



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for MAY 2008

Grand Haven, Michigan

"Coast Guard City USA"

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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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COMING EVENTS

- 1st: 7:00pm – West Michigan Search & Rescue monthly meeting at Fillmore.
- 7th: Noon: - Tulip Time Parade
- 8th: Noon: - Tulip Time Parade
- 8th: 7:00pm - Holland Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting at clubhouse.
- 10th: Noon: - Tulip Time Parade
- 15th: 7:00pm – E.O.C. training at Fillmore.
- 22nd: 7:00pm: North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club meeting at White Pines Middle School.
- 26th: 7:00pm - Ottawa County Emergency Communications monthly meeting at Fillmore.
- 31st: All day: - Bike MS 2008

June:

- 1st: All day: - Bike MS 2008

***** 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

6	KD8FCV	JIM MILLER
13	N8RXC	ROGER SIMMONS
20	N8YQD	JOHN SUNDSTROM
27	KC8UNY	JOHN FISCHER

Thirteen was the number of amateurs that were present at the White Pines Middle School for the April Meeting of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. We gathered in small groups and chatted about various aspects of the radio hobby sometime around seven o'clock in the evening. Lou Meisch came in, fresh from his drive from Florida.

We started munching on the cookies and brownies and drinking coffee right away. President John Fischer called the meeting to order pretty close to seven thirty, Eastern Standard Time. We took turns introducing ourselves with name and call sign.

Fischer said we expect Field Day 2008 to take place at Coast Guard Park off North Shore Drive. The site of the park is also a location that hosted a firing range previously. Arrangements and plans still need to be made for the acquisition of the park for the event. According to ARRL rules, the club would be allowed a radius of one thousand feet to enclose the stations. We would also like to operate the radios with battery power and solar panels. The use of renewable energy will gain extra points in the radio contacts that are made, in the contest.

NOARC Treasurer John Sundstrom passed out copies of the monthly treasurers report. The report identified eighteen paid up members as of April 25th. Sundstrom raised the possibility of procuring tee shirts and or hats commemorating Field Day. The benefits of belonging to the Grand Haven Community Foundation were discussed.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Phase Two training will take place on May 3rd, at the Department of Public Safety Training Room , in Grand Haven, at 8:00 AM .

Discussion was held reference Sky Warn. The position of net control operator needs to be filled. Also members were advised that no check-ins will be accepted from volunteers during "Condition Red". At that time the air space is supposed to be reserved for emergency messages. This policy is not meant to discourage individual amateurs from reporting immediate emergencies.

President Fischer also mentioned that, in linking Grand Rapids IRA repeaters, the transmitter should be keyed a couple seconds before transmitting to allow the repeater linkage to complete necessary contacts.

Paul Zellar is looking for a shift car, such as a Honda, front wheel drive, manual transmission, engine can be questionable to be converted into an electric hybrid.

Phyllis Simmons was the lucky winner of the drawing. (Her winnings will almost pay for her cookies and brownies).

Gordon Stockhill motioned to adjourn the meeting sometime around eight thirty. All agreed and departed the premises.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

NOARC Treasurer's Report April 25, 2008 John N8YQD

Balances as of 4/24/2008

Chase Bank Checking account	296.70
Chase Bank Savings account	<u>2,954.82</u>
Total	3,251.52

Grand Haven Community Foundation 5,294.42

(Note: If we desired, we could remove 183.00 from The fund as a dividend .)

2008 Dues Paid status as of April 25, 2008.

	Paid through		Paid through
Gene Camfield	2008	Gordon Stockhill	2010
David DeYoung	2008	John Sundstrom	2010
David Fisher	2010	Mark Stern	2010
Ross Gates	2010	Skip VerDuin	2010
Lou Meisch	2010	John Wehmer	2008
James Miller	2008	Jim Wolter	2010
Jerome Novotny	2008	Tom Wyant	2008
Jeremy Platt	2008	Andrew Young	2008
Roger & Phyllis S	2010	Paul Zellar	2008

If you do not see your name on this list, your dues are not yet paid.

We normally have about 40 members pay dues so lots of people need to send their dues of either \$25/year or \$70-3Years to:

Box 44 Ferrysburg,MI

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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