



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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



MAY 2005

The Prez Sez:

Well, if you weren't at the last General Meeting of the Association, then you probably don't know this yet; I'm happy to report that the Club is financially sound and we have our budget all laid-out and approved by the membership for this upcoming fiscal year. Thanks to all those involved, especially Chuck, N8NIR our dedicated Treasurer who puts a lot of his time into keeping the Club's monies in the bank, so to speak.

The next big affair is, of course, the 'grand-daddy' of them all: the Dayton Hamvention on May 20th, 21st, and finishing up on the 22nd. Plan now to get your advance ticket, and sign up for the annual TMRA Dayton Bus trip. The bus takes us down for the whole day Saturday (the 21st) of the three day event (we don't stay overnight, mind you). There is probably more information elsewhere in the 'Beacon', but if not, contact Mike Kehr, WA8SYD or myself and we'll set you straight. I highly recommend attending this world-renowned event, and besides that, we have the benefit of having it so close to our proximity, so it is a 'must attend' 'hamfest' at least once in every amateur's career.

Speaking of Dayton, make sure to get your orders for Field Day 2005 t-shirts (and other merchandise) in to Steve, W8TER (again), before May 18. Steve will be getting the goods down in Dayton this year while he is there. The price is right and we can all look alike during the upcoming events! Oh what fun!

That's something else that is around the corner; you guessed right again: Field Day! It is the fourth full weekend in June, this year it is on June 25 and 26 (so you don't have to look it up on your calendars). But make sure to mark it on them (the calendars, that is) and attend this fun time! Steve, W8TER (still?) is chairperson of this annual weekend event, so contact him to tell him how you would like to help out. He has some fun and (terribly) easy tasks he would like you members to take part in.

A spin-off from the Q&A net on Sunday evenings (otherwise known as the Steve and Steve show) is what they are calling 'Mini-Field Day's'. Try to attend these informal gatherings and you'll have another chance to have some fun and talk about one terrific hobby! Check your local listings for time and place(s).

The Lucas County ARES group needs someone to take over as event chairperson. You don't have to work every event (or really any for that matter). You just need to be the coordinator to find persons to head up the events, and pass along the particulars about the event. I'm sure that Bob, K8ADK and/or Dave, K5EYP would be glad to help you work through learning the task. Bob had done this for many years and 'knows the ropes' very well. Contact Chuck, KB8FXJ or another ARES representative for more information.

73 de KB8PAI,
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman
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Some pictures from the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention, in March.



TMRA Is Participating In Field Day On June 25 - 26, 2005

It Is Always The Fourth Full Weekend In June!

All are welcome and encouraged to come out and check out the field day site. (You don't have to be a member of TMRA to participate.)

Get a bite to eat and check out the equipment and even make some eyeball QSO's. Oh, and if you want to operate, you can do that too! There will be a Get On The Air station available.

If you feel so inclined, you can operate a band or help setup. For those that are really gung ho. I need help in the following areas:

1. Invite an elected official
2. Take digital photos and send them to the ARRL.
3. Invite people under the age of 18 to participate.
4. Advertise that field day is going to be on June 25 and 26 at the Wolcott House Museum in Maumee.
5. I need people to help with the information table.
6. I need people to send and receive NTS messages including send a NTS message to the section manager. (We already have the message, we just need someone to pass it from the field day site.)
7. Setup and demonstrate ATV. (We have the equipment.)
8. Copy the W1AW bulletin.
9. Setup and make 5 contacts with solar power on HF.
10. Set up and cook food.
11. Operate a SSB or FM VHF station.

If you want to do some thing else you can do that too. Come out and have some fun! It's not all work!

73

Steve, w8ter



The cast of the ARRL Great Lakes Convention Wouff Hong.

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OTHER TOLEDO AREA AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

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Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service meetings are held on the 4th 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 147.270+ & 146.940-, or others announced by "net control".

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

SARA meets on the 2nd 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 1st 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 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at The Big Boy Restaurant, 1402 Reynolds Road, Maumee. (next to Hampton-Inn hotel) Contact Paul Lentz, K8PL, 419-882-5906. Or email, pelentzk8pl@juno.com

FRAT (52.360, 146.835-, 224.280-, 444.650+) meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. FRAT net follows the Rain Dialup and Amateur News Weekly on Thursday nights starting at 8:30 PM.

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May 2005

TMRA Annual Bus Trip To Dayton

Saturday, May 21, the bus leaves early in the morning and you relax on the way to the Hamvention®. No driving, parking or walking. The bus will drop you off at the front gate. There is lots of storage space on the bus, so there is room for whatever you buy.

Only \$25 gets you a comfortable seat on the bus. All seats have been checked and approved by Mike, WA8SYD. Call him at 4194762947, to make your reservation.

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673
President, Tom, KB8PAI; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, Pat, KC8WQU;
Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Steve, KC8TVW.

Board Members: Dave, KB8EH; Ed, WA8BHO; Scott, N8BIR; Brian, WD8MXR; Howard, W8NEE.

TMRA Home Page www.tmrahamradio.org Webmaster, Becky, KC8ZNX.

- 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 Q & A net meets every Sunday night at 7:30 PM, followed by the TMRA "Information & Swap 'N-Shop" net at 8:30 on the 147.270+ repeater. All amateurs are invited to check-in. *TMRA Voice Mail 419-535-6594*