

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club



SPARK April 2004



NOARC is Going To The Dogs!

The meeting on April 22 will include some very special guests— The Search And Rescue Canine Unit. This should be a great presentation, since the dogs themselves will also be there.

Treasurer's Report For April 14, 2004

Beginning Balance (as of January 22,2004) of all accounts was \$5521.74, of which checking and savings totaled \$4249.72, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$1272.02

Income for the period:

Grant From GH Community Foundation	707.00
Grant from Regional ARES	100.00
Sale of 6 Te Ne Ke's	210.00
Dues and 50/50 drawings	346.76
sub total all income	1363.76

Expenses for the period:	Comconco for Repeater electric & telephone calls	386.91
	Andrew Young-echolink radio	100.00
	SMARS 3 tables Marchall Ham Fest	34.00
	total expenses	520.91



Ending balance of all accounts: \$6364.59 of which checking and savings total \$5092.57, and the NOARC endowment fund total balance is \$1272.02

Please note the chart below represents the status of all club funds at the end of the period:

General Fund:	\$4817.57
Repeater Fund:	0
Digital Fund:	\$275.00
Endowment Fund	1272.02
Total all funds	\$6364.59

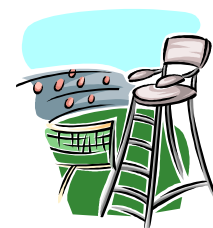
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This period there were no expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and \$210 in sales.

The total revenue generated to date are \$5383.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

As of today, 41 have paid their 2004 dues. Since we have about 60 members, about 20 have not yet paid. If you have not paid your 2004 dues, please do so this month.

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73, John Sundstrom, N8YQD



***** Net Control Schedule *****

If you are unable to keep your appointment as Net Control, please arrange for a replacement. NOTE: This information is also found on the NOARC Web site www.qsl.net/noarc

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| • APR06 | KB8HU | Charlie | • MAY18 | N8LBG | Woody |
| • APR13 | N8YQD | John | • MAY25 | KF8NS | Dean |
| • APR20 | N8ARY | Andrew | • JUN01 | N8PFC | Brad |
| • APR27 | N8HCS | Donald | • JUN08 | N8YQD | John |
| • MAY04 | W8TML | Tom | • JUN15 | N8ARY | Andrew |
| • MAY11 | KB8VEE | Tom | • JUN22 | N8HCS | Donald |

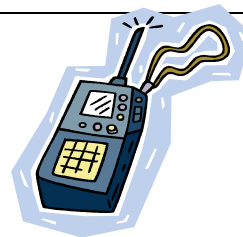
Upcoming Events

Net: Tuesday, Apr 20.

Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 7:00 PM (Officers Board Meeting at 6:00 PM)

Breakfast: Every Saturday at 7:00 AM, Pine Street Café.

Hamfests: Athens, OH– April 25
Cadillac– May 1
Dayton– May 14-16
IRA (Grand Rapids)- June 5
Midland– June 19
Jackson– August 14
Adrian– September 19
Holland– November 5-6
Harrison Twp (L'Anse) - Dec 5
Lowell– December 18



Club Officers :

PRESIDENT:	Dean Whitney, KF8NS	842-0976
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Treasurer:	John Sundstrom, N8YQD	847-4249
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Repeater Report– by N8ARY

There's not much new with the repeater this month, but last month Tom Fischer donated two antennas for the link system. This improved reception in Grand Haven for Echolink and Grand Rapids stations.

Thanks to all who helped install the new antennas!



An Inadvertently Funny e-mail address

You have probably seen the address cajones616@aol.com in your address book and wondered, as I did, "who picked 'cajones' as an e-mail address?" It closely resembles the Spanish word "cojones" or "cohunes," which refers, in Spanish, to a part of the male anatomy I shouldn't elaborate on. The address is actually for C.A. Jones, or Hal. Good one, Hal! I love it!

Plus I just couldn't let it drop at breakfast last Saturday. Thanks for being a good sport about it.

NOTICE

I am trying to change the way we distribute announcements, newsletters, and other information. If you have internet access, sign up for the W8CSO group on Yahoo. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/W8CSO/>

For now, I will try to keep up the Newsletter in the traditional manner for the members who haven't joined.

Feb 2004 Meeting Minutes

- No Minutes—
- We went to the Skywarn Training. There were many members present. It was at the Coopersville High School.
- A follow up comment from one of the club members was that the area Hams should have a spokesman available at these meetings who is prepared to effectively discuss our role in front of the group at the training session while presenting a good image of Amateur Radio. Some of us perceived that we as a group were caught "off guard" when a representative was asked to speak; therefore, we were not accurately represented to the public.

Classifieds

For Sale: MFJ 9420 20 meter QRP SSB transceiver- Like new, Paid \$240, sell for \$175.

Dues Renewal Form. Dues are : Single \$35, Family \$45 . Please mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409

Name- _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

W8CSO (NOARC) Repeater information:

*****If the NOARC repeater goes down , use 145.490 simplex*****

Function	Value	Function	Value
Frequency	145.490 (-)	Load "Normal" File	1751
PL Tone	94.8 or 91.5 (GRR)	Load "Net Mode" File	1752
Carrier Access (no PL req'd)	TBA– Won't work at this time.	Echolink Connect	#Cxxxxx where "x.." is the
Signal Test	750	Echolink Disconnect	#73
Autopatch Start	* then number	Echolink Random Connect	#01
Autopatch End	#	Echolink Check Status	#08
Emergency	911 or *911	Echolink Connect Last node	#09

Club Net is every Tuesday night at 8PM. Net Controllers please note your assignment found on the calendar and be sure to get a substitute if you cannot take the net. Club Web Site <http://www.qsl.net/noarc/>. Site has information on Te Ne KE, club events and net schedules. All licensed amateurs are eligible for membership in the North Ottawa Amateur radio Club. Board meeting held 1 hour before meeting at meeting site. Annual dues are payable in December . 2003 Dues are \$ 35.00 individual and \$ 45.00 family. Please send dues to NOARC Box 44, Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Please keep the club Treasurer (KC8HXO@yahoo.com) and the Club Secretary (sundstrj@gvsu.edu) informed as to your CURRENT e-mail address if you get the newsletter electronically or US mail address if receive it postal.

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