



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club



Gordon West and friends at Dayton.

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2. The annual IRA Hamfestival is this Saturday at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds.
<http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm> Friday evening (1st) will be the annual "Road Kill Chili" potluck. TI 147.16+(94.8Hz).

JUNE 9 is the spring lake heritage festival 5K run your help is needed . If you can help connect kc8uny John or Don kb8odb we will have the time and where we will meet later.

JUNE 23 Governor Granholm declared the week of June 23 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week. The official proclamation marking the week of June 23 has been released by the Governor's Office and sent to all Michigan Section Public Information Officers. Additionally, a downloadable copy is posted on the Michigan Section Web Page <http://www.arrl-mi.org/> Clubs and FD teams are encouraged to incorporate this document into their publicity arrangements for Field Day next month.

NOTICE: N8FQ/B is now running on 24.927 MHz, putting 5 watts into my 240 foot inverted vee. For now, it's just running on my Yaesu 857 with its built-in beacon mode, so if I am using the rig for something else, it'll be QRT, but it should be running most of the time. Plans are in the works to put together a dedicated rig. 73, de Joe N8FQ

June 2007 Treasurer's Report by N8YQD

as of 5/16/07 Bank shows:

Savings	\$3,446.82
Checking	619.43
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	\$4,066.25

Community
Fund Balance 4,529.29

Total \$9,595.45

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Minutes of Meeting Thursday May 24

Fifteen enthusiastic members of NOARC met at the White Pines Middle School in Grand Haven. We started enjoying Phyllis' cookies and brownies as soon as we hit the doors of the school.

John Fischer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Members introduced themselves with their name and call signs. Then followed a discussion of Field Day activities. Field Day will be held at Rycenga Park this year. There will be a GO-to station, allowing visitors to try their hand at it ; satellite and 15 - 80 meter and whatever anyone else desires to go with. Phyllis Simmons requested that the club furnish meat for the Saturday night family potluck. Request was granted. Field Day equipment will be operated on solar power, provided by Jim Wolter.

'Skip' VerDuin asked if the club had banners to use announcing the event.

We will likely have a boy scout in our midst, working on his radio merit badge.

Our guest for the evening was Chuck Stark, Vice-President of VESA, Volunteer Emergency Service Association, who presented to the NOARC Club, a check for \$50.00 for the repeater fund.

We were brought up to date on Te-Ne-Ke sales in Dayton and comments and tales of the convention week-end, by John Fischer. At the NOARC booth in Dayton, Phyllis and Roger met up with John and Dave Fischer, then stayed around long enough to finish selling off the remaining keys. I will use a quote from Lou Meich in saying that 'A good time was had by all'.

Craig Christilaw had the best offer of the evening for us. Boxes of QST magazines. Thanks, Craig,

The fifteen member meeting sort of drifted apart while waiting for Don Meyer and Tom VanderMel--around nine o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

******* 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

JUNE 5	KC8UNY	JOHN FISCHER
JUNE	N8FQ	JOE VELDHUIS
JUNE 19	N8LBG	ROGER SIMMONS
JUNE 26	N8YQD	JOHN SUNDSTROM
JULY 3	KB8NLN	PHYLLIS SIMMONS

OUR HAMVENTION 2007 DAYTON OHIO

By Phyllis & Roger Simmons

Note* The authors of this article take no responsibility for the veracity or accuracy of this report. Its just the way we remember it.

Phyllis and I arrived at the KOA Kampground on the afternoon of Friday, May 18th. We put up our two-room tent, complete with queen sized mattress, microwave, television, chairs and table. The Park was filled with hams from all over the country. It was one big antenna farm. The park offered tickets to a shuttle bus for the three day event for \$8.00 or \$3.00 per day. We opted to drive to town with our trusty suburban.

It was so cold that night we had comforters piled on top of us so thick that we couldn't roll over in bed. In the morning we ate breakfast at Bob Evans Restaurant. We parked in the mostly abandoned Salem Mall on Shiloh Springs Rd. Most of the stores were vacant except for Sears. The entire back parking lot of the mall was taken up by ham vehicles closely watched by private security officers. We locked the truck and walked the couple miles to Hara Arena, where the festivities took place. Thanks to Paul Zellar, we had tickets and walked in the front door.

Making out our ticket stubs with name and call signs was our first order of business. The stubs were collected by a crew of volunteers who promptly deposited them into a large drum. Exhibitors and manufacturer's representatives abounded in the three large arena areas. I was looking over a selection of current radio magazines being sold for a dollar each. A gentleman approached from the other side of the counter and asked if he could help me. I handed him three dollars and selected three magazines. "Have you read this one?" he asked, pointing to the magazine "CQ VHF Ham Radio above 50 MHz" with a six dollar and fifty cent sticker price on it. "No" I said, "I have a two meter HT and it's just about all I need above 50 MHz". He then proceeded to expound on the virtues of the magazine. He concluded with a statement that "I wrote the editorial, my name is Joe Lynch." I told him that was great and that I would consider buying it under those circumstances. "Here," he said, "take it". "I couldn't" I replied. "But I'll buy it for a dollar and I promise to read the editorial. Thank you " and we moved on.

Next up, The Yaesu exhibit. An associate stamped our tickets and issued us official Yaesu hats. The radios were of course wonderful. At the Kenwood Exhibit we obtained Kenwood Pins indicating the 2007 Dayton Hamcation on them. Nice souvenirs for the hat or jacket. Onward to nice looking ladies handing out flashing leds in a Tower Electronics logo sticker.

Making the rounds to other exhibits, we met and spoke with Nancy Kott. She is the editor of Radio World and North American Representative of the FISTS CW Club. World wide, there are about 9000 members of FISTS, 4500 of them in the US. ...I think we'll Join.

Walking by a booth, a strange looking character was dressed in a very large black graduation hat with a tassel. On his arm in large vertical letters was the word "ELMER". The character was no other than Gordon West in the flesh. He consented to posing for a photo with us. He was very gracious to talk with. He writes the books probably responsible for your last license upgrade. He was for ours!

The only other photograph we took was of Phyllis and a ham who made a miniature Yagi tower and mounted it on his helmet. He said it took him three days to make it.

The outside flea markets covered the entire parking lot outside of the Hara Arena. They were divided into Flea market East and Flea Market West. We walked for twenty minutes before finding John Fischer and the NOARC booth. Turned out to be parking squares number 4023,4024,4025 and 4026.

When John had to leave, Phyllis and I manned the booth and sold the last three Te-ne-keys. We picked up a couple turkey sandwiches for lunch and had apple pie and coffee with "Al" from the Holland ARC. Al later won a prize in the final drawings.

At 12:00 Noon on Sunday, Chairman Jim Nies called for everyone not involved in taking down the exhibits to be seated in the arena. Security enforced empty aisles. The Chairman acknowledged contributors and volunteers making the event possible. Icom, for example totaled more than \$27,000.00 in prizes. During the main event numbers were drawn for prizes and posted on televisions mounted in the halls surrounding the arena.

At 1:15 PM, the numbers were drawn for the unclaimed prizes. When the loud speaker called out the drawn number, the lucky recipient called out. Those seated around him also called out loudly so the announcer knew that that prize had been won. He then called out the next one. On the last 12 prizes, the winners were required to complete forms 1099 for income tax purposes, since all were worth more than \$600.00 dollars. Most of the thousands of people started to leave the arena, since the prizes would then be shipped to the last winners. Phyllis and I wanted to "carry out our prize in person". So we waited until the last dog was hung.

The last number was called out for the grand prize, worth \$8000.00. It was donated by Icom. Consisting of a complete D-Star repeater station with the latest analog to digital technology. Phyllis heard, I only half heard, the name John Fischer, KC8UNY. Our President of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club in Grand Haven Michigan. Wow!!

John had already left the Hamvention. Phyllis and I went to the prize booth and offered to take the D-Star to him. The committeeman declined our offer saying that John would have to submit the Form 1099 with his social security number on it. Oh well... It was 2:20 PM under a sunny afternoon sky. Phyllis and I left Dayton Ohio and closed out the Hamvention 2007. Next year?.... Who knows.

The Classified Section)

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



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Name _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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.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 . 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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