



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

November 2009



The Prez Sez

At the Club's October meeting Rita, WB8FBG and Dan, KE8UE were elected to the TMRA Board of Trustees. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to serve.

After the September election of Officers the President appoints or re-appoints various committees - the present listing for 2009-2010 is presented below, and again, my thanks to all those who serve the Club on these committees.

You'll note that there is a new position this year on the Hamfest Committee, that of "Forums". Owens Community College has offered us, at no extra charge above the rental cost for the two table areas that we'll use, 2 rooms that we can use as we see fit. They are both in the same building as the 2 gymnasium areas and very close to those. Jim, K8JE has offered us two forum topics and we're hoping to add to those 2 or so of our own originating. Ron NRLH is the person to contact if any TMRA member has any suggestions and/or would be willing to present a forum. We're also planning, now that we have a suitable place for it, to offer VE testing at the Hamfest.

Fort Wayne's Hamfest is the weekend of November 14th and 15th and the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society has generously sent TMRA 4 complimentary admission tickets: we'll raffle those off at our meeting Wednesday Nov 11th.

While our own Hamfest is still over 4 months away, the time will pass quickly and we know that the 2010 even will be somewhat different as far as planning and organizing is concerned and in addition to members volunteering to help with set-up and take-down, security, ticket sales, we'll need extra volunteers to help vendors get their stuff in, and maybe out, of the building efficiently: there can no driving of any vehicles of any type or size into the two gyms where the tables will be.

73, Brian
WD8MXR

TMRA Appointed Positions: October 2009 – September 2010

Technical Committee: Dan, KE8UE and Steve, W8TER (Co-Chairs); Jerry, WJ8E; Dave, KB8EH; Tom, KB8PAI; Mike, WA8SYD; Chuck, KB8FXJ; Steve, N8XSF; Steve, KB9UPS; Brian, WD8MXR; Ken, KD8DWO; Jeff, KC8NNO; Chris, KC8UFV & Ron, N8RLH.

Control Operators: Dave, KB8EH; Tom, KB8PAI; Chuck, KB8FXJ; Paul, N8XDB; Brian, WD8MXR; Jim, KC8BAA; Steve, W8TER & Ron, N8RLH

Packet BBS sys-op: Steve, N8XSF.

Education: Mike, WA8SYD & Steve, KC8TVW

Membership: Tom KB8PAI

Challenger Committee: Steve, W8TER (Chair); Chris, KC8UFV; Bob, K8ADK; Dave, KB8EH; Brenda, KB8IUP; Steve, KB9UPS; Ron, N8RLH; Mike, WA8SYD; Rita, WB8FBG; Brian, WD8MXR; Steve, KC8TVW; Reed, KD8HYY & Pat, KC8IQU

Equipment Manager: & Flower (Get-well/sympathy cards): Brian, WD8MXR

TMRA Representatives to the LCARES Board of Trustees: Chuck, KB8FXJ & Ron, N8RLH

Field Day: Steve, W8TER (Chair)

Programs: VACANT, need volunteer(s)

Hamfest Committee: Brian, WD8MXR Chair; Steve, W8TER Security; Brenda, KB8IUP Treasurer; Rita, WB8FBG Tickets; James, WD8IOL Tables; Tom, KB8PAI Set-up; Mike, WA8SYD Prizes; Chris, KC8UFV Talk-In; Steve, KC8TVW Publicity; Chuck, KB8FXJ Set-up/Communications & Ron, N8RLH Forums

By-Laws Review Committee: Budget Committee: Audit Committee: To be named at the appropriate times

Statutory Agent: Brent, WD8PNZ

TMRA Ham of the Year 2009

Rita Baker, WB8FBG

Rita is an Extra Class licensee, who is a Volunteer Examiner (VE) and has helped at our local TMRA test sessions. She has been a member of TMRA for several years, and consistently renews her membership early. She has provided assistance with our previous hamfests. She has an interest in Skywarn, going to the big weather / Skywarn Training session Elkhart, IN. She has assisted with our Challenger Learning Center project and the ISS contacts that we have sponsored. Rita has also been on at least one Audit Committee (as Treasurer of course). She also volunteers a lot of her time for various organizations.

Obviously the big reason Rita is deserving of our award is that she took on the task of bringing the financial records up to date. She served one year as Treasurer and is now a trustee for TMRA.



Rita, WB8FBG received the 2009 TMRA Ham of the Year Award from Dave, KB8EH at the October meeting. *kb8fxj photo*

Dave, KB8EH

Ohio Single Sideband Net Changes Evening Operation Time

Wednesday, November 04, 2009 08:57

The following comes from Ron West, N8OD, Net Manager of the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN): Due to propagation changes, the OSSBN has rescheduled their evening sessions to 6:15PM Local Time, effective immediately. The net frequency remains the same (3972.5 kHz). The morning and afternoon sessions will still be held at 10:30AM and 4:15PM, respectively. If any further time/frequency changes are required, a notice will be issued ASAP.

73, Frank Piper KI8GW

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Jamboree On The Air - JOTA 2009

Ever wonder why we have so much fun? I can remember the first time I saw a radio in operation and I was amazed that it could do what it would do.

The children are our future and in their future it is what we can encourage them to pursue. Hopefully it would be their dreams and likes. The time of their lives is now as they watch and touch and wonder about what they are experiencing. This is not the kind of stuff you can get from accessing the Internet, nor is it the type of stuff you can get without being there and experiencing things. This is part of what ham radio is. It is experimenters and elmers sharing with children and young adults what we can do with radio, and letting them know that they too can accomplish this. There is a way to take their interest in the technical and have fun learning and experimenting. What we do at the JOTA event is let them know it exists and it is waiting for them. If we are able to steer them and show them where they can get the equipment, the Elmering, the place and the stuff they need to put it all together, we can help them to have fun as children and to pursue an interest in experimentation of communication and construction of the likes that most do not get a chance to partake in. For some there is no garage they can build stuff in. Others did not know they too have an ability to create and experiment while having fun. Hams like us are doing a good thing by helping them to get to a point where they can accomplish this. It is something we should continue to pursue.

Many thanks to the tremendous job that all have done to make JOTA a success as an event for TMRA and as a fun and memorable time for the scouts. There are several individuals that should be thanked for their efforts and involvement with JOTA and undertaking the teaching of the youth.



Scouts and their leaders explore the world of amateur radio at Camp Miakonda.
w8ter photo

I would like to point out that Doug, AB8XW has been involved with scouts for many years both at Camp Pioneer and Camp Miakonda and setup a very accessible digital station for the youth to interact with.

Steve, KC8TVW also has been involved with scouting and he set up a CW station and an FM voice station providing the youth with voice conversation and the thrill of sending Morse Code through an oscillator. They are amazingly able to pick up and understand how to send Morse code and spell their names with it.

Steve, KB9UPS brought out his satellite station and as always was a great success at making satellite contacts and setting up a link to listen to another JOTA station attempt to make a contact with the ISS

Chris, KC8UFV created a fox, hid it, and the youth were having a great time hunting down that little fellow.



Chris, KC8UFV, assists fox hunting scouts.
kb8fxj photo

Becky, KC8ZNX and the ARES van were there for the youth to explore and visit. Many hams came out and gave their support. All provided an excellent service. In my opinion, JOTA has been a great success in the past

couple of years and hopefully we will continue to support the scouts and the event. Contributing to the youth's activities is an excellent way to promote ham radio and we should consider it an investment in the future of ham radio. Besides...it is a lot of fun!

Steve, W8TER

Change of Local ARES Net Time

Beginning Thursday November 5, the Northwest Ohio Ares Traffic Net will move to 6:10 p.m. This is due to the fact that the Ohio Single Sideband Net has moved to 6:15 p.m. This change will be in effect until the OSSBN changes the time of the Ohio Single Sideband Net.

Thanks,
Colleen Roth, N8TNV, Net Manager

2009 ARES S.E.T. Drill

Lucas County ARES in coordination with Wood County ARES will be conducting a Simulated Emergency Training (S.E.T.) Drill on November 17th. It is a Tuesday evening and the drill will be starting at 6:00 PM and running until 9:00 PM. This drill will include voice and digital communications on both VHF and HF. We will be conducting formal and directed nets for the drill and stations checking into the nets may participate from home. Check-ins are encouraged even if you cannot participate for the full three hours. For Lucas County ARES the drill will start on the TRAC 146.940 repeater at 6:00 PM. This repeater has a PL of 103.5. We are in need of operators to be deployed to hospitals and other strategic places to test equipment and help communicate during the drill. For more details contact Bill, WN8RUG, <wn8rug@arrl.net>; Bob, W8NYY, <w8nyy@arrl.net> or Steve, W8TER, <w8ter@arrl.net>. If you have never participated in a SET drill we encourage you to participate. If you wish to be placed with someone, that can be arraigned as well. This drill is for the purpose of training and is open to all amateurs.

Thanks in advance for your participation.
Steve Bellner, W8TER

Nov 14 & 15, Fort Wayne Hamfest. Info at www.fortwaynehamfest.com

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

TMRA W8HHF Repeaters; 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.