



# North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

## SPARK for APRIL 2007



At the Marshall Hamfest, 5 club presidents posed for a photo. Going Right to left and in reverse chronological sequence of their service , you see John Fisher (current president), Don Smith, John Sundstrom, Tom VanderMehl and Bob Van Rhee (1990-1993).

<b>President</b>	<b>John Fischer ,KC8UNY</b>	<b>846-8998</b>
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<b>Activities Director</b>	<b>Vacant — volunteer needed!</b>	

# COMING EVENTS

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**General:** Calling all brass pounders! N8FQ announced the formation of a low speed CW net on Tuesday evenings at 8:30. The frequency is 28.395 Mhz.

Hi From South Florida:

I did not get to Orlando until about 1:30 on Saturday. I saw Lou Meisch, Jim Walters & Glen Henkle. I missed contact with Roger & Phyllis Simmons and Ben Doctor who were also there. The hamfest was well attended and there were plenty of people selling stuff. I did not see any good deals (People were asking \$500 for a used Yaesu FT-100 or \$450 for a ICOM 706 plain-- which is too high as far as I am concerned). I helped Fred Clements, N8EFP sell his 2m/70 CM vertical antenna at an indoor booth. The weather was about perfect--low 70's. Regards, John Sundstrom de N8yQd

The much-anticipated Ottawa County SKYWARN SSTV image server on the air. You should hear it IDing every 10 minutes on 445.125 MHz FM. I have compiled a user's manual: <http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf> And a 3x5 command reference card: [http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx\\_ref.pdf](http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx_ref.pdf) Joe, N8FQ

April doings:

April 5, Thursday. MAARC program on D-Star

April 14, Saturday. Lowell Mini-swap

April 21, Saturday. River Bank Pre-Run April 21, Saturday. Milford Hamfest.

April 26, NOARC monthly meeting

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Thursday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's cabin in the woods, located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon: Be there when Al Pepping, KV8X, presents our monthly program on the topic of D-Star digital repeaters. Al has been educating himself on this interesting new technology and we welcome anyone and everyone to come and listen to what he has learned. If you aren't familiar with the clubhouse location, Google works and so does our local .94 repeater for directions.

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All, Its time again.. River Bank Run 2007! This sign up is for the main event.. Remember that if you sign up we will need you at a Pre-Race meeting the night before. We are also looking for a few people to ride bikes in to help cover the event. So if your in shape and you want to ride a bike let me know. Please go to this link to sign up. [www.kcraces.net/rbr](http://www.kcraces.net/rbr) River Bank run requires lots and lots of people.. This is the BIG ONE for the year, 5 hours of controled chaos! 25,000 people and lots of fun! We need everyone, we do not care what club you belong to, ARRL affiliation or any other affiliations. All you need is a Tech License and be willing to give up your Friday Night / Saturday Morning for lots of Fun!!!! IF you have questions or to sign up for the smaller events please email me [jnawrot@kcvrm.net](mailto:jnawrot@kcvrm.net)

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The Annual Milford Hamfest - Where: Milford High School, 2380 Milford Rd., Highland, Mi.48357 - Saturday, April 8, 2006, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Vendors will be allowed in at 6:00 am, Saturday. general public at 8:00 am. Web site is [http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk/milford\\_hamfest.htm](http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk/milford_hamfest.htm) Milford is about 120 miles from downtown Grand Rapids.

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Since the meeting for March gave way to SKYWARN training, there are no March minutes, there was just some March Madness!

GET READY!

Hello, it might not feel like Spring Time is just around the corner but it will be here very soon, with Spring's arrival comes the 2007 Tulip Time Festival. As in the past the Amateur Radio Operators and the American Red Cross will be providing support along the parade routes during the three Tulip Time parades. Please email Dave Lamer WA8RSA directly at wa8rsa@charter.net if you're interested in working the parade line-up on Saturday. Thank you in advance! Best regards, Steve Vander Hill - N8UJD svanderhill@chartermi.net

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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 at yahoo groups/w8cso/calendar

<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>KC8UNY</b>	<b>JOHN FISCHER</b>
<b>APRIL 10</b>	<b>W8IQE</b>	<b>PAUL ZELLAR</b>
<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>N8LBG</b>	<b>WOODY ALRICH</b>
<b>APRIL 24</b>	<b>N8YQD</b>	<b>JOHN SUNDSTROM</b>
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>N8FQ</b>	<b>JOE VELDHUIS</b>

April 2007 Treasurer's Report John Sundstrom N8YQD

Checking account (per Bank)..... 996.70  
Saving account .....4,392.50  
Subtotal in Chase Bank..... \$5,389.20 per march statement

Bills outstanding  
Comtronco--repeater 377.27 phone & power

Recent revenue  
Dues -Ross Gates N8GMY 25.00 new club member

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Net balance 3/30/07 \$ 5,036.00

Grand Haven Community Fund \$ 4,529.29

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Net all funds \$ 9,566.22

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W8CSO (NOARC) Repeater information: If the NOARC repeater goes down , use 145.490 simplex

145.490 (- offset) tone 94.8 main receiver ; Grand rapids link receiver tone 91.5

Codes : Time of day 400; DTMF Test 325; signal report 750

Phone patch Instructions:

\* followed by phone number

# t o disconnect

6 + auto patch number to use your assigned auto patch number

911 calls Ottawa County Central Dispatch

912 call Muskegon County Dispatch

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 . 2007 Dues are \$ 25.00 individual and \$ 35.00 family or \$70 for 3 years. Please send dues to NOARC Box 44, Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Please keep the club Treasurer (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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