ON



I just sit and stare at it



Not enough antennas



Great Lakes Division

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for October, 2022

The position of ARRL Section Manager (SM) is truly the one I found to be the most interesting, exciting and rewarding. I was able to select excellent people to serve in the various leadership positions in my Section, and give them the full opportunity to succeed in developing and growing their programs. Each of could innovate, collect the best ideas from our fellow Section leaders and apply them locally. It also gave me personally some great lessons-learned when something bombed out and didn't work as expected, but those experiences are the very best opportunities for learning.

With the Section Manager job now about 10 years behind me, I still maintain it to be the most rewarding leadership position in ARRL. That being said, the following five paragraphs are directed to our fellow hams in the Kentucky Section:

As our Kentucky Section is currently without a Section Manger and the normal election cycle for that position has started, the door is open for all qualified candidates to place their name into the ARRL election process. This affords a fair and equitable position for every potential candidate as there is no advantage given to an incumbent office holder.

Here are some rules excerpts about the SM election cycle which is currently opening:

"The Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization require that any candidate for the office of Section Manager must be a resident of the Section, a licensed amateur of Technician class or higher, and a Full member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years immediately preceding receipt of a petition for nomination and throughout the subsequent term of office. A Section Manager shall not simultaneously serve as an Officer, Director or Vice Director. A person who is removed from the office of Section Manager by a recall election or by action of the Executive Committee shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Section Manager in the next election following removal from office. Further, any person who is removed from the office of Section Manager by action of the Executive Committee must receive the consent of the current Executive Committee to be eligible to run for that office again.

"Each candidate for Section Manager may submit a 300-word statement for inclusion with the ballot. With this statement, the candidate may submit his or her black-and-white photograph not larger than 3 inches high and 2 inches wide to likewise be included with the ballot. The submission of this statement and photograph shall be filed as elsewhere required, and must be truthful, and not misleading, which matters will be conclusively determined by the Election Committee. The standard of truth applies to all mailings by a candidate."

For Section Manager terms beginning April 1, as is Kentucky: 1st notice; October QST, (It is already out). 2nd notice; November QST. Closing date for nominations; the Friday PRIOR or CORRESPONDING to December 10, at 4 PM. Ballots are mailed January 2. Deadline for returns; the Friday PRIOR or CORRESPONDING to February 20, at 4 PM, and are counted the following Tuesday. Interested persons may visit <https://www.arrl.org/section-terms-nomination-information> for the complete details and application material.

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

Wow! Are you ready for fall??? It looks and feels like fall around here for sure. I've seen the pumpkin spice latte coffees, pumpkin spice cookies and even some pumpkin spice liqueur on the shelves lately. But I do have to say, I walked into a Lowe's the other day, and they are all decked out for Christmas!! Now that's going a bit too far for me. We do need to get Halloween and Thanksgiving out of the way first!

Shifting gears... I've got a new item to tell you about from our EC&FS Committee, this time it affects all ARRL Affiliated Clubs. In the past your annual club update to the ARRL was always due no later than your anniversary date. If you are a Special Service Club the same held true, but it only renewed once every 2 years, making it all that much harder for everyone to remember when to update their records. So, in order to make things easier to do and to remember, all ARRL Affiliated Clubs will renew their Annual Report on January 01 of each year, starting in 2023, thus eliminating the need to remember the anniversary date. It will just come due by the first of each year. Now, to make it easier for the Special Service Clubs on their renewal we did the same thing. The renewal date will be on January 01 of each year. Since SSCs were originally a 2-year renewal, we changed that as well. It's now going to be a 1-year renewal starting on January 01, 2024. To make it even easier for clubs to update their records, the forms to update your club records are getting a makeover so that they will be much easier to complete as well. If things go as planned, (keep your fingers crossed) they will also automatically email you once you've completed the forms to let you know that they have gotten submitted!

Shifting gears again... This past month was a very busy month for me. I not only went out and visited with some clubs, but I also got to a number of hamfests as well, including one in Kentucky! I did get to spend some time in Newington this month as well. I was one of the presenters at the latest Section Manager Workshop. This is a mandatory class for all new Section Managers and there were 22 of them there this time around. The reason for so many is that they really hadn't done any in-person training since before 2020. So, this was the largest class of Section Managers ever to go through this training. My portion of this was to present them with "What does it take to be a successful Section Manager." I had a blast going over all the various items that a

Section Manager is responsible for. YES, Les and Tom were both in my class! It wasn't all classroom material either, in the afternoon we did get to play a little at Headquarters, getting a brief tour of the main facility as well as visited (operated) W1AW. It was a great weekend and I do believe that many of the new Section Managers had a notebook full of ideas that they might try in their Section. Watch out for things to come, I know that Les and Tom both took a lot of notes! Want to see some of the pictures from the Workshop?

Go to: http://arrl-ohio.org/sm_training_2022/

QST's newest column, "Club Station," is a space for clubs to share their practical ideas about what has helped lead them to their success. If your club has developed a creative way to get around common challenges, the ARRL wants to hear from you! They have published author guidelines that are geared toward "Club Station." Want more information on how to submit an article?

Go to: <https://www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form>.

All clubs are welcome to participate. Also, have you noticed in the ARRL ARES E-Newsletter that they are now publishing news from many of the Section Emergency Coordinators from around the country? Got an interesting ARES news story? Send it to: Rick Palm, K1CE at k1ce@arrl.net

OK, shifting down to come into the pit... This weekend is S.E.T. weekend. Are you ready to participate? For all E.C.s, your reporting form is (Form A). Net Managers your reporting form is (Form B)... This year we have great news for you. You have new on-line forms to complete. They bring this reporting up to the 21st century in that these forms will auto-calculate your raw data. Once submitted, the forms go directly into Headquarters and anyone that you have added with a proper email address. Yes, you can even add as many people to the emailing as you wish. Each email needs to be separated by a comma only.

There is even an additional Form for you to attach your supporting documentation, pictures, etc... which really brings things into today's world. Here's the link to all the forms... <https://ares.arrl.org/aresSET/>

As I hope you can see, we ARE moving in a positive direction! It sometimes takes longer than we'd like, but we are listening to you and are working very hard every day to try to make things better for not only the Field Appointees, but you, the member as well!

Okay, that is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and "Catch Me On The Air, at a meeting or hamfest!!!" But most of all.... Have FUN!!!!

73,

Scott, N8SY
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HAMFEST LISTING:

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

10/01/22 - Gaylord, Gaylord, MI

10/08/22 - Central Kentucky, Lexington, KY

10/15/22 - Portsmouth, New Boston, OH

10/15/22 - Muskegon Color Tour, Muskegon, MI

10/16/22 - Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

10/22/22 - HARA, Negaunee, MI

10/30/22 - Massillon, Massillon, OH

12/03/22 - Fulton County Winterfest, Archbold, OH

12/04/22 - USECA, Troy, MI

If your ARRL Affiliated club plans to request Hamfest Sanctioning, you should make that request well in advance of the scheduled Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. QST announcements require a 3 month lead time. To be fair to our Division's clubs, the Great Lakes Division policy is to offer a club ARRL Sanctioning for a limit of two hamfests/swaps in any given calendar year, and they must be four months apart. 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>

Just a brief final, 10 meters has been hopping the past few days, timing it right opens it up locally and also world-wide. Nice to see the band so active again. Hope to catch you there.

73,

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Director

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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.
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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.

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