



# North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

## SPARK for December 2004

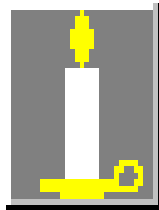
**You and your spouse are invited to the NOARC Christmas Party at the Home of Craig Cristilaw located on 15386 Oak Point Drive, Spring Lake. See P 2 for Directions.**

**The Party is from 6-9 PM and is a pot-luck supper format. Note this will be the club meeting for December.**

**Talk In will be on the 145.49.**

**Come join your fellow Hams & XYL's**

**For a gala evening!**



**HO HO HO**



**Have You joined the NOARC Discussion Group? To join, go to the Noarc Web Page**

**Located at [www.Qsl.net/noarc](http://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**

**December 7th : NOARC Christmas Party at home of Craig Cristilaw from 6-9 pm**

**December 18th : Lowell Hamfest Carpool from Pine Street at 6:30 AM.**

**January ?? : Technician Class Begins**

**January 28th : Regular Club Meeting at White Pines Middle School. Program  
To Be announced**

**February 25th : Regular Club Meeting at White Pines Middle School**

**March 19th : Marshall Ham Fest . The Club Will have a table.**

**Directions to Cristilaw Home: Drive east of Spring Lake on M-104. Just past  
Lloyds Bayou go right on Krueger to 152. Go right on 152 to Oak Point Drive. Go  
right on Oak Point Drive to 15386.**

### \*\*\*\*\* 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](http://www.qsl.net/noarc)

December 7 N8HCS Don Smith

December 14 W8TML Tom Lau

December 21 KB8VEE Tom Vandermehl

December 28 N8LBG Woody Aldrich

January 4 KF8NS Dean Whitney

January 11 N8PFC Brad King

January 18 KC8UNY John Fisher

January 25 N8 ARY Andrew Young



# ARGYL HAMFEST



Saturday – December 18, 2004  
**9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

No Advance Ticket Sales  
Admission At The Door Only:  
Adults - \$5.00  
Elementary, Middle School  
& High School - Free

### Free Parking

Round 5' Tables - \$5.00  
Rectangular 8' Tables - \$8.00  
For info or tables contact Al  
Eckman – WW8WW – at 1-616-987-2966  
or 1-616-897-7659, or e-mail  
[AEckman@lowell.k12.mi.us](mailto:AEckman@lowell.k12.mi.us)  
or [al.eckman@shcglobal.net](mailto:al.eckman@shcglobal.net)

### Refreshments Sold On Site

#### PRIZES



Starbucks Coffee      Candy  
Hotdogs                      Krispy Kremes  
Popcorn                      Soft Drinks

#### PRIZES

Set-up: Fri, Dec. 17th – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
and/or: Sat, Dec. 18th – 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.



### "WHERE"

Lowell High School – 11700 Vergennes – Lowell, MI.  
(See Map On Back)

Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (A.R.G.Y.L.)

V.E. Exams At 10:00 A.M. – Reservations Not Necessary – Walk-ins Welcome  
Talk-in: K8LHS: 146.620(-), PL 94.8      or      W8LRC: 145.270(-), PL 94.8

Web Site: [www.argyl.org](http://www.argyl.org)

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Secretary/SPARK editor:	Andrew Young N8ARY	844-4484
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**NOARC Passes Special 3 year Dues package For just \$35 (well \$70 but you get \$35 back on your state Taxes)!**

**At the September meeting the club voted to once again offer a 3 year dues package to the members for the bargain price of \$70. This is possible because the club is doing well thanks to the TeNeKe sales at Hamfest (especially at Dayton) over the last 5 years. In addition the dues money is to be deposited in the Grand Haven Community Foundation Fund on behalf of the paying member, the member will receive a tax credit of half of the dues (or \$35) on their state income tax. Thus, you either pay \$35 less taxes or you receive a \$35 larger refund and you get 3 years dues paid for just \$35. The funds remain in the Community Foundation but the club can withdraw all the interest earnings from time to time if it needs operating money.**



**The Grand haven Community Foundation is the same organization that gave us a grant this year for \$708 to pay for the new Repeater Controller.**

**In order to take advantage of the tax credit you must pay your dues prior to December 25th. So, please send in your check to : GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY Foundation/NOARC fund for \$70 to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Besides saving you money, your funds will remain in the NOARC fund and earn interest that can be withdrawn in the future to pay for a needed project such as a new repeater. You may also send your check directly to the Grand haven Community Foundation, 1 south Harbor, Grand haven, MI 49417 directly. If you do , please send the treasurer an e-mail or note so I can properly credit your dues account.**

### Minutes of the November 18 , 2004 Meeting of NOARC

1. About 20 people attended the meeting which was held at the Grand Haven Police & Fire station.
2. Don Smith, Vice President, conducted the meeting.
3. Election of officers for the year 2005: President Tom Fisher, Vice President Don Smith, Treasurer John Sundstrom, Secretary Tom Lau & Activities Director Craig Christilaw.
4. 2004 Field Day report. Noarc placed 4th in the state and 66th overall out of 1330 entries with 3,820 points in class 3A.
5. Don Smith is looking for help in setting up the Tech class this winter. Roger Simmons volunteered to help with promotion.
6. The December Christmas Party will once again be held on 12/7 at the home of Craig Christilaw.
7. Don Smith gave a report on the interference of the 145.49 repeater. Hank Reikels is trying several "fixes" to remove the problem. The latest attempt is to put up a new antenna for the 2.4 gigahertz data service that is co-located at the site of the repeater on Water Tower Hill.
8. John Sundstrom made a plea for hams to use & monitor the 443.775 70 cm repeater (W8GVK) . With the IRLP feature associated with this repeater, hams will be calling from southern areas of the country looking for contacts. Also, this repeater is not affected by the interference that affecting the 145.49 .

## Treasurer's Report for November 2004, John Sundstrom N8YQD

The balance for all accounts (as of the Oct 21,2004 Bank Statement ) are:

Bank One checking	2,178.65
Bank One Savings	3,175.93
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sub total	5,354.58

Grand Haven Community fund 1,307.66 (as of end of the second quarter, 2004)

total all accounts 11/1/2004 6,666.24

ACTIVITY SINCE 11/01:

Checking Deposits 150.00 From sales of TE Ne Ke's & donations at the Holland Ham Fest

Income -

**Final Balance 6,812.24**

**of the above balance, \$5,913 was from TE TE KE sales at Hamfest s and mail order over the last 5 years.**

place your card here

Put your business card here



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**3 years Dues Renewal Form. Single \$70, Family \$80 for 3 years. Please mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

**(make check out to the Grand Haven Community Foundation—you will receive a receipt for tax purposes from them)**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club**

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**Ferrysburg, MI 49409**

**Postmaster: Return Requested**