



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for April, 2006

Welcome Back, Snowbirds!!!

It is April, and all our Florida Friends are making their way back from the warm beaches of Florida. It was fun trying to stay in contact with them via the radio waves, but now we will get to see them in person and hear all about the deals we missed at the Orlando Swap meet, and of course the wonderful weather. Yes, they are all looking tan and fit, as compared to our pasty white skin, but after Field Day and a few parades, we will all get our "Michigan Glow".

Included in this newsletter are some notes regarding future Ham fests, as well as some photos of a few local Hams playing with 10Ghz transmissions from Grand Haven to Wisconsin and Illinois.

The April Club meeting will be on Thursday April 28th at the White Pine Middle School. **This is an important meeting for you to attend as we will organize our activities for the year.** Items to discuss are: Upcoming Ham fests, whether to setup a special event station at Coast Guard, Parades, runs & special events, field day organization

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Recently, area Hams Erv Beemer and Dave DeVos setup a 10 Gigahertz > station on the beach in Grand Haven. They were attempting to make > contact> with hams in Port Washington, Wisconsin and in Elgin (Northern) Illinois. The equipment was an Yeasu FT 817 running CW into an upconverter to 10 GHZ into parabolic dish antennas. They made a contact with the Illinois station but not the Wisconsin station. The weather on the lake shore was cold and after the contact was made, we all retreated to the Coffee Grounds to warm up

******* 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 www.qsl.net/noarc

April 25	KC8UNY	John Fischer
May 2	N8HCS	Don Smith
May 9	KC8ATU	Joe Veldhuis
May 16	N8YQD	John Sundstrom
May 23	KC8UNY	John Fischer
May 30	N8HCS	Don Smith

Treasurer's Report For April 2008 by John Sundstrom N8YQD

As of end of March 2006, the balances for the accounts are:

Bank One Checking	1,773.67
Bank One Savings	3,190.50
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Sub Total	4,964.17
Grand Haven Community Fund	3,931.99 (as of 12/31/05)
Total All accounts	\$ 8,896.16

The Classified Section (send your ads to Craig k8crc@arrl.net)

Heathkit SW-717 solid state Short Wave Receiver, works great, AM and 1.5-30 MHz general coverage receiver, good starter radio for the kids! \$35. Contact Craig at k8crc@arrl.net

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Name _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

The Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club Presents the
44th Annual



**Amateur Radio
and
Computer Swap**

**Saturday
May 6th**

**Cadillac Junior High School
Doors Open at 8 AM
Admission \$5.00**

Lots
of Vendors

Meetings for
the
UP Net
And
QCWA

**Talk In
on
146.980
K8CAD
Cadillac**

**Free
parking**

**Meet Your
Friends**

**Lunch
On
Site**

Table and Test Information on back !

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN I.R.A. ANNUAL HAMFESTIVAL



West Michigan's Largest
Hamfest & Computer Fair



Saturday, June 3, 2006.....8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Convenient location with great facilities at the spacious Hudsonville Fairgrounds. It's bigger and better every year! 14 miles west of Grand Rapids, two miles north of I-196 exit 62.

HUGE INDOOR FACILITIES with CONVENIENT ACCESS and FREE PARKING.
OVER 22,000 SQUARE-FEET INDOORS, 8' tables for sellers and dealers, \$8 ea.
Friday night set-up available after 7 P.M. or 6:00 A.M. start on Saturday.
Trunk sales spaces, 10' @ \$6 ea. CAMPING available, \$10 fee. Showers and electricity available for camping. Plenty of electrical outlets available inside and outdoors.
Camping, table and space rental not an admission to Hamfest; tickets are required.
All reservations with SASE please. Reservations held until 8 A.M. Saturday.
Food and drinks available in comfortable indoor sit-down eating facilities.
Children under 12 years admitted free accompanying an adult.
Handicapped parking and access provided.

- FAMOUS "ROADKILL-CHILI" POTLUCK FRIDAY EVENING
Bring a dish to pass and join-in the fun @ 7:00 P.M. after helping with setup.
Have fun camping. Hamfest tickets will be available for purchase.
There will be music and prize drawings.

- FOUR MAJOR PRIZES PLUS DOZENS MORE!

- VINTAGE EQUIPMENT AND
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EXHIBITS

- MULTI-STAGE GEOCACHE - BRING GPS & 2M

- MICHIGAN - FLORIDA HAMS - 9 A.M.

- W. MICH. TRAFFIC NET FORUM - 9:30 A.M.

- VE AMATEUR EXAMS - 10:30 A.M. START
All walk-ins. Technician, General and Extra Class. Please bring original and a copy of your license, any C.S.C.E.'s with some form of photo ID and a check made out to "ARRL / VEC".

**DEALERS: BRING YOUR
HAM EQUIPMENT, COAX,
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT,
SOFTWARE, ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY EQUIPMENT, WIRE,
BOOKS, PARTS, JEWELRY,
SWEAT-SHIRTS, CAPS, ETC.,
TO SELL.....BE THERE!**

**HAMS: BRING YOUR USED
EQUIPMENT TO TRADE OR
SELL.....BE THERE!**

**COMPUTER HOBBYISTS:
BRING YOUR EXCESS
HARDWARE, SOFTWARE,
BOOKS, ETC., TO TRADE
OR SELL.....BE THERE!**

Write for table reservations to:
Independent Rptr. Assoc., Inc.
562 92nd Street S.E.
Byron Center, MI 49315

TICKETS: \$6.00 ea.
Tables: \$8.00 ea.
10' Trunk spaces: \$6.00 ea.
Camping fee: \$10.00

INFO: Call Kathy at (616) 698-6627 after
4 P.M. (E.D.S.T.) for info / reservations.
Check out the IRA Web-site at:
www.w8hvg.org for more info.

TALK-IN ON 147.16 LINK-SYSTEM

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 . 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 (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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