
NOARC NEWSLETTER

January 2005

President's Words

By Tom Fischer, K8000

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

I have nothing to say this month except ALL BOW TO ME, and HAIL ME and stuff. Also Andrew Young is a Genius. OK You got me- It's not Tom but Andrew here- I didn't receive anything so I thought I would abuse my power this month as newsletter editor. I think Don Smith, the VP, has summed up a good month below.

VP's Words

By Don Smith, N8HCS

(Including a Darwin Award Honorable Mention)

The NOARC 2005 class will be starting on Monday the last two weeks of February and all of March on Monday nights and testing the first week of April. The class will be held at the Barber School in Spring Lake this year. Due to some unformatted circumstances I can't do the class this year. John KC8UNY will be stepping up to the plate on this one and I am confident that with the help of the wise NOARC volunteers he will do just fine. So lets all do what we

This Month's Meeting

By Criag Christilaw, K8CRC

Dan Whisman to Demonstrate O-Scope

01-27-2005

At the January NOARC meeting Dan Whisman N8KCW will do a demonstration on "Basic Operations of the Oscilloscope". If you have an oscilloscope sitting around at home, bring it to the meeting, fire it up, and we will have Dan show us how it all works. And if you don't have a scope to bring, be prepared to learn some great tips on the care and feeding of the ham shack oscilloscope.



Grand Rapids Link Receiving Antenna, 5-Mile Hill

This Month's Newsletter

By Andrew Young, N8ARY

Why is it Different?

You may be thinking that this month's newsletter appears to be somewhat different to you. You're right- it is. I must tell you why, so here goes.

I used to have a copy of the regular newsletter stored on my computer. This copy was carefully preserved in the hard drive under "my documents."

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can to make this years class a great success. All class questions should be directed to John.

My wife and the Grand Haven City Police seem to wonder about my sanity, but I don't know what all the big deal is. The only mistake I made was using Diane's front wheel drive car for my test. I am sure something like this has happened to you. All I wanted to do is test the Ice for hardness after a few real cold nights, so one Friday night a couple of weeks ago I thought I would go down to the East End boat launch here by my house and look at the ice and to test it would be easy, just drive down the boat launch and put the front tires on the ice just a little bit. All was going fine, drove about a foot on to the ice and the tires broke the ice so I know it isn't too hard, first part of the test went just fine. Now I have done this plenty of times with my old van but let me tell you something right now. You cant do this with a front wheel drive car, seems that all the traction you would normally have with the back wheels on solid ground to back you off the ice theory goes right out the window with front wheel drive. Now I have seen some pretty nice rooster tails of the back of some bass boats but that was nothing compared to what you can do backing off the ice with a front wheel drive car, so no problem I just walked up to the house got a bag of salt and my van and went back to the launch. Meanwhile as you can imagine Diane is taking this entire test pretty well I mean at least no tears yet. No problem, just throw some salt under the front tires and back out, Right? Wrong, it seems that when you put salt into the water it just kind of goes away especially when you stir it with the spinning wheels. I didn't have no tow strap but I did have the 100 foot rope that Greg KC8HXO gave me for Christmas a few years ago its not a big rope but I figured if I doubled it about four times I would have a pretty strong 25 foot rope. So I put my van into position for the retrieval and every thing was fine so far, no screaming coming from the car yet so I am ok. Now from out of no where here is some bright lights I didn't expect, at first thought I figured it was some concerned citizen wanting to help out but as it turns out it was the Grand Haven Police and he didn't even want to get out of his nice warm 4 wheel drive vehicle. Seems he had a big curiosity about what was going on and after a bunch of stupid questions like what are you doing and YOU'RE TESTING THE ICE WITH A CAR???, who is the car registered to? and who is in the car? I just had one question for him. Do you have a tow strap? He said that he didn't have one but I am pretty sure he did. With all that out of the way he just decided he would watch and he had a thicker coat than mine. So much for the serve in the to protect and serve. In the old days I would have got a hand. Now that I got the cop to safety and in a good viewing position I proceeded to pull the care off the ice. No big deal just tied the trusty rope to the car and to the back of the van and pulled Diane to safety and it couldn't have been easier. Unhook the rope and we were on our way. If you're checking the ice use a rear wheel drive car, don't use front wheel drive unless you back on but that spoils the view.73 Don❖



Don't try this at home. As a rule of thumb, running water really never freezes very well.

Repeater Info:

Autopatch	* then number
Hang Up	#
Net Mode	1752
Normal Mode	1751
PL Tone	94.8
Grand Rapids Link PL Tone	97.5
Frequency	145.490 MHz
Input Frequency	144.890 MHz
Location	Near Grand Haven Benchmark

TREASURER'S REPORT:

December 24, 2004

Beginning Balance Checkbook 11/27.....	
2,328.65	
SMARS, Marshall Hamfest	24.00
Marsh Seeburg-Liability Policy	325.00
Andrew Young Copies	13.32
Ending Balance as of 12/23.....	1,956.73
Savings balance as of 12/23.....	3,176.47
Grand Haven Comm Foundation 12/23.....	2,692.10
Grand total	
all accounts.....	7,725.30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TECHNICIAN CLASS

BARBER SCHOOL, 1 BLOCK SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE HALL IN SPRING LAKE.
 7:00 PM
 Licensing class to help prospective Hams to earn their licenses.
 The class will meet every Monday for several weeks, ending with a VE session.

NOARC NET

145.49 MHZ, GRAND HAVEN
 8:00 PM EVERY TUESDAY
 Short net with check-ins, some discussion, and an informal get-together at Russ' on US 31 in Grand Haven afterward.

BREAKFAST

PINE STREET CAFE
 7:00 AM SATURDAYS
 Join us on Saturday to catch up on the latest.

MARSHALL HAMFEST

MARCH 19
 CLUB TABLE PROVIDED.

I decided to replace my hard drive with a newer and better one, so I carefully devised a plan to migrate all my data and files to the new hard drive. Well, as most of my carefully devised plans go, this one backfired and I lost many of my important files, which forced me to create this new newsletter.

Just remember that replacing a hard drive sometimes requires hours of preparation and planning.

I apologize if any information is missing.

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

- FEB 1- DON SMITH N8HCS
- FEB 8- TOM LAU W8TML
- FEB 15- TOM VANDERMEL KB8VEE
- FEB 22- WOODY ALDRICH N8LBG
- MAR 1- DEAN WHITNEY KF8NS
- MAR 8- BRAD KING N8PFC
- MAR 15- JOHN FISCHER KC8UNY
- MAR 22- ANDREW YOUNG- N8ARY

THE NET IS AT 8:00 PM EVERY TUESDAY ON 145.490 MHZ. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AS NET CONTROL.

CLUB WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/w8cso>

President- Tom Fischer- K8000

Vice President- Donald Smith- N8HCS

Secretary- Tom Lau- W8TML

Treasurer- John Sundstrom- N8YQD

Fungineer (Formerly known as Activities Director)- Craig Christilaw- K8CRC

This month's editor: Andrew Young- N8ARY

Dues are payable in December. Current dues are \$35 individual, \$45 Family. Please register on the Club's website to receive announcements and communications from other club members, or provide your mailing address and telephone number via "snail mail."

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