



TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon

December 2021



Merry Christmas



From the Prez, Steve W8TER

TMRA members,

I bid you Seasons Greetings and the best of happenings.

December being the start of winter and the end of the year I look forward to 2022 to hopefully bring us closer to normal

November of 2020 saw me accept the position of club president. I have never presided over anything before and this has been a learning process for me this past year. I am used to being a hands-on person so this has been an exceptional challenge for me to overcome.

Since 1953 TMRA has been known for the hamfest, the repeaters, the meetings and operating events in which the members of TMRA have become accustomed to.

Despite some intentions to improve the organization we have been lambasted with the threats and warnings of Covid 19 and the variant that exists with it. It has caused us to miss many functions and so my hope is high that this coming year our preferred ways of normality may again become more prevalent.

Times have changed and I look to the TMRA members to change with them. There is a different way of doing things now that was not normally done just a few years ago.

TMRA has great potential to be the catalyst for those who get licensed because of their great interest in not just communication, but of being an important part of a group who has one thing in common: RADIO.

TMRA has the ability to create and share with educational hands-on for radio operators.

Radio operators, enthusiasts, novices, aficionados, and preppers know, when all else fails, only those who know and understand more than just a little about radio and radio waves will still be operating on air.

Get involved with Toledo Mobile Radio. Learn and gain as you participate with TMRA members and their committees and events.

OPERATE! Ham Radio operators do it with more frequency.

73,

Steve/W8TER

TMRA MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already renewed, TMRA memberships for the current year have already expired on June 30th! Becoming a member of TMRA shows your support for the club and is now the only source of income for the club. For certain club activities, membership is required for insurance coverage. The fastest, easier way to renew is through Paypal at www.tmrahamradio.org/store

You can charge a one time payment with a credit card for a very small fee if you do not already have a Paypal account. .



ARES News
From Tim, KD8IZU
boxcar@toast.net.

Please always keep in touch through ARES in Brief Net on Sunday Nights at 7:30 or the ARES IO Group. If you have questions, you can contact Tim KD8IZU

Please use the repeaters as much as possible.

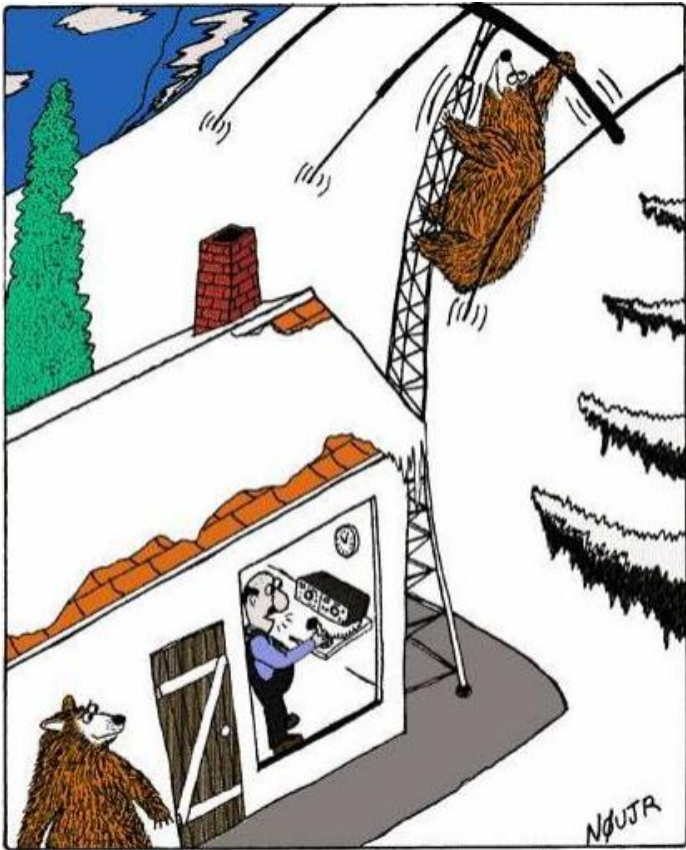
KD8IZU has issue a fund raising challenge, "Donate your spare change to LCARES". Contact Tim KD8IZU for details.

NWS Cleveland will be conducting a virtual Winter SKYWARN Training, December 6, 2021, at 10am. Please use the link below to register.

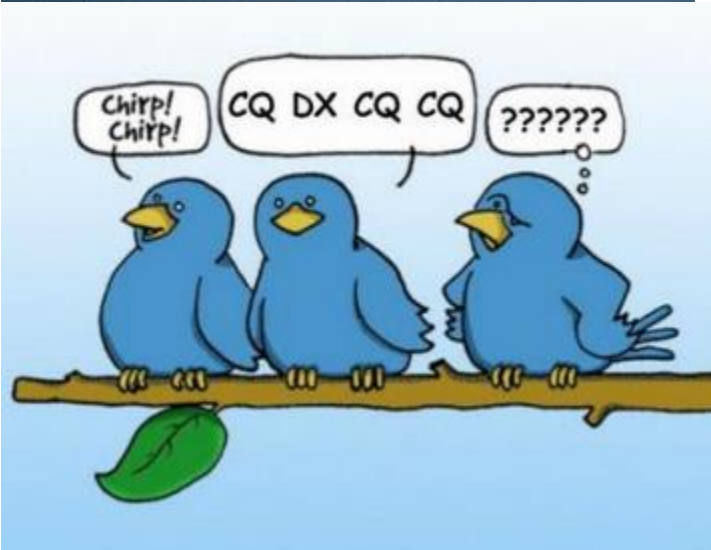
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Ham Radio Humor





"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."



Above three from Dave, KD8TVN

HOW I THINK I SOUND



HOW PEOPLE SAY I SOUND



HOW I REALLY SOUND





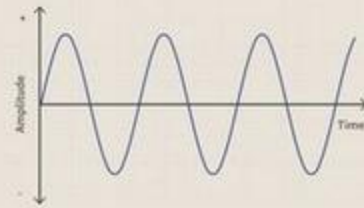
AMATEUR RADIO FILLS MY LIFE

(AND EMPTIES MY WALLET)

IT ALSO FILLS MY JUNK DRAWERS,
MY ATTIC, MY GARAGE, MY CLOSETS,
THE SPARE BEDROOM, AND DOZENS
OF BOXES IN MY BASEMENT.

Car bumper sign in front of me.
Driver carries no Cash...
he's **a ham.**

AMATEUR RADIO:



THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING WAVES.

Dale's Tales

Dale's Tales for December

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for December 2021.

HAMVENTION: After a two year hiatus, the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn. has everything in gear to bring us back to the major ham radio event in the world. And it all happens here in the Great Lakes Division. It is major, it is local, and we all can step out and support Hamvention by being there. Go for all three days or go for one day, just be there!

See the super-sized ham radio flea market, visit the vendor booths and see the latest and greatest radio products, attend the forums and get updated on that-is-happening-now in ham radio. Get those plans in place to attend in 2022.

Here are some words from the Hamvention Committee:
Special for the Great Lakes Division "Dale's Tales"

Ticket, booth and flea market space sales for Hamvention 2022 are underway earlier than usual. In the past, these sales have not opened until late December. General Chairman Rick Allnutt, W8SG, said the earlier sales were made possible through the hard work of several of committee chairs and the Assistant General Chair, Jim Storms, AB8YK.

Storms said that anyone who rolled over Hamvention tickets, booths or flea market spaces from 2020 or 2021 should have received 2022 tickets by now. If they have not they should contact the appropriate committee: tickets@Hamvention.org, exhibits@Hamvention.org or fleamarket@hamvention.org.

According to Storms and Allnutt, sales thus far suggest that 2022 should be a good year for Hamvention which was cancelled in 2019 and 2020 because of Covid-19. Allnutt added that several changes are in the works to improve the Hamvention experience for all the hams attending.

Hamvention, an official ARRL Sanctioned Event, will be held Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 2022 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For more information visit www.hamvention.org

CONGRATULATIONS: 78 ARRL members in our Great Lakes Division are celebrating their 50th Anniversary as ARRL members. Each individual will soon be receiving their 50 Year Commemorative Pin from the League.

We have not been able post the awards in the past, but now we have the opportunity to individually list the members in the Great Lakes Division who have recently achieved this honor. When you see them, please extend to them sincere congratulations.

Here is the listing of those to be recognized for their long term service.

From the Kentucky Section: Thomas T Frishe K4TZ, William I Donnermeyer Jr NM4A, Randell Young W4DRY, John V Morton WA4UMR, Barry Jackson WB4N, Peter Kragh K2UPD, and William K Alverson K4LM.

From the Michigan Section: Jon Griswold, Gary A Helmic, William G Le Lacheur, Samuel I Salo, Theodore A Rachwal K8AQM, Stanley Barczak K8MJZ, Robert E Inman K8QFH, Steven C Wolf KC8BW, Rick Arzadon N8XI, John A Forslund N9EZ, Henry Greg Chapoton NA8V, Roger A Shipman NG8O, Keith D Harris W8KD, Ray Stilwell WA4MLD. John M Ceranski WA8ALQ, Howard C La Tourneau WA8ILQ, Craig B Malkowski WB8FVA, Larry T Nitz WB8HGR, Michael A Hall WB8ICN, Kenneth R Appleman WB8IKJ, Dennis J Burger WB8JZC, Paul C Walcott WD8H, Ronald J Wilson, Bill Parris AA4R, Frederick K Crosher K6FC, Richard S

Larsen K8MW, Robert J Hitchens K8VQC, John Gibson NO8V, Albert G Krieger W8BXV, Stephen C Dible W8CRH, Col Ret Ken M Irish Jr W8JVP, Richard L Johnson W8YV, and Alan E Van Antwerp WA8LKV.

From the Ohio Section: Anthony E Baltuz, Paul F Thacker, Alan R Smith, George A Proudfoot K3GP, John E Bastin K8AJS, Grant A Powell K8BCI, George E Benko K8BRW, Del R Muckenfuhs K8DEL, Robert R Kenyon K8LJ, John F Limbach K8NN, Gerald E Murphy K8YUW, Ltc Clifford E Hauser KD6XH, Doyle W Braun KI8L, Dr Robert D Hinkle KK8ZZ, Dr Edward A Wilson KØKC, Patrick C Green N8CQV, Joseph P Browne W2QID, David R Groen W8DRG, Stephen W Wolf W8IZ, Dr Don P Smith W8KGL, Norman J Bayse W8NJB, Thomas Harold Tenney W8OJM, Gerry L Geisel WA8ZPP, K M Samuelson WB8IEA, John L Dolnacko WB8IYR, Scott T Renz WB8JLT, Gene V Anderson WB8KKU, David A Jones WB8MON, David R Kishler WB8ODK, Dennis R Hildebrandt WB8WAA, Donald L Goodwin WB8YIC, Alfred Richardson Jr, Martin Davidoff K2UBC, Thomas J Bedocs K8DMM, Frederick R Schneider K9OHE, James J Martin W8AC, Robert Biggs WA8CBA, Gerd H Schrick WB8IFM, and Richard A Glenn W8GQO.

SCOTT'S STUFF: Comments from your ARRL Vice Director Scott, N8SY.

Merry Christmas; Mele Kalikimaka; Joyeux Noël; Frohe Weihnachten; Feliz Navidad; Buon Natale; Feliz Natal; Vrolijk kerstfeest; Crăciun fericit; Wesolych swiat Bozego Narodzenia; God Jul; Veselé Vánoce or however you may pronounce it, Christmas is just 24 days away! Have you been good? I sure hope so and I hope that you get everything on your list as well!

I want to give a big shoutout to all the folks that have reached the 50-year mark with the ARRL (see listing in this newsletter). This is a huge milestone and if you happen to see any of these folks out and about, be sure to congratulate them on this huge accomplishment.

Do you have a child that is preparing for college? Are you touring campuses and working on that mountain of paperwork to help pay for tuition? Are they applying for scholarships and are looking for more of them? Hey, have you looked at the scholarships being offered through the ARRL? Applications for the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program are being accepted now through December 31, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2022 via USPS mail and email.

All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators [NOTE: Active foreign amateur radio operators are eligible for the ARDC Scholarships]. All applicants must submit a completed online application.

NEW THIS YEAR: The ARRL Foundation is utilizing a new Scholarship Management Platform for the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarships.

Applicants will no longer choose which scholarships they would like to apply for; instead, the new software will match the applicants with all of the scholarships they qualify for. Transcripts and any additional required documents must be submitted WITH the application and not emailed separately as was done in the past. A number of scholarships require additional documents, such as a letter of recommendation from a sitting Officer of an ARRL-affiliated club. Applications without accompanying transcripts and additional required documents (if applicable) will not be considered. The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee will review all applicants for eligibility and award decisions. Want more information? Here's a link to get you started...

<http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program>

December is the month a lot of clubs have parties to celebrate the season, and many of them also have election of officers as well. So, with that said December is a great time for your club officers (newly elected or not) to look to make sure that someone has filed-out your clubs' annual report with ARRL. Since many clubs change officers in the December/January time frame, this is something that just falls through the cracks and the new

officers aren't aware that this wasn't done and needs to be. Club Officers, please, check your clubs' affiliation record annually. I highly recommend that you include this duty within your club's By-Laws, that way there's always a reminder that this needs to be done, just like paying your dues! Oh, and those clubs that have been - or are currently Special Service Clubs, make sure to check on your renewal date for that as well.

Since the SSC is renewed on a 2-year basis, this is even more forgotten about. Both renewals are quick and easy to do online.

ARRL's YouTube channel is really getting some great videos for your club to share. Have you looked at the ARRL Learning Network lately? There's a ton of great videos there for any ARRL member to view. Hey, I've shown a video that Joe Carcia, NJ1Q does where he takes a complete tour around W1AW showing you everything that's there to several clubs around here and it was a real eye opener for them. If you've never been to Newington, this is a great way of seeing W1AW like you've never seen it before. ARRL has also launched a series of amateur radio Technician-class license video courses. These videos help lead viewers through The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual. The videos supplement the manual and provide an overview of the sections you will be studying, along with a few videos on how things work. This is an excellent way for your instructors to get that extra bit of help in teaching this material.

That is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and "Catch Me On The Air!!

--73, Scott Yonally N8SY, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

HAMFESTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests through mid 2022. Please note that all are subject to change, so please stay current by checking the sponsoring club's web page before making your travel arrangements.

It is soooo nice to see this listing continue to grow. Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set.

2021/2022 Great Lakes Div. ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest calendar. Please feel free to reproduce and publish in your local Club Newsletter, please, with credit to the source.

ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests through June 2022:

12/04/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH

12/05/2021 - L'Anse Creuse Swap, Troy, MI

01/16/2022 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH

01/23/2022 - Hazel Park Swap, MI, location to be announced

02/05/2022 - HARA Swap, Negaunee, MI

02/12/2022 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI

02/26/2022 - Livonia Swap, Livonia, MI

03/05/2022 - Cave City, Cave City, KY

03/13/2022 - NOARS Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH

04/19/2022 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

05/20 - 22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH

06/04/2022 - Fulton County, Wauseon, OH

06/05/2022 - Flying Beers Hamfest, Ferndale, MI

06/18/022 - GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI

If you club plans to request ARRL Hamfest Sanctioning, they should do so well in advance of the planned Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. QST announcements require a 3 month lead time. If a swap is cancelled or the date is going to change, please notify ARRL HQ.

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

THE WRAPS: We close yet another strange year. We all have lost some friends while some of us strain to return to a normal life after enduring what Covid 19 has brought upon us. Club meetings are resuming in-person, hamfests are cautiously returning to the schedule, while we all remain optimistic about what this winter and being indoors may bring us.

Judy and I both send our greetings to all in this Holiday Season, hoping for each of you and your families a safe, healthy and happy coming New Year.

73, Light up those bands.

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Did you know?

- The **Lucas County ARES Informational Net** is every Sunday at 7:30 pm on 147.270.
- The social net is every Sunday at 8:00 pm on 147.270.
- The **FLDigi Net** meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM at 147.27 MHz
- **Six Meter Nets** meet every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 PM (EST). The Thursday night Net is on 50.255 USB. For more information contact Dan, KE8UE, at dlcunn@sbcglobal.net. The Monday night 6 meter Net is at 9 PM on the TMRA 6 meter repeater.
- The **Lucas County Siren Net** is the first Friday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on 147.270 + W/103.5 PL and 442.850 + W/103.5 PL.
- The **Lucas County Hospital Net** is the first Saturday of the even numbered months at 10:00 AM.
- The **NORC Net** is the first Saturday of each month. This net typically meets at 11:00 AM on or around +/- 7.200 MHz LSB.
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- **Ron, N8RLH**, has ham gear from the estates of silent keys. Contact: 419-345-6382 or rlhornbeck@att.net.
- The **TMRA apparel store** is now open. Contact Gold Medal Ideas at <http://www.goldmedalideas.com/tmra>.
- The calendar at the **TMRA website**, www.tmrahamradio.org, lists numerous ham radio activities each month.
- TMRA has a **Facebook** page and an **Instagram** page, which can be accessed from an icon on the TMRA website or at <https://www.instagram.com/tmrahamradio/>.
- Don't forget to select TMRA as your Organization of choice for **Kroger Cares** and **Amazon Smile**. This results in a donation to the club as a portion of your purchase. Instead of typing in the URL www.amazon.com, you must use smile.amazon.com.
- There is a 900 Mhz net Saturday nights at 9 pm on the TMRA 900 Mhz repeater.
- There is a simplex two meter net on 144.22 Mhz USB Friday nights at 8 pm.

Editor's Note: Beginning with the February 2019 issue, The Beacon will no longer produce a print version for mailing. The Beacon understands this change may inconvenience some club members and regrets that it is necessary.

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