



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for AUGUST 2008

Grand Haven, Michigan "Coast Guard City USA"

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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

Makers of the TE-NE-KE

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IT IS COAST GUARD FESTIVAL TIME!

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COMING EVENTS

August 2 Coast Guard Parade

August 28 NOARC monthly meeting at 7:00. This month will be by the Spring Lake channel into the beautiful Grand River, at Ferrysburg Park again for portable operation. Bring what you can and see who you can work!

******* 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

August

- 5 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS
- 12 N8YQD JOHN SUNDSTROM
- 19 KD8FCV JIM MILLER
- 26 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER

Field Day results:

Call Used: W8CSO GOTA Station Call: N8RXC ARRL/RAC Section: MI , Class: 3A.

Participants: 40 Club/Group Name: North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

Power Source(s): Battery, Solar; Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power 300, Media Publicity 100, Set-up in Public Place 100, W1AW Field Day Message 100

Natural power QSOs completed 100, Site Visit by invited elected official 100, GOTA Bonus 0

Site Visit by invited served agency official 100, Youth participation 40, Youth operators=2

Youth participants=6, Submitted via the Web 50, Educational activity 100, Total Bonus Points 1,090

Score Summary: CW Digital Phone Total

Total QSOs 165 0 93 258

Total Points 330 0 258 588 Claimed Score = 1,176

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Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

CW Digital Phone

QSOs	Pwr(W) QSOs		Pwr(W) QSOs		Pwr(W) QSOs	
80m	90	41	40m	100	42	90 52
20m	90	138	15m	90	14	
6m	50	2	2m	25	1	
GOTA	100	23		100	11	

TOTAL 165 0 258

GOTA Bonus: No GOTA Coach,

Name	Call QSOs	Bonus Points
Roger Simmons	N8RXC	11 0
Phillis Simmons	KB8NLN	12 0
Mark Stearn	N8MAZ	11 0

The July meeting of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club never really got formally called.

The 24th of July at 7:00 PM was the appointed date and time of our annual Fox Hunt. You know, someone clever (the fox), goes out and hides himself (in an open public place). He then begins the transmission on his two meter hand held transceiver. The transmission goes on for one minute. Then promptly, he stops and the rest of the club members attempt to discover his location. Five minutes later, the " fox" transmits for another minute. The members carry their various direction finding antennas, compasses, paper, pens, maps and other equipment. At the end of the minute transmission, everyone piles into their cars and head off in the direction they think the fox is hiding. The area is roughly five square miles in area, plenty of room to hide in.

The team or person who finds the fox is eligible to be the fox next year. Only, the fox finder was a no show this year. Joe Veldhuis graciously volunteered his services as a fox. Joe "hid one block over and two blocks left of the White Pines Middle School, where we started, The rest of us roamed the five square mile area in search of him.

Gordon Stockhill, sported a two meter yagi antenna constructed with a tape measure. He was an early casualty when his batteries gave out.

President John Fischer acted as net control. He gave a two or three minute warning before the fox transmitted his signal.

Counting Gordon Stockhill, four teams scattered out to find the fox. I didn't take good notes, but I should be corrected if John Sundstrom and or Don Meyer and or Mark Moss didn't find the fox.

Ross Gates and Paul Zellar rode in our suburban with Phyllis and I. Paul and I drove Ross nuts with our lines of positions. We jumped out of the car on the two minute warning, spread out with our antennas, and Phyllis spotted the magnetic azimuths They were no where near where Joe "the fox " was parked.

We all had a good time looking, though. We topped off the evening with coffee and strawberry short cake at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Grand Haven.

Since that momentous event, on Saturday the 26th, NOARC participated in the Coast Guard Festival 5 k and 10 K race with emergency communications. After the races, we pulled duty at the Coast Guard Children's Parade, assisting with traffic direction.

Our next opportunity will be with the Grand Parade this coming Saturday August 2nd. To get in on this good event, help the community and get a lot of satisfaction doing it, contact Don Meyer or John Fischer. Till next month,

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

The Classified Section)

For Sale: Assortment of nice Zenith Transoceanic all band radios. Contact John Sundstrom , N8YQD

Light emitting diode lights. Key chain, clip-on, pen size, 14 LED jumbo. How about a night light that will be bright enough to read by after being on for a year?

Also rechargeable 12 Volt battery packs complete with fluorescent lights, red flasher, 150 Watt modified sine wave inverter, and charger. Price for NOARC members only \$15, while they last. These have old but resurrected batteries.

Contact Paul Zellar, W8IQE

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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.gsl.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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