



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association is an ARRL Special Services Club Serving Northwest Ohio Since 1953



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## The Prez Sez:

Greetings to all,

Unfortunately, I must start off by notifying you of the passing of a fellow ham and club member. John Graham, WD8G, became a silent key earlier in April, about a week ago. John was about to celebrate his seventieth birthday. Please think of him in your prayers.

Now, let me restart and on a better note, say "Congratulations" to all who were involved with the successful Technician Class that our club recently sponsored. Especially to the seven students. They did such a fine job, they all earned their 'ticket' on the second scheduled Saturday of the class, just like it was supposed to work! If you encounter one of them, welcome them to our ranks, and make sure to make them feel welcome when you're on the air. They are the new generation of operators, and we need every one of them that we can get to keep this hobby alive. With the new influx of hams, that brings our membership ranks to 194. And as long as I'm on the membership topic, I'll mention that I will be sending out the unclaimed membership cards soon. I will also be sending out reminder letters to those that have not renewed, so if you get one... and you should know who you are... please consider renewing your membership!

At the last general meeting we had our annual budget presentation by our treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR. The membership body then voted on it and approved it as presented. I would like to thank all of the club members, and especially the members of the budget committee who are responsible for making this happen: Brenda, KB8IUP; Chuck, KB8FXJ; Brian, WD8MXR; Paul, W8PL and of course, Chuck, N8NIR.

Last month, I mentioned a little bit about next year's Hamfest and also the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention that we are hosting on March 19th. Well, I have some spectacular news! We have gotten confirmation that Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, a.k.a. the FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement will be our featured speaker for the banquet the night of the convention. If his schedule permits, he may even come to our Hamfest the next day! I am very excited and very much looking forward to this event, and I hope that you are too.

It sure is getting to be like spring outside... fickle weather is a sign of spring, right? Well, this is the time of year when the ARES events start to get underway. Please help to do your part of our public service responsibilities. They don't have to take much time, and they can be fun... and you can get outside and get some of that fresh air! We all need that! Then in a few short weeks, we'll be headed to Dayton for the 'big show'. I can't wait. A few weeks after that is the most popular operating contest of all. You know the one... I'll give you a hint: throwing wires into trees. Yes, you guessed right... Field Day! I hope all of you are as excited as I am. Don't forget: at the next general meeting we will have a raffle for the unclaimed Hamfest door prizes. For those of you who never win anything... it just might be your chance to win... Finally!

73 de KB8PAI  
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman  
kb8pai@arrl.net

## Field Day

We have field day coming up on June 26th and 27th. Field day runs from 12:00 PM on Saturday until 2:00 PM on Sunday. All are invited to attend. This year as last year we are having it at the Wolcott House Museum. They like us to hold our field day there. They have expressed to me that they think it is a good use for the grounds and our presence there makes it seem useful. I must say that I really appreciate their attitude and hope that we can continue the relationship that we have with the Wolcott House Museum and the curator for allowing us to hold this annual event there.

We will be having a Get On The Air (GOTA See ARRL web site) station so even those who are not licensed can come and find out what operating amateur radio equipment is like.

If you would like to camp out for field day this is a good place to do so. There is indoor plumbing and if the weather gets too bad we can cook our meals inside.

Last but not least, If you want a *FIELD DAY* t-shirt or pin contact me so I can send away for them before they run out. The t-shirts are \$13.00 and the pins are \$5.00. If we get enough orders, we can get free shipping. Call me at 893-9106 or e-mail [w8ter@arrl.net](mailto:w8ter@arrl.net)

Thanks and 73  
from Steve, w8ter

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## From "Weaver's Words"

*SPAM VIA ARRL.NET* -- Your Input is Requested

I believe that most of you realize that the SPAM that comes through our ARRL E-mail forwarding service (arrl.net) does not originate with arrl.net and that it also is not promoted by or sanctioned by ARRL. SPAM at this time in the development of the Internet is simply a fact of life. I have no need to get into a discussion over SPAM, itself, but I would like to get an up-to-date view of how you, the members in the Great Lakes Division, feel about one aspect of SPAM -- getting rid of it.

A preliminary study of SPAM as it relates to the ARRL E-mail forwarding service has shown it will take over \$100,000 each year to add a SPAM filter to the service. Please understand that there is absolutely no charge to members to use the ARRL E-mail forwarding service and that it would be impossible for us to absorb the thousands of dollars charge to add the SPAM filter to it. Keep in mind, also, that neither this filter nor any other filter currently available will be fully satisfactory for each user. This filter as is true of filters available through ISPs and to individual operators will continue to allow some SPAM through and at the same time will occasionally identify good messages as SPAM and quarantine them. There is no fully satisfactory solution to SPAM. A SPAM filter will detect and quarantine much of the SPAM that is floating around the web.

## OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

### ARES

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in the "Private Dining Room" in St. Luke's Hospital, at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to meet in the cafeteria for breakfast before the meeting.

Alternate meeting locations and information will be announced on the daily 6:40 PM net. Contact Brenda, KB8IUP at 419-866-5928. **ARES NTS and Training Net** meets daily at 6:40 PM. 146.940- Alternate frequencies are: 147.375+ or 147.270+.

**SKYWARN Net** as needed by the NWS, 147.375+ Alternate frequencies are 146.940-, 147.270+ or others announced by "net control".

**GTARA** (146.610-) Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 3100 W. Central, 7:30 PM. Contact Martha, K8AAC.

**SARA** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Twp. Hall, 7617 Angola Rd. at 7:30 PM. Contact Tom, N8MAV, 419-826-7401.

**TRAC** (147.375+, 146.940-) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Springfield Twp. Hall, 7617 Angola Rd. at 7:30 PM. Contact Terry Caldwell, KC8HQB, 419-874-2173.

**QCWA Chapter 142**, meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at The Big Boy Restaurant, 6609 Airport Hwy. (Across from Spring Meadows) Contact Paul Lentz, K8PL, 419-882-5906. Or email, [plentzk8pl@juno.com](mailto:plentzk8pl@juno.com)

**FRAT** (52.360, 146.835-, 224.280-, 444.650+) Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. FRAT net follows the Rain Dialup and Amateur News Weekly on Thursday nights starting at 8:30 PM.

My questions are very simple.

1. Do you currently use <yourcall>@arrl.net as an E-mail address through the ARRL forwarding service? (Yes or No, please.)
2. Would you use the ARRL forwarding service if there was a fee of as much as \$5/year charged to pay for having a SPAM filter added? (Yes or No, please.)

### *BPL*

Still no word from our lobby gurus about lobbying regarding BPL. As we prepare to contact our legislators, please understand that ARRL is not against BPL. We are, however, against interference in the radio wave spectrum that it is likely to cause. This interference would not be limited to Amateur Radio frequencies, only. When we write our Congressional representatives, we will ask them to help ensure that the FCC lives up to its obligation of enforcing anti-interference standards. Keep your writing hand and typing fingers warmed up.

One additional point: BPL is and has been legal under existing FCC rules/regulations. Our concern specifically is that the Commission will fail to enforce its current rules against interference. Our main concern is that it will not define these rules as they relate to BPL in a manner that will force power companies to run clean operations even if it is possible to have an interference free BPL. However, I have to say (much like to car insurance add) I've just received some very good news. It is a draft document at this time and I cannot pass it along; however, it could prove to be a pivotal document in helping control BPL properly. Protection against BPL remains the top-most cause among the Board and upper staff at HQ.

### *NTS:*

NTS is undergoing a transition from the service it was in years past into a service that is being shaped into one that can beyond question be counted upon to pass urgent traffic over a wide area promptly. The idea of change has caused some NTS members great concern. It should not. The changes are bringing or have already nearly brought NTS into the modern era as a partner with ARES. Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT chairs a committee for the Board of Directors that is ensuring the continued viability and enhanced value of NTS into the future. Close participation in appropriate emergency situations will make NTS more valuable and more highly valued than at any time in its history.

These are just a few of my thoughts and observations. As Amateur Radio continues to evolve, more sophisticated and more durable means of communication will be developed. These forms, largely developed by fell amateurs, will provide increasingly reliable communication under adverse conditions. You who are involved in this effort can take pride in your excellent work.

73, CUL,  
Jim, K8JE

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## **Tour de Cure**

The Tour de Cure bike event, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association will take place on Sunday, June 6. This event consists of four new routes. The 10, 25, 40 and 60 mile routes will need to be covered by our volunteer radio operators. The routes will also make use of some of the Bike Paths, so we are looking for at least two hams who can operate, "bicycle mobile". Sounds like fun. If you are available and would like to help out, call Chuck, KB8FXJ at 866-5928.

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## Education and Upgrade News

Mike Kehr, WA8SYD, and Brian Harrington, WD8MXR, and the rest of the instructors involved with the education committee are setting themselves up with quite a track record. The last class, though it didn't have as many students as expected, had no shortage of ambitious pupils. All of the students passed their test, giving the class a 100 percent pass rate. Let's congratulate our newest hams and fellow club members on their achievement of obtaining their first 'ticket'. They would be: David Harold, KC8ZLY; Becky Eby, KC8ZNX; Michael Roetter, Jr., KC8ZNY; Ismael (Mel) Garza, KC8ZNZ; Laura Dery, KC8ZOA; Deborah Patterson, KC8ZOB and Mark Fowler, KC8ZOC. Way to go!

Also, a special mention concerning a new, returning member, Dave Robichaux, K5EYP, who recently upgraded to Amateur Extra.

Congratulations go out to all!

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## TMRA SWAP AND SHOP:

CURRENT AS OF April 28, 2004

### FOR SALE:

STEVE, W8TER 419-893-9106 or [w8ter@arrl.net](mailto:w8ter@arrl.net). Yaesu 10-160 HF tcvr with 10m FM Board, with matching FP-800 power supply.  
(Date listed 4/25/04) \*

The number of \* following each listing is the number of times that it has been on the Sunday evening Net.

The Swap and Shop is a service of the TMRA, open to all amateurs or interested persons in the coverage area of the repeater.

To list items of Amateur Radio interest, check into the Net Sunday evenings after the TMRA Information Net on 147.27/87, or call me at 419-385-5624, or mail to my address, or leave a message for me on the TMRA packet BBS W8HHF, or if you see me in person, or to my e-mail [bharrington@mco.edu](mailto:bharrington@mco.edu)

The TMRA reserves the right to decline to accept any listing. *Any descriptions of items listed are those of the person listing the item(s).*

Items are kept on the Swap and Shop listing for a period of 4 weeks, i.e. 5 Sundays on the air - after which they are dropped from the list; renewals are welcome. Please notify me promptly when there is no longer a need to continue a listing.

When the TMRA Newsletter is published each month, the then current Swap and Shop listings are included the Newsletter .

Prices are not mentioned over the air, but will be shown in the Newsletter

73 Brian WD8MXR

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## Take the Bus to Dayton

The annual TMRA bus trip to Dayton is planned for Saturday May 15. Every Amateur Radio Operator should visit the Dayton Hamvention at least once. The bus trip is the perfect way to go. No parking problems and no long drive. The bus arrives at the hamfest as the gates are opening and leaves when it closes. The bus will stop for dinner on the way back. Call Mike, WA8SYD, at 476-2947, to reserve your comfortable seat on the bus.

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President, Tom, KB8PAI; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, Randi, KC8IVV;

Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Patti, KC8AKT.

TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org) Webmaster, Corey, KC8HQQ

TMRA W8HHF Repeaters; 29.680-, 147.270+, 224.140-, 442.850+ (TMRA 2 meter, 220, and 440 repeaters operate with a 103.5 "PL", or a touch-tone access code of 1-2-3) Please "ID" before using phone-patch.

(10 digit dialing, \*up and #down)

TMRA W8HHF Packet BBS Frequencies 51.780, 145.690, 223.480, 441.060

The TMRA meets at 7:30 PM every second Wednesday in

The Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. Rossford, Ohio.

The TMRA information net meets every Sunday night at 8:30 PM, followed by the "Swap 'N-Shop" net on the linked 147.270+ and 442.850+ repeaters. All amateurs are invited to check-in. Voice Mail 419-535-6594

Next TMRA meeting on May 12.