



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for August 2004

President Dean's comments and picture from his extensive travels to Australia and New Zealand :

Happy Dog Days of August all you hams out there!

Why they call it the 'Dog Days' I'll never know, unless it's because of all the kids 'growling & whining' about having to go back to school after several months of leisure. We should be so lucky!

Anyway, this month's club meeting at White Pines Middle School on the 26th should be an interesting one, with a good topic. Hard to believe August is half over with already, where did it go? I for one know I worked too much, & after shifting the eldest son from one apartment to another in Kalamazoo, the aches & pains are telling me to tell the kid to use his friends next time, or to make sure

I think I'm in need of a good Hamfest 'fix'. Ebay is always there, but there's nothing like picking up & looking at gear, even if just for a 'look see'. Yard & garage sales help fill the void, but, there's only so much room for non-ham gear junk in the garage,

Good job to all involved with Coast Guard Festival this year. I'd have liked to at least have made it over to that side of town, but never made it. Maybe next year.

Don't forget to check for your rotation as Net Control, and remember it's up to you to find a replacement if you find you can't take your turn. 73's, and enjoy another photo or two from the Land Down Under. -Dean KF8NS

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Located at www.Qsl.net/noarc. Next look for the "join discussion group" button on the front page. You will be moved to a Yahoo web page for actual signup.

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Upcoming Events

August 26th: Regular NOARC Club meeting at 7 PM at White Pines Middle School. We will receive a presentation by Ben Doctor on the Win link HF email system.

September 11: Hamfest at the Forest Hills Middle School on East Leonard street in Grand rapids. Our club will have 3 tables for the use of members to sell their surplus ham gear. Tickets are \$6 except all school kids get in free. Setup is at 6 AM or the night before. General Admission at 8 AM. Free camping allowed.

September 18: Joint Fox Hunt with Muskegon ARC at 2 PM. The fox hunt will be followed by a Burger's & Brats cookout at the MARC club house.

September 23: Regular club meeting at White Pine Middle School. Topic TBA.

Picture from 2002 Fox
Hunt at Muskegon



***** 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.ql.net/noarc

August 24	N8HCS	Don Smith
August 31	W8TML	Tom Lau
Sept 7	KB8VEE	Tom Vandermehl
Sept 14	N8LBG	Woody Aldrich
Sept 21	KF8NS	Dean Whitney
Sept 28	N8PFC	Brad King
October 5	N8YQD	John Sundstrom

Coast Guard Special Event Station Story by JFS

Once again, NOARC ran a special event station on Thursday and Friday of Coast Guard week. This year, we setup on the lawn of the US Army Corp of Engineers because the Coast Guard had built a fence on their grounds. Patrick Popena made the arrangements for us with the Corps. We were well treated and even issued special parking passes so we had no problems getting to the station. Lou Meisch, Don Smith and Roger & Phyllis Simmons arrived early Thursday morning and we erected 20 & 40 meter dipoles. We ran the station at a leisurely pace and made about 80 contacts. We made friends with visitors passing by. Others who participated were John Fisher and Craig Cristilaw.



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Vice Presidents Perspective By Don Smith N8HCS

OK folks looks like we will be moving back inside for our monthly meetings again for the fall and summer months, so will see you at the White Pines Middle School this month for the meeting of NOARC.

Seems as if this has been a pretty smooth summer, no real severe weather, just good old rain, seems as if it is still spring and I am still waiting for summer and fall is upon us again.

Speaking of bad weather has anyone heard from Lou N8KYO? He went to Florida for the Hurricane party and as of tonight I haven't heard how he has made out.

Field day was a great success and we should be in the little bit better class this year over last year.

It is to my understanding that the special events station went very well, with about 70 or so contacts, which is pretty good for the band conditions. I was able to help set up and then had to do other things but I figure the rest of the club would show up and make contacts.

I listened to the net for the parade this year and it seemed to be a very well handled net, with Tom KB8EE as net control. Not all the chatter that you get on some of the weather nets. There was plenty of space for someone to get in a word edgewise in case of an emergency. I heard that a little girl fell off a ride at the carnival, a short time later I had to go and take one of my boys down to emergency and the girl was in the same room at the Hospital, everyone is fine.

Still waiting for a couple of ham fest yet to happen this year, one in Grand Rapids, one in Kalamazoo and the big one in Holland. (Note : Next Hamfest is September 11 th in East Grand rapids—editor).

Still waiting for the North Ottawa County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (NOCARES) to get started over there in Spring Lake. I have been assured by Tom KB8VEE that now the summer stuff is taken care of that this will be taken care of promptly.

Sharing a meal at
2004 Field Day



Treasurer's Report for July 2004, John Sundstrom N8YQD

The balance for all accounts (as of the June 18,2004 Bank Statement) are:

Bank One checking 2,450.13

Bank One Savings 3,173.86

sub total 5,623.99

Grand Haven Community fd 1,298.80 (as of end of the first quarter, 2004)

total all accounts 6/18/04 6,922.988

ACTIVITY SINCE 5/20:

Checking Deposits none

Checks: none

Final Balance as of 6/20 6,922.98

of the above balance, \$5,813 was from TE TE KE sales at Hamfest and mail order over the last 5 years.

47 HAVE PAID THEIR DUES SO FAR THIS YEAR, HAVE YOU?



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Name- _____ Call _____

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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

Tone control 491=off; 490-on Time of day 749

" S" meter readback 7

Phone patch Instructions:

* followed by phone number

t o disconnect

** redial last 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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