



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

September 2013



The Prez Sez

At the August General Meeting, the members present elected Dan, KE8UE, to fill the remainder of Rita's, WB8FBG, term as Trustee. Rita is moving to Tennessee; we wish her well and thank her for her support and efforts for the Club – she has been Membership Chairperson, ticket Chairperson for the Hamfest, Treasurer, member of Audit Committees, and is a recipient of TMRA Amateur of the Year Award.

At our September General Meeting we will have Matt, W8DEC, ARRL ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) as our guest speaker: he will talk on emergency communications. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a member of TMRA to attend – and this applies to all our General Meetings, not just this one. Come early – as Matt has to get back to the Cleveland area, we'll start with his presentation promptly at 7:30pm

Also at our September General Meeting, the recipient of the 2013 TMRA Amateur of the Year will be announced.

At our August meeting we had further discussion about sites for Field Day. No decision was made, other than to give members a couple more months to think about sites and make suggestions to Steve, W8TER and Glenn, W8MUK, (see last month's Newsletter). As some locations need 6 months advance notice, we will take a vote at the November meeting.

Members of the Technical Committee met several weeks ago at our storage lock-up and came up with a list of stuff that we decided was not really needed by the club, but was taking up valuable space in the storage, and which TMRA members may find a use for. The list was available at last month's meeting and some items were taken: a list of the remaining stuff is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

73, Brian, WD8MXR

***The next TMRA meeting date is, Wed, September 11
The Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. Rossford, Ohio
Matt, W8DEC, ARRL ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)
will be our guest speaker***

The 71st Findlay Hamfest

Make plans now to attend the Findlay Hamfest on Sunday September 8. The location is same as before, The Hancock County Fairgrounds. Flea market opens at 07:30 and the buildings open at 08:00. Talk-in is on 147.15+ or 444.15+. the fairgrounds address is 1017 E. Sandusky St. Findlay, OH.

Highlites from *Ohio Section News* for August 23, 2013

SEC's Soap Box...

A little over 25% of the counties in Ohio do not have an Emergency Coordinator and/or ARES program. Check out <http://www.arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ec-open-list.html> to find out which counties are vacant.

The Emergency Coordinator is one of the most important positions in the ARES program. Much like any ARRL appointee, there is no doubt being an Emergency Coordinator requires time and effort. But it's not difficult.

Being an EC doesn't mean you have to do everything. In my article for the Ohio Section News, I talk about delegation. The EC should delegate duties and responsibilities so he or she can focus on the tasks at hand.

Volunteers often get "burned out" by taking on too much. Delegation is a powerful tool in effective and efficient leadership.

I am looking for volunteers with a "can do" attitude to step up and lead from the front. Maybe you'd like to be the next Emergency Coordinator but have questions first. Not a problem, call me or email me and I will answer all your questions. If I do not know the answer, I am not afraid to say I don't know. I'll find out and get back to you in a reasonable amount of time. If you're not the leader type, that's ok. Maybe you know someone who is. Point them in my direction. Give them my phone number and my email address. If you'd rather me talk to them, give me their contact info. The bottom line is we know there are great volunteers in the Ohio Section. You just might know them a helluva lot better than I do. Help me find the next Emergency Coordinator.

That's all for this week. Thank you very much for all you do for amateur radio! My name is Matt Welch and I approve this message. ;-)

73

Matt, W8DEC

Section Emergency Coordinator

~~HOT~~ GREAT NEWS!!

The All Ohio ARES Conference has been approved by the ARRL Board of Directors and is now an ARRL Convention! It's now listed amongst all the other hamfests and conventions on the www.arrl.orgwebsite! Many thanks to those who helped make this happen.

Online registration is *OPEN* for the All Ohio ARES Conference on Saturday, November 9th at the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg, OH. We have a great lineup of presenters so far but there's room for more. This conference is the perfect venue to teach us something you know about public service communications, digital communications, emergency/disaster communications, or even show us something you made, constructed, built, or bought!

Calling all Emcomm vehicles/trailers! The All Ohio ARES Conference is a great place to show-off communications vehicles/trailers! Don't forget about the Go-Boxes! 2012 marked the largest go box display this Section has ever seen! There were 105 people in attendance! Help make 2013 better than ever! We can't do it without you! Go to <http://www.arrl-ohio.org/SEC/default.html> to register.

FREE FREE FREE FOR THE TAKING

ICOM has an online Amateur Radio Tool Kit where you can download free digital copies of the tool Kit. The Tool Kit consists of:

U.S.A. Amateur Band Plan – a color-coded chart of the US ham radio bands and country codes

New Rules for the 60 Meter (5 MHz) Band - On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O), defining new rules for the 60 meter

U.S.A. Amateur Grid Square Map - An invisible grid, based on 1°latitude by 2° longitude, encompasses the globe and is used for geographic location and identification

Ham Radio Terms - glossary contains general definitions of typical amateur radio terms for new and experienced operators alike

CQ DX Zones of the World - a double-sided world map showing the CQ DX Zones and the ITU Zones. Each map uses an Albers Equal Area projection. With color-coded regions and a list of country codes, this map serves as an illustrative tool to help you in any DX adventure!

Check out the ICOM website to download the kit. Here is the link:
<http://icomamerica.com/en/amateur/amateurtools/default.aspx> - ©2013
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SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS IN OHIO

09/01/2013 | QCWA Chapter 212 10th Anniversary
Sep 1-Sep 30, 0001Z-2359Z, WQ8CWA, Newark, OH. QCWA Mid-Ohio Chapter 212. 21.365, 14.262, 7.244, 3.810.
QSL. Bob Cashdollar, 1319 Granville Rd, Newark, OH 43055.
This is a month long celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) MID-OHIO Chapter 212. Just like the old days a stamped QSL card will be sent to all stations. SASE is not required. www.qrz/db/wq8cwa

09/07/2013 | 125th Anniversary of Corwin OH Circus Train Wreck Sep 7, 1600Z-2359Z, W8C, Corwin, OH. West Chester Amateur Radio Association. 21.350 14.250 7.250.
QSL. Mike Braun, PO Box 913, West Chester, OH 45071. Also working the OSPOTA event same day.
wc8voa.org

09/07/2013 | Ohio State Parks On the Air Sep 7, 0800Z-1400Z, W8NCK, Fremont, OH. Sandusky Valley Amateur Radio Club. 7.240. QSL. John B. Stahl, 1700 County Rd 157, Fremont, OH 43420.
johnbstahl@gmail.com

09/07/2013 | Williams County Fair Sep 7-Sep 13, 0900Z-2300Z, W8JDM, Montpelier, OH. Williams County Amateur Radio Club. 14.225. Certificate. Williams County ARC, 3440 County Rd 9, Bryan, OH 43506. Our club will have a booth at our local county fair with radios in operation to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the Public www.w8jdm.org

09/14/2013 | National Road & "S" Bridge-185 years old Sep 14, 1400Z-2200Z, W8VP, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association. 14.260 7.235. Certificate & QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. Celebrating 185th anniversary of the National Road & "S" Bridges. 9th Special Event in CARA's year-long 100th Birthday Celebration. QSL. Certificate available for anyone who works ALL 12 of CARA's monthly Special Events of 2013 www.w8vp.org

09/21/2013 | 69th anniversary of the dedication of the Voice of America Bethany Relay Station near Cincinnati, Ohio Sep 21, 1600Z-2359Z, WC8VOA, West Chester, OH. West Chester Amateur Radio Association. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate & QSL. Mike Braun, PO Box 913, West Chester, OH 45071. wc8voa.org

09/22/2013 | MARA Annual Swap Meet Sep 22, 1200Z-1700Z, W8DYY, Miamisburg, OH. Mound Amateur Radio Association. 14.235. QSL. Mound ARA, PO Box 1262, Miamisburg, OH 45342. www.w8dyy.org

OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR

Ohio has a contest called Ohio State Parks on the Air. This activity is sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) and will be on the air on September 7 of this year. A certificate is available for this contest. The rules, full details, a list of Ohio State Parks and a letter of explanation for park employees can be found on the event website <http://www.ospota.org/ospota/index.php>. They are counting on everyone scoring even better this year. Check this out and see if you can find a State Park to activate.

September 15

Adrian Hamfest

Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Talk-in Freq.- 145.37 (85.4)

Info at w8tqe.com

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Ohio QSO Party Day

Interestingly enough we were looking to check out our grab and go kits on Saturday August 24th and I discovered that my Solar panel controller unit was not working. It was then that I realized the battery I was carrying had a built in charge controller. I knew it was there but it never occurred to me that I could use it to control the charge of my battery.

If it was not for the Ohio QSO party I would not have realized my controller was not working. This is why we try to play mini field day with the Ohio QSO party event. Seems like a good time to check our emergency equipment and play radio for a day.

If you have not attended one of TMRA's mini field days you should consider it the next time one is scheduled. This year we had it at the Maumee Fire Station Number Two. We ate hotdogs and potato chips, and potato salad. The event was attended by several operators who spent much of the time experimenting and making contacts with stations trying to contact Ohio such as LX7I from Luxemburg or the other station from Slovakia. (I do not remember the call).

I am hopeful you might be able to attend the next "mini field day" and check out your grab and go gear.

73,

Steve / W8TER

TMRA Equipment Disposal (August / September 2013)

4 drawer black file cabinet minimum bid - \$15.00 ; Equipment box – wall mount – approx 2' x 18" x 18" - make offer; Channel Master antenna rotor, control box and (unknown length) cable - \$15.00 ; Panasonic KX P2023 dot matrix printer - \$5.00 or best offer ; 19" monitor (CRT) - \$5.00 or make offer ; 19" TV/monitor (CRT) - \$5.00 or make offer ; Wall/Hanging mount for one of the 19" monitors - \$20.00 or free with a monitor ; One cup coffee pot – free ; Several lengths (estimated >100' each) RG6 coax with connectors, each - \$5.00 ; Two Icom HT IC 4AT (440MHz) - each - make offer (these HTs have various battery packs and wall charger) ; Radio Shack NiCad charger # 23-132A - make offer ; Radio Shack NiCad charger # 23-134 - make offer.

All equipment is "as is" and can be picked up at the TMRA storage shed in Maumee. Contact Steve W8TER or Dan KE8UE or Brian WD8MXR

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TMRA Home Page 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 on the second Wednesday of every month in
The Electrical Industry Building, Lime City Rd. Rossford, Ohio.