

# N.O.R.M.A. NEWSLETTER

THE NORTHERN OHIO REPEATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 562, GATES MILLS, OHIO 44040

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## NEW CONTRIBUTORS:

AA8RZ, AB8RQ, W8BNT

## RENEWED CONTRIBUTORS:

KC8VRB, W8ETR, KC8BTN, N8MZJ, W8DDD, AB8MO, K8CP, K8LP, W8SLQ, KB8ZNI, WA8ZWO

## MEMBERSHIP: by WA8TPP

Welcome as a new members, AA8RZ, AB8RQ, and W8BNT. If you hear them on say HI and welcome to the group. We want to thank all those that financially supported our efforts on the maintenance of the Newbury and Chardon machines. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated. For those of you who haven't made a donation recently, the date of your last contribution is on the mailing label. If I have somehow missed in mentioning someone making a contribution I am sincerely sorry and if you let me know I'll put it in the next newsletter.

## NETS: by WA8TPP

Geauga County Public Service, Emergency and Weather Net, Monday, 9:00 PM, 147.015 MHz.;  
Swap-N-Shop Net, Tuesday, 7:30 PM , 147.015 MHz.;  
Lake County ARA Net, Thursday, 7:00 PM, 147.210 MHz.;  
Dave's Thursday Night Open Net, Thursday, 9:00 PM, 147.015 MHz.;  
Trivia Net, Daily, 9:00 AM, 146.940 MHz.  
Satern Net, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, 146.82 MHz.  
Tri-county Traffic Training Net, Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday, 9:30 p.m., 147.015MHz..

Please support all the nets on the band as if we don't they could disappear along with the frequencies. Use 'em or loose 'em as they say. If there is a net you would like me to list just drop me a note via e-mail or snail mail or call me and I'll be glad to list it in the next newsletter. I

know there are many more that are not listed.

## NORMA WEB SITE:

NORMA now has a web site. Most of the recent newsletters and rosters are posted on the net for your convenience. Postings are in HTML, Word, and Adobe for your convenience. If you want to print them out you will have them in the original form with columns using Word or Adobe. The HTML format works fine but loses the format. The url for the site is: [www.normaweb.org](http://www.normaweb.org). We hope you will visit our site for your newsletters. The cost of mailing is getting quite expensive and we are looking at this medium as a way of minimizing our expenses. Enjoy and thanks.

## REPEATER OPERATION:

by WA8TPP

The repeater has been operating quite well lately, knock on wood. Should problems arise we will do our best to correct the problem(s) as quickly as possible. One recent problem that has not impacted the operation of the Newbury repeater is that we have lost our battery backup. We probably will not replace the batteries as we now have backup emergency generator power available. We are considering replacing the batteries for a redundant backup but they are expensive, require a lot of maintenance and only have limited airtime depending on how many batteries are used and how they are connected. We will keep everyone posted on our decisions.

## NEWSLETTER CONTENT:

I know I sound like a broken record but I would like items for the newsletter especially if you would like to have it on a more regular basis. I would like to make it a quarterly mailing but without information for the newsletter I am

getting discouraged. I feel everyone is interested in receiving the publication so I am hoping that with some help we can keep it going. I also wonder if you are interested in receiving the roster with the newsletter. Please let me know.

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