



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

February 2023



The Pres Sez :

It feels to me that January went by at a normal speed. We are now one month closer to Hamfest. This year it will be on Sunday March 19th. It has been three years since we have had our hamfest. Having the hamfest, in my opinion, is a big part of the Amateur Radio hobby. Just a few thoughts about hamfest: It gives us an opportunity to share our mutual hobby with like-minded characters. The time spent chatting and sharing ideas and plans is invaluable. It also gives opportunity to find that coveted item that we will bring home, examine closely, and put into service with the rest of the gear in our ham shacks.

We have signed the contract with the American Radio Relay League Foundation (ARRLF) concerning the grant and have started purchasing and acquiring the equipment for the kits. At the time of this writing, I am surrounded by a horde of Amazon boxes. Steve, KC8TVW is overseeing the project and he is looking for volunteers to help with it. You can contact Steve at KC8TVW@arrl.net if you would like to be a part of this project. He can really use the help.

Thank you to Stephen, W8WHY for volunteering to fill our regular Treasurer position. Brian, WD8MXR is our Bursar working with W8WHY.

Coming up at the next Monthly meeting, February 8th, 2023 I'll be looking for at least two volunteers to help conduct our yearly audit with W8WHY and WD8MXR

How are your antennas holding up? Just before winter I changed out an antenna and went from a monoband to a triband. The trade was a good idea but I put up a used antenna. It turned out to be a mistake. I should have gone the distance and either waited or purchased a new antenna because now the antenna does not perform like it did before I won't know the reason it failed until I take it down in the spring. Lesson learned.

W8TER

TOLEDO GENERA MOBILERADIO ASSOCIATION MEETING

FOR JANUARY 10, 2023

MEETING STARTED AT 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BUILDING

727 LIME CITY ROAD ROSSFORD, OHIO

ATTENDIES: 30 TMRA MEMBERS, 1 LICENSED GUEST

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR ALL AMERICANS

ROLL CALL

HOLIDAY DINNER REPORT: Mike (WA8SYD) Reports that the food was YUM! and the people were very friendly and talkative.

TREASURER REPORT: The Grant monies have been invested and waiting to be introduced into the education program. People are still sending in Membership money at the old cost.

PRESIDENT' ;S REPORT: TMRA has been approved for a \$2,284.00 Grant to introduce electronics into area school systems. Electronic kits will need to be purchased for approximately 18 students to train. Steve (KV8TVW) needs some helpers for this educational program.

We have one year to put these classes into place.

These classes would be held after school for approximately one hour. Age level 11, 12, 13

years old. School Systems to possibly include Springfield Township, Bedford and Toledo Public Schools

Video taping the instructors is an idea to be considered.

TECH COMMITTEE: Bob (WD8AZT) completely tore down and cleaned one of TMRA's

generators. He bought new parts and put everything together, changed spark plugs, oil and air filters.

The generator runs fair but not is not yet perfect.

Dan (KE8UE) report on Technical Committee: The 2 meter machine is still a Work-in-Progress. Continued

An effort was made to clean up the antenna area on top of the PNC building area. Management is happy on the results. .

SIREN NET: Skeet (KD8KXD) 22 people signed into the Siren net on the first Friday in January.

WINTER FIELD DAY: January 28, 2023 is tentatively set at The Toledo Lucas County Library, Maumee Branch, 501 River Road, Maumee, Ohio Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Location could change , however. . Keep your ears alert for this one.

TOLEDO HAMFEST: Brian (WD8MXR) Sent out 200 applications, to vendors, for tables. Some of these applications are being returned requesting tables.

Brian (WD8MXR) and Steve will be contacting food vendors on their ability to provide food for the hungry attendees. At the last Hamfest, people complained about the long wait time for food service. The vendors will be made aware of this issue.

The Toledo Hamfest WILL happen. Public and Private vendors will be coming!

R&L, however, will not be coming to the Hamfest this year. Steve (W8TER) is encouraging more vendors to come.

Volunteers are needed to help start setting up the the venue on March 18, 2023 for the HamFest

on March 19, 2023.

A video on Raspberry Pi was shown at the end of the meeting. This video, taped for The Radio Society

of Great Britain shows experiments in radio and electronics with school pupils having fun.

Another part of the video shows how scientists are trying to use salt water as a fuel to cure Cancer.

NEW BUSINESS: It has been a year, already, that Stephen (W8WHY) was nominated as Treasurer. Now that he has been in this position for a year, he can officially be nominated in as Treasurer.

1 st Brian (WD8MXR) 2 nd Dan (KE8UE)

To Close the Nominations: 1 st Skeet (KD8KXD), 2 nd Dan (KE8UE) Motion: All AYE!

Motion to Adjourn: Dan (KE8UE) 2 nd Tim (KD8IZU)

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.

From Dave WA2DHG,

For all those interested in some vintage views of our hobby, mark your calendars, set your alarm clocks, set your dvr's or all of the above for February 15 at 08:10. At 08:12, Turner Classic Movies is presenting a short film named "Radio Hams" which hopefully will give us a glimpse of what our hobby was like in 1939 when the film

was made. Might be a very interesting and entertaining short film.

Advertisement in the Austrian Ham Radio Newspaper





HE'S ACTUALLY THE MASCOT OF ZA/OE8NDR OPERATING FROM ALBANIA

Ham Radio Humor

Field Day pro tip: wrap random sections of your new extension cords with tape, so others will think they're beat up and not worthy of "borrowing" 😊





THE NIBBLER



THE TEA DRINKER



THE SLAPPER



THE HITCH HIKER



THE TAPPER



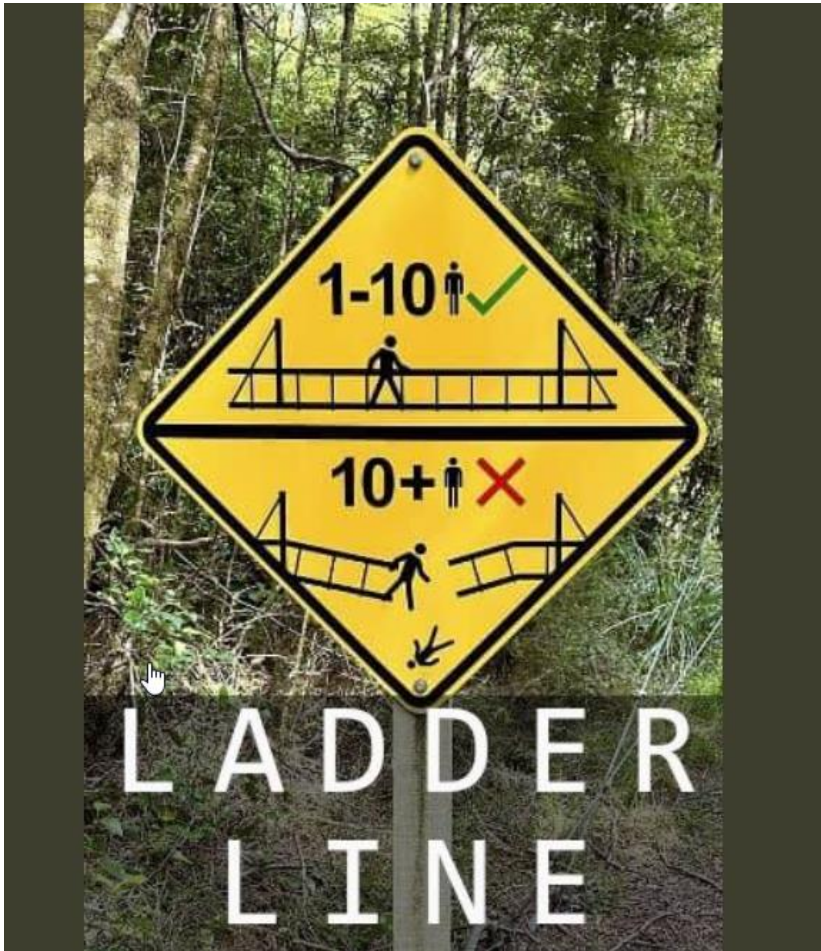
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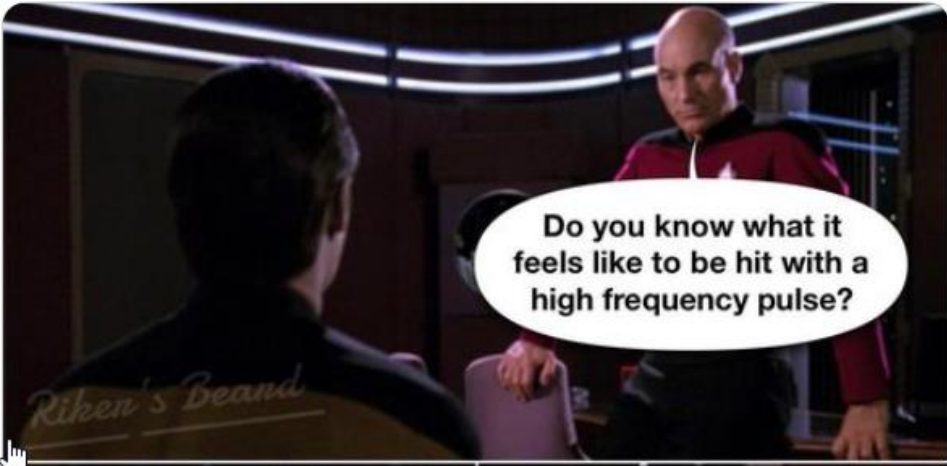


THE CLUTCHER



THE POUNDER







Great Lakes Division

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for February, 2023.

The Annual ARRL Board meeting was held from Jan 18 through the 22nd. Both Vice Director Scott N8SY and I attended. The meeting's official minutes are currently being prepared for approval and they will then be published. But here are some of the meeting highlights:

Among the items decided include some changes offered by the Programs & Services Committee to the Field Day rules. They are giving more emphasis to the "Get on the Air" stations by allowing a single op to make more than 20 contacts and evening out the points for various modes.

The Board gave approval of minor changes to the structure for how our 71 ARRL Sections are administered. The Board also reaffirmed the established guidelines for recognizing anniversaries of ARRL Affiliated clubs at 25 year intervals and established a Special Board Meeting to nationally acknowledge those clubs and their anniversaries by an open video broadcast to be called the "Annual Awards Recognition Day".

ARRL National Conventions are held every two years, so looking ahead, we selected the next two events to host our upcoming National Conventions in 2024 and 2026. The Board authorized Headquarters staff to begin negotiations with the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to host the 2024 ARRL National Convention in conjunction with the 2024 Dayton Hamvention and to start similar negotiations with the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club to host the 2026 Convention at the Huntsville Hamfest.

In consideration of the value and benefits of Logbook of the World and the age of the current program, the ARRL Administration & Finance Committee provided a motion to begin the upgrade process for Logbook of the World through a new Radiosport Platform Committee.

The Ethics & Elections Committee submitted a number of proposals, the key of which is to insure that Board Members are familiar with their fiduciary responsibilities under Connecticut Law for non-profits, such as ARRL.

We elected new officers for the ARRL Foundation, and the ARRL Executive Committee. There was a proposal put forth to evaluate why many newly licensed hams do not become active on the air, and the Board formed a Survey Development Working Group to evaluate those underlying causes. From those and other actions will come an "Amateur Radio Bootcamp" with live interactive on-line video. This package is proposed to include skill development, license training with exams and continuing education programs.

The long-awaited solar cycle 25 with the expected improvement in propagation on 10 and 6 meters, provides the opportunity to promote activity of Technician licensees on those bands. To that end we will offer a series of articles on QST, On the Air and other ARRL publications introducing new hams to DXing, contesting, and propagation on those bands.

Appointments to the four ARRL Standing committees are being made at this writing and will be announced soon. Those committees are Administrations and Finance, Programs and Services, Ethics & Elections and the Emergency Communications & Field Services Committee.

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 locked in on the EC-FS Committee meeting that lasted into Thursday afternoon. The Board meeting started bright and early on Friday morning and it came to an end around noon on Saturday. We got a lot accomplished, and you'll be hearing about those accomplishments soon. Many of the items that we passed will benefit the membership and your club. Stay tuned for more information about the Board meeting.

I'm assuming that you are reading this column on Wednesday, February 1st, and as such, I just want to say that tomorrow is Groundhog Day... Yes, Groundhog Day! You know, the day we all get up before the crack of dawn and grab a little worthless varmint that does nothing but make a mess out of our garbage cans, yet 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 what the heck, 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 in the middle of winter. February is also known as the month for lovers, as that it's Valentine's Day on Tuesday, 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 news that you've just purchased a very expensive, but absolutely necessary piece of ham equipment that you just couldn't live without. 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 13th - 17th, and International DX / CW contest on February 18th - 19th. 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. Oh, and don't forget that we now have VOTA as well. You know, Volunteers On The Air! Just look around on the airwaves, you'll find them I'm sure, and if you catch Dale on, he's worth 225 points and I'm worth 200. That ain't hay guys, it's a lot of points and they'll add up quickly for sure, especially if you catch more than just Dale or I on.

Switching gears again... Do you have all of your NIMS courses completed

yet? You know those troublesome little Incident Command courses that everyone has been nagging you about for several years now to get. The weather outside is frightful, and there's nothing good on TV to watch and the bands aren't cooperating for you to play radio much. So, isn't this the perfect time to get that training in before the weather and the bands start turning nice again? Trust me on this, take advantage of the spare time that you now have and get that all important training in now!

All the classes that are suggested in the ARES Plan, including ICS-300 and 400 can be found on-line. Yes, 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 it 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 come!

Clubs, have your meetings been hybrid (ie... Zoom, Teams, Go-To-Meeting and in-person) 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 many of the 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 20 - 25 minutes 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"!!! Remember, I'm worth 200 points in for the Volunteers On The Air event...

73,

Scott, N8SY
Vice Director
Great Lakes Division

HAMFEST LISTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests through March of 2023. It has been truly unfortunate that some clubs have been forced to cancel their swaps. The swaps on this list are confirmed as planned.

Please post this listing in your club's newsletter and announce the swaps on your local nets. Talk them up. Let's fully support all of our hamfests in every way possible. It means success for everyone.

Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set.

ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests through March 2023:

- 2/11/23 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI
- 2/18/23 - Livonia Swap, Livonia, MI
- 3/5/23 - Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY
- 3/11-23 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidwell, OH
- 3/11/23 - Crossroads Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
- 3/19/23 - Toledo Mobile Radio Assn, Perrysburg, OH
- 3/26/23 - USECA Hamfest, Troy, MI
- 4/15/23 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- 4/22/23 - Tusco, Dover, OH
- 4/22/23 - St Joseph, Centreville, MI
- 4/30/23 - Athens, Athens, OH

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:

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.arrl.org%2Fhamfests-and-conventions-calendar&data=05%7C01%7C%7C6552378e463f4ec6aeb008db04040899%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638108187596870240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XMorwsO72YVX8%2BKytPnho9AxLwcBDnUjmneF0I5OM0Q%3D&reserved=0>

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.
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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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