



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for JANUARY 2008



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SKIP WINS THE NOARC PRIZE OF THE YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 14 7:15 PM, TECH/GENERAL LICENSING CLASS, HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, 280 E. 8TH ST. HOLLAND, FOR TEN WEEKS. FEE \$20 AND \$20 IF YOU NEED A BOOK CONTACT ED HEYBOER, KF8EV 616-772-4811 EHEYBOER@SBCGLOBAL.NET

January 24 NOARC club meeting

Jan 26 The 2nd Ham In a Day Class it will be at the Grand Haven Community center starting at 8:30 am and ending at 3:30 with testing at 1:30 or 2:00 pm. Walk-ins for upgrades are welcome. We will be using the Gordon West tech book they are available at Toolmax. For more information call John Fischer KC8UNY at 616-402-0665

******* 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

January

- 8 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS**
- 15 KD8FCV JIM MILLER**
- 22 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER**
- 29 W8IQE PAUL ZELLAR**

January 2008 Treasurer's Report By John Sundstrom

Don't forget to send in you 2008 dues of \$25.00 to NOARC Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI.

Chase Bank Checking account\$ 935.76

Savings account.... 2,953.28

Total Cash on Hand \$ 3,889.04

Grand Haven Community Fund \$ 5,330.18

By the time you read this I will be in Florida. "See"
you on the bathrobe net at 14.235.5 at 9 AM. N8YQD

We picked Mark Stern up at his house at ten after six in the evening. The weather was dark and cold. Phyllis and I were kicking ourselves for leaving our boots home on this evening. The weather was prognosticated to deteriorate into freezing sleet. We arrived at the new Community Center in Grand Haven and took the elevator to the second level. We opened the elevator to a shining setting that can only belong to Christmas. On the window sills, garlands of pines and candles laden with bows and ribbons. In the corner was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Six large round tables were gaily decorated with red and green tablecloths. On the center were candles and sprigs of pine. All this was done courtesy of Craig Christilaw and Colleen Rocky.

Twenty four members and guests brought their own silverware service and plates and furnished a few dishes "to pass". John Sundstrom brought a "spirally" sliced ham. There were potato dishes baked and mashed. carrots, squash, beans, cookies, brownies, desert bars, coffee and punch. Too much to remember here. Suffice it to say that nobody went away hungry.

We were graced with the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Sharon Tanis. Dick has a history with the club going back some twenty two years. He and his wife have recently moved on Gladys St., across from Craig Christilaw. (I see long wire antennas going up between there and "Skip" George Verduin's house, who lives just a short distance away.).

President John Fischer told the group that Monday night at 6:00 O'clock in the evening, will be the dedication of the Spring Lake EOC. It will be dedicated to Tom Fischer long time mainstay of Spring Lake and active amateur par excellence. Members are requested to appear at the EOC in the Spring Lake Police Department on Savidge St.

Don Meyer told about the West Michigan Ham Website. They are taking a collection to help an unfortunate ham who has recently suffered a heart attack and is struggling to make ends meet.

John Sundstrom flashed pictures as Gene Camfield tried in vain to draw his own number out of the hat, for the main prize of the evening. The prize number drawn was that of "Skip I never win anything", Verduin. A beautiful new Yeasu FT2800, 65 Watt Mobile radio was his reward. Paul Zellar generously provided a consolation prize of LED flashlights to every last person present in the room.

A very large THANKYOU to all who helped make this year's party a success. 73's, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all !

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

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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