



# North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

## SPARK for JULY 2007



### REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD WEATHER LIKE THIS?

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# COMING EVENTS

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February 21 Annual Kent County weather spotter training

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location:

Grandville Middle School Auditorium, 3535 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Cost: FREE! Bring yourself and a friend.

RSVP required: <http://www.kcraces.net/signup/skywarn.php> Or [spotterinfo@kcraces.net](mailto:spotterinfo@kcraces.net)

February 23 Holland Mini-swap meet

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**\*\*\*\*\* Net Control Schedule \*\*\*\*\***

If you are unable to keep your appointment as Net Control, **please** arrange for a replacement.

**February**

- 5 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS**
- 12 KD8FCV JIM MILLER**
- 19 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER**
- 26 W8IQE PAUL ZELLAR**

NOARC helped add 8 new Technician Class licensees to the ranks of amateur radio operators at the Ham-in-a-day class on January 26. Congratulations to each of them and a special ATTABOY to Jim Miller, KD8FCV for his upgrade to General. This was our largest class to date. Thanx to all who helped, 73, John KC8UNY.

The January meeting was an informal affair centered on Phyliss 's terrific baked goods. An assembly line was put in place for TeNeKees to replenish the dwindled inventory. Joe was the lucky one with the 50/50 raffle, and also showed us his 12 meter beacon transmitter he had constructed from an old CB radio.

There was a discussion about NOARC supplying hand-held radios for public events and emergencies. Currently when a radio is needed a borrowed unit may be available, but its presence is uncertain.

Don Meyer, who heads most of the scheduled events, finds that often someone either forgets to bring their HT, doesn 't have one, or it has failed for some reason. Borrowed radios often need some analyzing to determine how to change frequencies or modes. He has suggested that if 10 to 12 HTs were set aside for this use, the programming would be identical and make instructions for their use much easier. The HTs should also be equipped with a dry cell battery pack to back up the rechargeable, and preferably a remote speaker/mike.

Paul Zellar suggested the club go on a hunt for some Radio Shack HT-202 'bricks', which may be found at swap meets or are languishing in a corner of many ham shacks. Jim Miller countered with a suggestion that several service clubs and businesses might be willing to purchase radios for this purpose if their name were put on them. In that case, new radios should be purchased.

The discussion of the HTs ended with the decision to put the matter before the NOARC membership, many of whom are seeking solace in warmer climes. So here it is:

Should NOARC furnish 12 HTs with their accessories for the purpose of using them for public service events and emergencies? The units could be purchased with club funds or a drive could be formed to obtain the funds from other organizations or individuals. Also, if that decision is affirmed, should new radios be purchased or should used ones be obtained?

The meeting ended when the cookies ran low.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Zellar W8IQE

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? 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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