



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for MARCH 2007

THINK SPRING!

Don't forget Dayton, May 18, 19, and 20.

COMING EVENTS

- MARCH 3** **CPR Training**
- MARCH 15** **Operator Class**
- MARCH 17** **Marshall Hamfest**
- MARCH 22** **Skywarn Training**
- MARCH 29** **Net Control Class**

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March 3. CPR training will be conducted at Saint Patrick's at 9:00AM until 1:00PM by the American Red Cross.

March 15. 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM. If you've had the Ham in a Day class, you may want to take this to learn the practical aspects of Amateur Radio. If you plan to attend, send an email to Kim Karr at kkarr@kcraces.net.

March 17. Marshall (Michigan) Hamfest - 0800-1300 EST, Marshall High School, Marshall, Michigan
For more info see <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html>

March 22. SKYWARN training for Ottawa County will be March 22, 2007. This is the night that the NOARC meeting is scheduled. If you have any questions or need additional information contact: Chris Saddler 616-738-4052 csaddler@co.ottawa.mi.us or Bill Smith 616-738-4050 bsmith@co.ottawa.mi.us or of course you can contact me John Wehmer WB9JSR, Ottawa County EC, home1 616-847-6409 home2 616-604-0510 cell 616-502-4800 pager 800-218-4083 wb9jsr@arrl.net

March 29. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. A class will be held for Net Control Operator Training in the training room.

Comments: To help people become net control operators. We'll have both a lecture and hands on exercises. If you plan to attend, send an email to Kim Karr at kkarr@kcraces.net.

General: Calling all brass pounders! N8FQ announced the formation of a low speed CW net on Tuesday evenings at 8:30. The frequency is 28.395 Mhz.

Hi From South FLorida:

I did not get to Orlando until about 1:30 on Saturday. I saw Lou Meisch, Jim Walters & Glen Henkle. I missed contact with Roger & Phyllis Simmons and Ben Doctor who were also there. The hamfest was well attended and there were plenty of people selling stuff. I did not see any good deals (People were asking \$500 for a used Yaesu FT-100 or \$450 for a ICOM 706 plain--which is too high as far as I am concerned). I helped Fred Clements, N8EFP sell his 2m/70 CM vertical antenna at an indoor booth. The weather was about perfect--low 70's.

Regards, John Sundstrom de N8yQd

The much-anticipated Ottawa County SKYWARN SSTV image server on the air. You should hear it IDing every 10 minutes on 445.125 MHz FM. I have compiled a user's manual: <http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf> And a 3x5 command reference card: http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx_ref.pdf

Joe, N8FQ

On February 22 the monthly NOARC meeting was held at the Spring Lake EOC. Eight members and a visitor, Josh Carlisle KC8NHR attended. Don Meyers reported that the Ice Festival run went very well. He noted that there has been good cooperation with the Grand Haven Police Department. Don also reported that he had attended a training session for E-Team, a National and State of Michigan internet system for coordinating and logging emergency activities.

There was a discussion about the various race networks that have taken place for some years, and their value in preparing hams for emergency traffic situations. While on this subject the question was asked about whether the race nets were a part of NOARC. While NOARC members have made up the greater part of the helpers, they were not an official function. It was felt that the public service events should be specifically recognized as a NOARC effort. A motion was moved by W8IQE and seconded by N8FQ. It was passed unanimously.

KC8UNY announced that the TeNee Key sales had been good and he was going to assemble more for consignment at ToolMax. Also announced was the CPR training on the third of this month.

A discussion of the W8CSO web page and reflector brought up the fact that it requires regular house keeping to delete older material to free space for new. Also discussed was the possibility of setting up a W8CSO.org web site. Joe Veldhuis volunteered his services, upon which K8RRA moved that Joe be authorized to do this and coordinate with N8ARY, who has been valiantly holding the virtual fort. The motion was seconded by KB8ODB and passed unanimously.

All the Oreo cookies being devoured, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

I really miss Roger and Phyllis, our secretaries!

Respectfully submitted by Paul E. Zellar, W8IQE.

******* 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

MAR 6	N8FQ	JOE VELDHUIS
MAR 13	W8IQE	PAUL ZELLAR
MAR 20	N8LBG	WOODY ALRICH
MAR 27	KC8UNY	JOHN FISCHER

Freeze Your B???. Off - 2007 N8H M/M QRP FIELD OPERATION FROM HELL, MICHIGAN
 OPS AB8DF, KA5S, N8XX Power - QRP (of course, for FYBO) Location - Outside in Frozen Hell.:)
 Band Raw Q's Valid Q's Points SPC 40CW 30 30 60 19 20CW 15 15 30 9
 TOTAL 45 45 90 28
 90 QSO PTS 28 SPC Multiplier 6 Temp Multiplier 4 Field OP Multiplier
 10000 Worked WQ7RP 70480 Total Claimed Score

Murphy struck early - one antenna halyard was tangled in a tree, which caused the 40 meter antenna height to be <30 feet instead of 50 feet. Then the rig wouldn't put power to the tuner, and after some sleuthing a broken coax was found and fixed. Also, alternate power from a generator wouldn't start at such a cold temperature, so we gave up and plugged into the AC mains. At least they have 110VAC in Hell!

We tried Feld Hell on 40 metres at 1900Z and 2100Z with no takers. (we thought the mode would be appropriate for the venue!) We knew the rig was working because we were making quite a few CW contacts, even with a low antenna. We didn't try 20 meters Feld Hell because of technical difficulties with one rig.

It was 2°F when we arrived in Hell, and never got above 13°F during the operation. You might say it was a cold day in Hell:)

The weather was getting blustery and snowy around 2100Z, so we decided to close up at 2200Z while it was still light.

Thanks to the Arizona ScQRPions for running a nice contest. There will be a longer writeup on the AzScQRPions web site. We hope to CU during FYBO 2008. Unless things change drastically, we'll be in Hell again,

and will have a much better idea of what is needed for such an operation.

72 from Ed, AB8DF, Cortland, KA5S, and Hank, N8XX

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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.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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