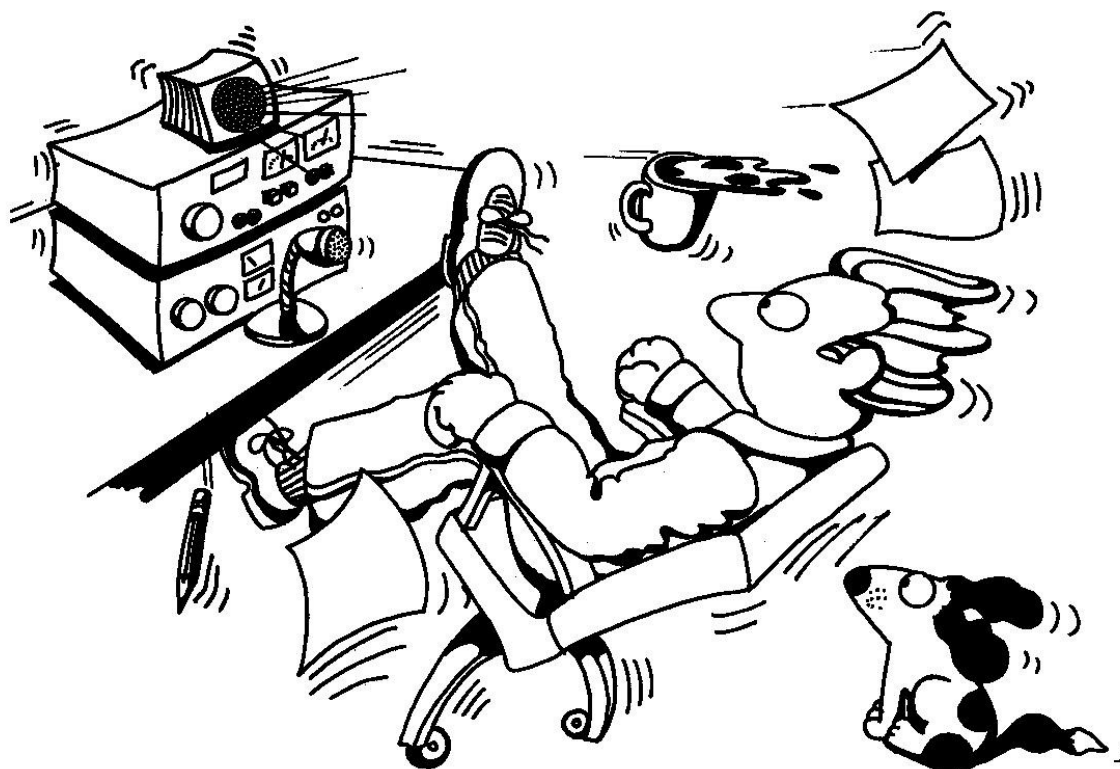




North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for MARCH 2009



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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday net at 8:00 PM on the W8CSO repeater. Refreshments at Russ' in Grand Haven

Wednesday morning breakfast at the Idle Hour, Spring Lake , 8:00 AM

Saturday morning breakfasts at Pine Street Café, Ferrysburg, 7:00 AM

March

5 Monthly OCEC meeting at 7:00pm in conference room "F".

14 49th Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall High School,
701 North Marshall Avenue, Marshall, MI

<http://www.w8df.com>

Talk-In: 146.660 -600 offset (PL 94.8) & 146.520 Simplex

19 NOARC MEETING, at the Spring Lake Library, 7:00 PM

28 HAM-IN-A-DAY, Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

Cost: \$30.00 includes license exam fee

Location: Ferris State University
Room 109 West Commons Building
Cramer Circle

Big Rapids, Michigan

Time: Registration: 8:30 am

Class: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00—12:45 pm on your own

VE Testing registration: 4:00 pm

Testing begins: 4:30 pm

Questions: Tom Behler, KB8TYJ (231)592-9854

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

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

March 2009

- 3 N8NLN PHYLISS SIMMONS**
- 10 KD8FCV JIM MILLER**
- 17 KC8UNY JOHN FISCHER**
- 24 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS**
- 31 W8IQE PAUL ZELLAR**

WANTED: More hams to join the Tuesday night net and more volunteers for net control. Contact Paul, W8IQE.

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NOARC MEETING MINUTES:

Phyllis and I pulled up to the February meeting of the NOARC at the Spring Lake Library. Phyllis had her load of peanut butter cookies and brownies. I helped her carry them in from the car. It was a relief to get into the warm library after the cool twenty degree ride from home.

Shortly before seven in the evening, there were already members sitting in the third row back. They were facing the front of the room, (just like in church). We welcomed the new hams: Toni and Bob Clive and Doug Furton.

Most of us, including myself began partaking of Phyllis' goodies. At around five minutes after seven, President John Fischer took a swig of Mountain Dew and began the meeting. We introduced ourselves by giving our first names and call signs. That formality taken care of, President Fischer advised the group that the reason for a sparse gathering this evening was that there was a severe weather lecture, put on by retired National Weather Service meteorologist Richard Brand. This was taking place at the same time as our meeting, at the Ottawa County Emergency Center.

There followed a discussion of storms including tornadoes which have occurred in the area during past years.

John Fischer advised that a call sign K5 DXpedition is taking place on an island off Puerto Rico. The frequencies are in the fifteen and twenty meter bands, and CW among other modes. The frequencies are split operations receiving on 14.190 and contacts transmitting around 14.220.

Further, a "Midway Atoll" DXpedition is coming up soon. Paul Zellar mentioned that to be counted as a legitimate contact, the information needed for exchange is the call sign and signal report.

Next, John led a discussion of Field Day. We recalled the joys of making contacts around the country and operating until the wee hours of the morning, and that on most of the field days we have experiences involving thunderstorms and rain. This occurred during some part of the twenty four hour period of the contest.

We also discussed our services during the Coast Guard Festival and the Holland Tulip Festival.

The Marshall Hamfest was said to be one of the better hamfests. It is coming up March 14.

Lucky George Dood won the fifty/ fifty drawing contest.

The next meeting is set for March 19, 2009 at the Spring Lake Library.

Our eight thirty time limit for the use of the meeting room crept up on us as President Fischer was explaining the function and parts of the Te-Ne-Ke to Ross Gates.

We vacated the room when the librarian warned us that the library was closing for the night.

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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