



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for JULY 2010



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ROGER AND MARK POUNDING BRASS FOR FIELD DAY

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COMING EVENTS

JULY 4 FERRYSBURG PARADE

JULY 22 FOX HUNT 6:30, WHITE PINES MIDDLE SCHOOL

JULY 31 COAST GUARD RUN, 7:15 AM

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

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

JULY

6 N8YQD JOHN SUNDSTROM

13 KC8JWA BEVERLY TRAXLER

20 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER

27 N8RXC ROGER SIMMONS

AUGUST

3 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS

The NOARC Field Day took place at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg. This venue put the occasion in front of many people, since it is near a main intersection. The brick shelter provided protection for the kitchen that was efficiently run by KB8NLN. Phyllis also brought along a quantity of the goodies we have come to know and to love. N8YQD, N8FQ and others also used the structure for the PSK station. N8RXC and KC8MAZ operated their CW station from a tent that stayed partly dry during a downpour. Water eventually found their laptop computer power supply and left them with paper logging at one point.

Jim Wolter brought a pop-up camper trailer for his CW station, ably assisted by Gordon and others. The Ottawa County Emergency trailer was on scene with KC8UNY and KB8OCD as the prime operators. KB8OCD also set up the wireless network for the integrated computer logging system. While each station kept its own log on their laptop, everyone could also look at what each other was doing and even send messages to each other.

N8KYO used his camper van to house his station, operating with the help of others as the night wore on. Lou had one of his usual intriguing antennas, suspended between trees and the M104 bridge.

Among others noticed in passing were K8AR, K8LLG, K8CCJ, KC8THN, KC8SRS, KF8VN, NE8KE, KB8VEE, K8RRA, WB9JSR, and N8ARY. I am sure there were others, my apologies for those I missed. We were all saddened to hear of Brad King's, N8PFC, motorcycle accident, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Each station operated from a 12 Volt battery. Jim Wolters had his own solar panel to keep his battery charged, but the rest were kept charged from a 400 Watt solar array that charged eight golf cart batteries in W8IQE's electric car. These batteries provided power to keep the individual batteries charged throughout the 24 hour period by using an inverter to raise the voltage to 120 Volts AC, which was sent through extension cords to battery chargers at each location. This system worked great until Sunday morning when the wind and rain disabled the inverter. By that time, everyone's batteries had a nearly full charge to last the rest of the time.

At publishing time I have been unable to obtain the results of the contest. Near quitting time I did notice that we had worked 45 states so far. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Paul E. 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

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 . 2010 Dues are \$ 25.00 individual and \$ 35.00 family or \$70 for 3 years. Please send dues to NOARC Box 976, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 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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