



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for MAY 2007



The wind changed antenna polarity at W8IQE. Some fun!

May 5, Saturday. Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap.

May 8, Holland Junior Run.

May 9, Wednesday and **May 10 Thursday.** Tulip Festival parade.

May 12, Saturday. The big Tulip Festival parade.

May 19, Saturday. Girls on the run.

May 28, Monday. Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade.

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Spring was starting to spring on the evening of April 25th 2007 as the members of North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club gathered at the White Pines Middle School on Griffin Road in Grand Haven. President John Fischer called the meeting to order around 7:30. We all munched on Phyllis' cookies, apples and pretzels and sipped John Sundstroms coffee while the discussions began. John Sundstrom advised that he would be willing to drive to the Cadillac Hamfest on May 5th. He will be accompanied by Don Meyer.

"Girls on the run" a foot race to be run on May 19th is in need of volunteers to provide emergency communication services. Contact Don Meyer or Andrew Young to help. John Fischer said that the Snug Harbor five kilometer run is looking for help on May 26th . Further, the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade will be able to use our communication skills on May 28th for their annual downtown event. Next was the discussion of the ARRL Field Day Event. This is planned to take place at Rycenga Park in Ferrysburg on June 23rd and 24th. More clarification will follow. Joe Veldhuis will man the digital operation station. George "Skip" VerDuin will attempt to contact an amateur satellite in orbit.

Paul Zellar told the group that he needed some willing hands to act as net control for the Tuesday Night Net. His objective is to get enough operators so no one would have to be called more than once in five weeks. Phyllis and Roger volunteered with Don Meyer.

Don Meyer is looking for a few interested amateurs to attend class on June 2nd from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a view of forming emergency response teams. Training may include first aid and organization of light search, with damage assessment training. This will take place at the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety in Grand Haven.

There was discussion as to whether we participate in a special events station on Coast Guard Week or the National Light House Light-Ship Weekend that takes place a short time later. The Village of Spring Lake will need a simulated emergency test in September. There will be a damage assessment senario and it will be an opportunity to participate.

"Lucky" Bob Japinga was selected to draw the winning ticket on the fifty fifty draw. He reached in the container and pulled out his own number. Mmmm...

Somewhere around 8:30 Gordon Stockhill made a motion and seconded it to adjourn. All signified by promptly standing up and leaving the premises.

Respectfully submitted by Roger and Phyllis Simmons, N8RXC & KB8NLN

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR HAPPENINGS, EXPERIENCES, OR FERVENT DESIRES OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE NOARC MEMBERS! CONTACT THE EDITOR FOR ITS USE.

******* 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

MAY 1	N8FQ	JOE VELDHUIS
MAY 8	KC8UNY	JOHN FISCHER
MAY 15	W8IQE	PAUL ZELLAR
MAY 22	KB8ODB	DON MEYER
MAY 29	N8YQD	JOHN SUNDSTROM

April 2007 Treasurer's Report John Sundstrom N8YQD

Checking account (per Bank)..... 996.70
 Saving account4,392.50
 Subtotal in Chase Bank..... \$5,389.20 per march statement

Bills outstanding
 Comtronco--repeater 377.27 phone & power

Recent revenue
 Dues -Ross Gates N8GMY 25.00 new club member

 Net balance 3/30/07 \$ 5,036.00

Grand Haven Community Fund \$ 4,529.29

 Net all funds \$ 9,566.22

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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.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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