



# TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

March 2013



## The Prez Sez

When you read this, our 2013 Hamfest on March 17<sup>th</sup> may be a thing of the past, but hopefully it is still in the future – your future - and that you will be a participant, either as a paying attendee and/or as a volunteer to help make it run smoothly and successfully. Volunteers are needed for set-up Saturday morning and afternoon, helping vendors bring in their stuff (if they want help), security at the doors Saturday afternoon and evening, ticket sales Sunday morning, security at the doors Sunday, talk-in Sunday morning, helping vendors take out their unsold stuff (if they want help), take-down and general clean-up Sunday afternoon. Our Hamfest runs smoothly because of our volunteers: to volunteer to help contact Chris, KC8UFV, for Talk-In; Skeet, KD8KXD, for ticket sales; Steve, KC8TVW, for the VE session; Tom, KB8PAI, for set-up and tear-down; Steve, W8TER, for security See us at our next meeting on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> or contact me (419-385-5624 or email [wd8mxr@gmail.com](mailto:wd8mxr@gmail.com)) and I'll put you in touch with the appropriate person(s) or have them contact you. Again this year we'll be giving \$5.00 food vouchers for the food service at the Hamfest to those members who put in at least one hour of helping time.

At the February General Meeting, the 2 proposed changes to the TMRA By-Laws were approved by the members present. Section II Membership, Section II 3 c was changed to "Student membership: a person who is a full-time student up to and including college who has submitted a completed application form with membership dues in the amount of one fourth (1/4) of the regular dues." Section VII Executive Committee, Section VII 2 was changed to "The Executive Committee shall meet three (3) times per year or at the call of the President, at a time and place announced in the newsletter and/or at a regular meeting of the Association." The Executive Committee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of March to review the proposed Budget for FY 201-14. Future meetings after that will be scheduled as needed and announced in the Newsletter and at the General Meetings.

If any member would like to be on the Budget Committee, please let me know: it takes 2 – 3 hours one evening soon after the Hamfest (when we know how we did financially) to review the income and plan our spending for the next Financial Year which starts May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LCARES) needs more support from amateurs in the area – not only from Lucas County: you can cross county lines and be a member of ARES in another county other than the one in which you reside; you can be a member of more than one county ARES. The LCARES General Meeting is held at St. Luke's Hospital (meeting room in the basement) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00am, with several of us eating breakfast before the meeting in the very reasonably-priced hospital cafeteria. The position of LCARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) is vacant – contact Brent WD8PNZ if you are interested in being considered for that position.

73, Brian WD8MXR

## Request for Field Day Band Captains

The primary objective of Field Day is to make as many contacts as possible on as many bands as possible. This takes organization as well as operating skills. This year we intend to use "band captains" to better organize operations. Our plan is to have one band captain for each band who will organize and schedule radio operators for each mode: voice, digital, and CW. Many of you have undertaken the task of operating specific bands. This year we are requesting that you consider being a band captain and help turn our Field Day into an all-inclusive operating event. We intend that anyone wishing to operate may contact a band captain to schedule operating time. Operating time will vary with band conditions and operator availability. Depending on the band, we will need operators during daylight hours and throughout the night. As a suggestion, band captains might consider limiting operating slots to two-hour increments if feasible.



W8TER, Field Day Chairman and W8MUK, Field Day assistant request that Band captains also assist in deciding where to place antennas. Things have changed since our last Field Day at Wolcott House, so we have a new opportunity to test our creative thinking and perhaps introduce an element of competition. If you would like to be a band captain, please contact Steve Bellner, W8TER@arrl.net. Any licensed ham may volunteer. We are hopeful that those who have operated in field day of the past will continue to do so in normal volunteer fashion. Our ultimate goal for Field Day is to enjoy ourselves, expose amateur radio to the public, and have as many club members participate and enjoy this annual event.

We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Thanks for listening.

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*A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.*

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## Ohio HF Net And Digital Net Information

W8SGT is facilitating the Ohio HF Net every Tuesday at 6PM. The net is run from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Columbus on the Ohio ARES Admin frequency 3875 kHz LSB. At, or about 6:20PM, the net switches to the alternate frequency of 7240 kHz. All are welcome to check in. Anyone with questions or comments regarding the net should send an email to [w8sgtohio@gmail.com](mailto:w8sgtohio@gmail.com). Please note, effective March 5th, the W8SGT net will be changing from 6pm to 7pm.

The Ohio ARES/OES Digital Emergency Net is held every Tuesday at 8PM. This net is held on 3585 kHz USB. All are welcome to check in. This net is looking for additional net control stations. Anyone interested in being a net control station is encouraged to contact the Net Manager. Anyone with questions or comments should send Net Manager Gary NJ8BB and email to [nj8bb@ohden.org](mailto:nj8bb@ohden.org). Be sure to check out the new website <http://www.ohden.org/> for details.

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### **2013 SKYWARN®**

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### **Lucas County SKYWARN® TRAINING**

The National Weather Service (NWS), in conjunction with Lucas County SKYWARN® and the Lucas County Emergency Management Agency, will be holding a SKYWARN® Severe Weather Spotter Training class on

**Saturday, March 23th 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

**St. Luke's Hospital Auditorium in Maumee, Ohio.**

*\*The class will last around 2 hours and includes a multimedia presentation.*

Gary Garnet, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Cleveland, Ohio, organizes the training each spring. It is open to all citizens interested in severe weather recognition, reporting, safety and teaches:

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- Identifying potential severe weather features
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- How to report information
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All interested individuals are encouraged to attend this free training for all ages and it is not necessary to pre-register for this training. Those who attend and complete the program will be registered with the National Weather Service Cleveland Forecast Office and will be issued a SKYWARN® Spotter ID card at the training.

For more information contact:  
Tim McConoughey  
Lucas County Skywarn Coordinator  
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## Hospital Radios

We are asking for Ham radio operators in the area to join in learning how to provide emergency backup communications for the local hospitals. If you are interested please join us on Wednesday March 6th at the Maumee Branch Library, 501 River Rd. in Maumee. We are asking for volunteers to learn the operating procedures needed for accessing and using the ID 880 HD radios assigned to the local Hospitals. There are only a few items to learn but it is easier to show and allow hands on rather than explain it over the air. (It will not be a dry lesson from the instruction booklet.) We wanted to keep it simple, and it is.

Please plan on attending the instruction in the committee room at the Maumee Branch Library. Come early or late. Instruction starts at 6 pm and is over at 8 pm.

Bring your EmComm laptop and a thumb drive if you have one. If you don't, please bring yourself.

73,

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***BE SURE TO ATTEND THE NEXT TMRA MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> .  
IMPORTANT HAMFEST INFORMATION.***

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President, Brian, WD8MXR; Vice-President, Steve, W8TER;

Secretary, Ron, N8RLH; Treasurer, Brenda, KB8IUP.

Board Members: Glenn, W8MUK; Joe, KJ0EYT; James, WD8IOL; Rita, WB8FBG; Dan, KE8UE.

TMRA Home Page [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org) Webmasters, Tom, KB8PAI & Joe, KJ0EYT

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)

D-Star Repeater: 442.750 APRS: 144.390

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.