



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:

Hi gang. Here we are deep into the month of April... where has the time gone? I think the time is going to keep flying by because we have so much going on, yet again. But, as I've said before, keeping busy is a good thing... and keeping alive the hobby we all enjoy so much, is a very good thing!

We have many worthwhile things to show for our time invested so far. The Club's 2006 - 2007 budget is finalized for this upcoming fiscal year. Thanks to those members who came to the April General meeting and voted for the proposed plan.

Also going on... we are right in the middle of holding a [Technician](#) license class and will be holding a special test session along with our normal monthly test sessions. The class ends on May 6th, with VE testing for the group. Good luck to all our students (and future Club members.) It sounds like there is a real good chance that there will be enough interest to hold another class soon, so spread the word to anyone you know that would like to get licensed and contact Mike, WA8SYD; wa8syd@arrl.net or Brian, WD8MXR; bharrington@meduohio.edu and let them know to put that person on their list.

Also on the 6th, there is foxhunting planned at 6:30pm. It will start off from Southland Shopping Center near Byrne and Glendale. Though this is not a club sponsored event, all those interested are invited to participate. Check the website of <http://www.kb8wvl.com/Foxhunting%20Main.htm> for the latest information. Thanks to Bob, KB8WVL for trying to revive this fun activity using Amateur Radio.

On May 9th (5/9,) between the times of 5pm to 9pm (5-9,) the plan is to meet at the Swan Creek Metropark (Glendale side) for one of "Steve and Steve's" 'Mini-Field Days.' Hopefully we can set up some equipment and give reports of "Five Nine!" It sounds like there will be food, so show up and meet everyone and have a good time!

Speaking of having a good time... with no introduction necessary... the Dayton Hamvention is coming on May 19th through the 21st. We have our annual bus trip scheduled for the Saturday of the event (May 20th.) Always a good time, an experience that all hams should do at least once, and the bus trip makes it so easy to enjoy! Check with Mike, WA8SYD; wa8syd@arrl.net for more information and reservations. And as Bob Barker's announcer says: "The Price is Right."

Now for a little bookkeeping (or statistics): the Club's membership is at 176, and more interested persons are showing interest everyday. We will be adding to that number when the Technician class(es) are completed. So, tell all your ragchew group friends about how you enjoy being a member of our Club. The more, the merrier!

73 de KB8PAI,
Tom Swartz, President and Membership Chairman
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TMRA'S Mini Field Day

When: Tuesday May 9th

Where: Swan Creek Metropark, Glendale Entrance

Time: 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

It is time to dust the cobwebs off of your portable equipment and take in to the field. The ARRL field day is only about 7 weeks away, so this is a good time to precheck your gear. There will be several type of antennas for you to check out, both HF and VHF/UHF. If you have something new to try out, please bring it out.

I have notified a half dozen local newspapers so hopefully we will have some public interest. I also included the promise to send messages across the country for anyone that shows up. Non-amateurs are welcome.

Lets have a good turnout since we are in a public park and the exposure will be good for the club and Ham radio. See you on the 9th. (Rain date is the 11th)

Steve, KC8TVW

Legislative Update

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On April 3rd staff members from Senator Mike DeWines office were given a tour of the Skywarn facility and the Communications trailer at the 911 building in a bid for support for Senate Bill 1236 The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005. A greater understanding of the role Amateur radio plays in the area of public service was the goal that I believe was accomplished by our presentation. My thanks to Bill Halsey N8XVD and Brenda KB8IUP for making it a success.

In the March issue of NPSTC Spectrum, the newsletter of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council is an article, "Ham Radio and Public Service Ask for FCC Reevaluation of Broadband over Power Lines." The article notes high levels of potential interference in the 30 to 50 MHz range in several locations. The entire article can be seen at www.arrl.org.

Discussions are on going with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office concerning HR.691 The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005. Representative Kaptur cosponsored the same bill in 2004 known then as HR.713. It has since been reintroduced with out changes as HR.691 and I am confident we will get her support again. Please help by sending letters asking for her co-sponsorship for both HR.691 and RESOLUTION 230 BPL. Sample letters can be downloaded from www.arrl.org.

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.

Eighth Call Qsl Bureau Makes Changes, But The Cards Keep Coming Folks

By 8th Area QSL Bureau Chief, Jay Slough, K4ZLE

The latest cycle of incoming QSL cards was mailed from the central 8th area bureau to the letter managers on April 6th. It will take a week or so for the cards to reach the letter managers and then 2 or 3 weeks, quickest, before they are sorted and mailed to individuals.

The incoming bureau is also undergoing some changes. As reported earlier, we have had some changes in letter managers and we expect at least one or two more changes before the next cycle. Specifically, those with an "S" as the first letter in the suffix, should expect a delay in receiving their cards this cycle.

Paul Daley, WT8S, resigned after 10 plus years of handling that letter. He did a great job and his letter was one of the best organized ones. (You 8-S's should drop Paul a note and thank him for his effort.) Jim, K8SIA, has agreed to take the "S" letter and it will be at least a month before he receives all of the back cards, gets set up, sorts the new cycle and sends them out. Please be patient. He is an avid DXer and knows how impatient we get for a bureau shipment.

Another change in bureau operations is that we dropped the "You Got Cards" page from the web site. The effort it took to maintain the page did not justify it's existence. If we find a true need to reinstate it, we will. Until next time, may the A's and K's be Yeahs!

Jay, K4ZLE
8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau Manager

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TMRA Swap And Shop:

Current as of 4/30/2006

For Sale:

N8WAC Tony; 419-666-5178 or natewac@aol.com. VCH1 slow-scan communicator:
(Date listed 4/23/06) **

Looking For:

WB8SJE Bill: 419-874-2593 Drake SW RX # SPR4. to buy or borrow for station picture for QSL card. (Date listed 4/9/06) ****

WD8IOL James: 419-382-4233 a VibroFlex bug. (Date listed 4/9/06) ****

KB8RAF Jim: 419-476-2196 a straight key (Date listed 4/9/06) ****

KD8CZQ Bill: 419-476-7405 a 2m HT (Date listed 4/16/06) ***

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, or call me at 419-385-5624, or mail to my address, or if you see me in person, or mail to my e-mail bharrington@meduohio.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).*

73 Brian WD8MXR

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VE Testing on April 8

By Steve KC8TVW

Congrats to New Techs: Dave, KD8DJV; Patricia, KD8DJW; Joseph, KD8DJX and Berdina, KD8DJY.

New Generals: Jonathan, KB8KLLK and Jim, KB8RAF.

Passed Element 3 - Stacey, KD8DFI.

Thanks to all the VE's who helped: Tom, N8MAV; Brian, WD8MXR; Bob, K3RC; Steve, KB9UPS and Tom, KB8PAI.

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

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

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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*