



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for MAY 2009



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COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 2 Cadillac Hamfest 146.980, no PL Jr. HS, 500 S Chestnut St
- 6 I.R.A. Hamfest, 147.160, 94.8 Hudsonville Fairgrounds
- 9 Tulip Time Parade, help needed
- 15/16/17 Dayton Hamvention Look for W8IQE at lot 3117
- 16 Girls on the Run
- 25 Snug Harbor 5K
- 27 NOARC monthly meeting at Spring Lake Library

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

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

MAY

5 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS

12 N8NLN PHYLISS SIMMONS

19 KD8FCV JIM MILLER

26 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER

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First of all our condolences go to Don Meyer. His father, Orim Meyer, 87 years old, passed away from pancreatic cancer. He will be missed.

Gary Trip Call sign: K8LLG was one of the first members to appear at the Spring Lake Library for the April Meeting. Gary has been a ham for fifty years. He now anticipates becoming active again. Welcome Gary! We hope you have another fifty years with us.

The members gathered around the coffee, cookies, and brownies that Phyllis brought to the club meeting. Shades of Spring were in the air as cookies and brownies were devoured. The talk generally revolved around radio stuff until President John Fischer called the meeting to order at about 6:59 Pm. The members of the club introduced themselves with their names and call signs. President Fischer then outlined some of the coming events. Earth Day Parade will take place on Saturday April 18th at 1:00 O'clock in the afternoon. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Department of Public Safety at 12:15. About six more volunteers are needed for this short parade. Also, this Saturday, April 18th, there will be a QSO party. The Kent County Amateurs are getting a group to clean up trails in the Manistee National Forest area.

The Muskegon Ham In a Day Class will take place on the 25th of April.

The Cadillac Hamfest will be held on May 2nd. For possible car pool meeting, at the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, contact John Sundstrom. On May 16th, Girls on the Run will be looking for volunteers to assist with their 5K race.

The Dayton Hamcation will take place in Dayton Ohio on 15, 16 and 17th of May. This is the grand daddy of all ham fests. They boast over \$50, 000.00 worth of prizes, during the three day event.

The second Saturday of May, the big parade in The Holland Tulip Festival takes place. Amateur Radio Operators are paired up with Red Cross EMTs to assist with emergency traffic. Last year volunteers were awarded nice certificates for their participation in the event. The Holland Police Department EOC will be used for Net Control. Snug Harbor restaurant will sponsor a 5 K race on May 25th. In the past, volunteers have received a Tee shirt for helping.

The 25th of May will be a parade in Spring Lake. The Police Department has requested assistance with crowd control, emergency communication, and traffic direction.

The Hudsonville IRA Swap Meet will take place on the 1st Saturday in June.

Field Day this year, will be held at the Coast Guard Park again. We would like to set up shifts for operators to work, however, Not much progress has been made in this endeavor. Shifts would make more efficient use of the time allotted to make contacts. Otherwise single operators are very tired after several hours at the radio. The stations get really quiet in the wee hours of the morning.

The next meeting will be on the last Wednesday of May at the Spring Lake Library. The meetings of June, July and August will be outdoors. Lucky George Dood won the fifty fifty drawing.

Paul Zellar gave the club an excellent presentation about International Aid. The philanthropic organization that reaches out to the poor countries of the world. Paul was a key instructor in Ghana and the middle east. He also worked with Duke University in the development of testing equipment and taught classes in the repair of medical equipment.

Gary Trip made an appeal for computers and usable parts of computers to be used in the ministry of Love INC. Windows 95 or newer are needed.

John Sundstrom motioned for dismissal at 8:10 Pm. Steve Vanderhill seconded the motion. Then everyone left the room.

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis and Roger Simmons

The Classified Section)

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

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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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