



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:

Hello everyone. Wow, what a busy month of March we've had! The science fair at UT went well and the Club awarded the three prizes to deserving young men who had interesting topics and presentations. There should be more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter. But special thanks go to Mike, WA8SYD and Matt, KC8DEL for being 'official' judges, and to Jeanne, KD8CZU (vanity call pending) and Tom (friends of the judges) for their interest and support. Because of the conflict with the timing of the science fair I wasn't able to attend the Skywarn training, but I understand that it was a big success and quite a crowd turned out for it. Then of course the Hamfest. Thanks to all the members of the Hamfest Committee and Club members for donating their time and support to this important cause. I think it was a successful event and I hope that everyone that attended had as good of a time as I did. We'll be planning for the next one soon, so if you have any constructive criticisms or praises, let me know and we'll try to integrate them into the next event. A more detailed report on how well the Hamfest did will be in the near future, I'm sure.

It also, has been brought to my attention and I realize that I have been remiss... I haven't recently taken the time to welcome new members to our hobby and to our Club. So here for your reading enjoyment (in no particular order) is a list of either new hams or just new members to the club (some are both, and we appreciate them all!):

Mike Lake, KD8CIK; Barbara Wheeler, KD8CSZ; Gerald Wheeler, KD8CTA; Jeanne Ewald, KD8CZU (vanity call pending); Donald Tucker, KG4GST; Edgar Zysset, N8HB; Richard Brownlee, KA9IVY; Earl Sibbersen, N8KXU; Thomas Copeland, N8MAV; Kathleen Copeland, N8MAW; Sean and Kyle Forrester; Brent Stover, WD8PNZ; Barbara Stover, KC8GWM; Michael Mettler, W8RF; James McWilliams, W6RTG; Kirsten Love, N0SGD; Steve Michalski, KB9UPS; Karen Hess, Gerald Shelton, KC8PCS; Terry Kolton, N8NYP; Patty Rickey, KC8TVX; Ronald Hornbeck, WD8LVF; and Chris Taylor, N8WGB. If I have forgotten anyone I sincerely apologize for the oversight. Make sure to make them feel welcome when you see them or when you may hear them on the air! Otherwise we are almost back on pace with last year's membership numbers and we are at 165 members currently, with many that need a reminder.



Tom, KB8PAI, helps Jeanne, KD8CZU, celebrate her new amateur radio license at the TMRA Hamfest.

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Keep in mind that at the April General meeting we will have the annual Budget presentation for our program. This is an important meeting for all members to attend because it dictates how the Clubs funds will be divvied up for spending during the fiscal year. It's good to be involved in YOUR Club. Another reason to be involved in the Club and the meetings is because we will be doing a By-Laws review again in the next few months. So soon, you ask? It seems like just yesterday we went through this, but during the last review we stipulated to review it every two years... whether it needs it or not! If anyone has any suggestions or thoughts for me to pass along to the By-Laws Review Committee, please let me know in writing soon (via e-mail is okay).

Lastly, coming up on April 18th is the World Amateur Radio Day. Just another excuse to get on the bands and use the privileges we've earned.

73 de KB8PAI,
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Legislative Update

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The FCC has directed the City of Manassas, Virginia and its BPL system operator COMTek to take measurements to make sure its system complies with FCC Part 15 rules. This action was taken due to a complaint lodged by an ARRL member who had filed a complaint for alleged BPL interference.

Attorney Nick Pittner WB8TMF has been appointed Ohio Section State Government Liaison (SGL). He will be monitoring proposed legislation that effects amateur radio in Ohio and will advance ideas that will promote ham radio wherever possible.

Congresswoman Marcy Kapturs office is waiting for the quarterly report from the FCC on BPL due out soon. Her office will then determine which direction on the issue they will take. I urge all licensed members to write to Representative Kapturs office, urging her to co-sponsor House Resolution 230. Make up your own letter and /or use the form letter at www.arrl.org . Please send a copy to myself and I will forward it to the proper people.

VE Testing on March 11

By Steve KC8TVW

Congrats to, New Techs: Bill, KD8CZQ; Peggy, KC8CZR; Larry, KD8CZS; Michael, KD8CZT ;Gary, KD8CZV.

New Tech Plus: Jeanne, KD8CZU.

Upgrade to Extra: Bob, WA8SHH.

Thanks to all the VE's that helped: Tom, N8MAV; Howard, W8NEE; Wayne, KC8WCN; Steve, KB9UPS and Tom, KB8PAI.

Next Session April 8th.

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 146.940-, 147.270+ 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 Tuesday 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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QCWA News

At the regular meeting of the N. W. Ohio QCWA Chapter 142, on February 11, "50 year operating awards" were presented to the following members: Loren Phillips, W8PSK; Martha Hanna K8AAC; Robert Hanna, K8ADK, and Charles Hinkle, W8CFO. A "60 year operating award" went to K. G. Bullock, W8YDJ, and a "75 year operating award" was presented to Alden Cooper, W8BHL, who was originally licensed in 1931.

Paul Lenz, K8PL



TMRA Hamfest/Computerfair



Jim, K8JE and Gary, KI4LA man the ARRL info table.

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The Toledo Mobile Radio Association celebrated its 51st annual Hamfest on Sunday, March 19th. Attendance was estimated at approximately 1700. Both halls of the Lucas County Recreation Center were crowded with vendors and buyers of a wide variety of electronic, radio and computer gear. Even the food vendor had a great day and sold out of many items. Perhaps the happiest person in attendance was John McCarthy of Toledo, who won the \$500.00 main prize drawing at 14:00.



James, WD8IOL, takes a break from his table duties and makes a purchase.

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Thank you, to Brian, WD8MXR, (Hamfest chairman) and his Hamfest Committee, who put in many hours of work to make the event a success. Thank you also to all of the volunteers who sold tickets, helped with security, talk-in or preparing the Rec Center halls for the hamfest. Next year the 2007 TMRA Hamfest will be on Sunday, March 18th, so start planning now for another great hamfest.



A few more pictures from the hamfest: Chris, KC8UFV, provides talk-in services; shoppers at the R&L booth and Fred, KI8BP, from Henry County, demonstrates hamfest sales techniques to his son Mathew.

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LCARES Ham of the Year 2005

Congratulations to Ron Shire, N8APZ, recipient of the 2005 Ham of the year award. He has been instrumental in getting the ACU1000 in the truck, helps with runs, any necessary things that need to be done for ARES and is now LCARES president. The award was presented to Ron by Steve, KC8TVW, (past recipient) at the annual LCARES banquet March 26.

THE TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 9673, TOLEDO, OH. 43697-9673

President, Tom, KB8PAI; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER; Secretary, Brian, WD8MXR;

Treasurer, Chuck, N8NIR; Public Information Officer, Steve, KC8TVW.

Board Members: Dave, KB8EH; Ed, WA8BHO; Scott, N8BIR; Howard, W8NEE; Bob, K8ADK; Steve, KC8TVW.

TMRA Home Page www.tmrahamradio.org Webmaster, Tom, KB8PAI.

- 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*