



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

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



July 2006

## The Prez Sez:

The latest big news is, of course, the Field Day event which will be over by the time you read this, but for those of you who couldn't be there, I'll tell you a little bit about it. We had a great time playing radio; we operated 5A (five club stations running under emergency power) and earned lots of points, even though it is not a contest! If you call it a contest we will deduct points from you! We had a lot of antennas strung through the air and ate quite a few good hot dogs. If you didn't come out to our location, you missed a good time but hopefully you participated from your location; '1D' (one station using commercial power.) A summary of our performance should be forthcoming in a future issue of this newsletter.

We had another Technician class; it has been completed. And in turn, we had a nice turnout of new licensees. Congratulations go to: David, KD8DWT; Joseph, KD8DWN; James, KD8DWQ; Kenneth, KD8DWO; Mary, KD8DWP; Mike, KD8DWS; Bill, KD8DWR; and Mike, KD8DWM. Thanks to Mike, WA8SYD and Steve, KC8TVW for heading up the affair. There is some talk of another Technician class after the new question pool is reviewed and if there is enough interest, possibly a General class (which we haven't had in a very long time.) So, make sure to let Mike know that you would like him to teach you! With the new graduates of the classes and a couple of late renewals that brings our membership totals to 195.

Here are some other random tidbit thoughts:

Monroe had a hamfest on June 18th. I didn't go, but I heard it was nice. I would've went, but it was Father's day, so I was busy being a Father.

More feedback from the members on the scholarship issue I brought up last month would be most welcome. It's not too late to give us your opinion about how the Scholarship monies are handled. See last month's issue for more information or call someone on the Scholarship Committee.

Because of the suggestion of a club member, we have started what is known as an e-mail reflector. You can find it at [www.qth.net](http://www.qth.net). Scroll down the list to find 'TMRA,' click that link, and the information to register is on that page. I think this method of sharing information has a lot of great possibilities and potential. The more users amongst the Club we can have, the better it can be! Anyone interested in the hobby or our Club is welcome to join.

KB8WVL is organizing a monthly foxhunt schedule. The next hunt will be on Saturday, July 15 at 6:30pm, at the Miracle Mile shopping center near Jackman and Laskey Roads. I hope you can attend! Check out the latest at his website: [www.kb8wvl.com](http://www.kb8wvl.com).

Finally, everyone have a safe and happy fourth of July.

73 de KB8PAI,  
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman  
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## Hts, But No Helmets

A Letter To The *ARES E-Letter*

June 21, 2006;

Brevard County, Florida -- During a recent county disaster drill, responders were expected to arrive on the scene ready for deployment. Fire responders showed up in full fire gear, Police in full police gear, CERT members with appropriate gear including helmet, orange safety vest, long pants, shirt, heavy shoes, gloves, face mask, flashlight, as well as HT, and necessary tools. Our ARES members showed up only with their HT, with some in shorts, sandals, no head gear nor uniform/identification of any kind.

ARES responders need to meet the same equipment standards as Fire, Police and CERT personnel. Had ARES members attending our mock drill arrived and reported for an actual event, they wouldn't have been deemed prepared and likely would be sent to NIMS-IC "camp" for training. ARES/ARRL needs to develop gear standards. ARES personnel need to arrive on the emergency site ready to be deployed. Prepared for deployment means ARES members having more than the clothing on their backs and an HT (with only one set of batteries) in their hand!

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## Field Day Photos

By Bob, N8AJP



## 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** 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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, [pelelntzk8pl@juno.com](mailto:pelelntzk8pl@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.

More photos from Bob, N8AJP



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## Coming Up

July 12, TMRA General Meeting. See information below.

July 15, NOARSFEST. Lorain County Fairgrounds. [www.noars.net](http://www.noars.net)

July 16, Van Wert Hamfest. Van Wert County Fairgrounds. (146.850-) [www.w8fy.org](http://www.w8fy.org)

August 27, TMRA Annual Picnic. RSVP to Brenda, KB8IUP.

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: Scott, N8BIR; Bob, K8ADK; Howard, W8NEE; Dave, KB8EH; Steve, KC8TVW.

TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://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*

## TMRA Swap 'N Shop

Contact me to create, remove, or edit a listing at kb8pai@arrl.net or by phone at 419-724-8672.

Current as of June 30, 2006

For Sale:

Ed, WA8BHO 419-474-8046, Icom IC-V8 2 Meter HT, Unused, New-in-the-box, With DC to DC Cable, and Charger. (listed: 6/18, 6/25, )

John, K8DAD 419-265-3607 or toledohamradio@yahoo.com, Family heirloom, an early 1960's Blaupunkt ""Sultan"" tabletop multi-band radio in near mint condition. Covers AM, FM, 6-18MHz SW. Sounds great and features the green "tuning eye." Details or photos are available (listed 6/25, )

Looking For:

John, K8DAD 419-265-3607 or toledohamradio@yahoo.com, Crystals for Regency 2m rigs (10.7 MHz I.F.) Specifically looking for 147.87 / 147.27 crystals for Regency HR-2A (24X transmit multiplier) and 147.975 / 147.375 crystals for HR-2B (18X transmit multiplier). (listed 6/25, )

Free for the Taking:

(No current listings)

The dates following each listing indicate the number of times that the listing has been aired on the Sunday evening net.

The TMRA Swap 'N Shop is a service of the Club, and open to all amateurs or interested persons in the coverage area of the repeater, newsletter, or website. The TMRA reserves the right to decline to accept any listing. Any descriptions of items listed are those of the person listing the items. Items are kept on the Swap 'N Shop list for a period of four weeks, or five Sundays on the air after which they are dropped from the list. Renewals are welcome, but please notify me promptly when there is no longer a need to continue a listing. When the TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon is published each month, the then current Swap 'N Shop listings are included in the newsletter (at the editors' discretion.) Prices are not mentioned over the air, but if known, will be shown in the newsletter or on the website.

There are several ways to list items of Amateur Radio interest:

Check into the Swap 'N Shop Net Sunday evenings after the Information Net (approximately 9PM EST.) on the 147.270 Mhz repeater.

E-mail me at kb8pai@arrl.net

Call me at 419-724-8672

Mail the information to me through the USPS

Thanks to Brian, WD8MXR for all of his years of maintaining the Swap 'N Shop listings! I hope that I can do a good job following in his footsteps.

73 de Tom, KB8PAI