



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for November 2004

From the Editor...

1. The IRLP system is now working fine. To access it, go to 443.7750 and punch in the code of the Node you want to talk to.
2. We sold 3 Te Ne Ke's at the Holland Hamfest. We are down to one. Hopefully, more can be built over the winter so we have 20-30 for the 2005 Hamfests.
3. Andrew Young, N8ARY, has agreed to do the newsletter once again for me while I spend the winter in Florida.
4. The 145.49 is useable but still experiencing interference when the receiver PL is opened up. Hank Reikels, W8GVK, is working on it. When I last talked to him (11/6), he was going to check on an antenna hard-line fitting going to a 2.4 GHZ data service. No interference is experienced if you can come in through the Grand Rapids (PL 91.5) link. The reason is the "feed" from GR is via a 70 CM receiver on water tower hill that is not affected by the interference.
5. I discovered that 2 mobile –vertical style hamsticks hooked together to make a dipole antenna works pretty good. I bought 2 20 meter hamsticks at the Holland hamfest (for just 8.95 each) and hooked them to a bracket assembly made up by Don Smith N8HCS. Next, I mounted the antenna on a 10 pole and stood it up on my deck. I check into the bathrobe net fine business.
- 6. We have election of officers this month so its important that you attend the meeting at the Grand Haven Police & Fire station conference Room (where we used to meet). Here is the lineup: President Tom Fisher, K8000, Vice President Don Smith, N8HCS, Treasurer John Sundstrom, N8YQD, Activities Director Craig Christalaw K8CRC & finally Secretary , vacant no candidate. So, we need someone volunteer to be secretary.**
7. Please get your 2005-2008 dues check in to me soon. I am leaving for Florida December 26th. Remember, it s \$70 for 3 years and you get a \$35 state tax credit because its deposited in the Grand Haven Community Fund. So its really only 35/3= \$11.66 per year ! You need to pay it this year to get the credit (or refund) on your 2004 Michigan Tax return. You can also opt to pay for one year at \$35 but no tax credit.. See page 4 for details. Thanks, John n8yqd

Have You joined the NOARC Discussion Group? To join, go to the Noarc Web Page

Located at www.Qsl.net/noarc. Next look for the "join discussion group" button on the front page. You will be moved to a Yahoo web page for actual signup.

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Upcoming Events

November 18: NOARC Club meeting & election of Officers from Next Year. The enter via the Washington Street entrance of the Grand Haven Police & Fire Station . The Director will give us a briefing of the Central Dispatch operation followed by a tour of the facility.

November 25: Thanksgiving

December : NOARC Christmas Party

Picture from 2002 Fox
Hunt at Muskegon



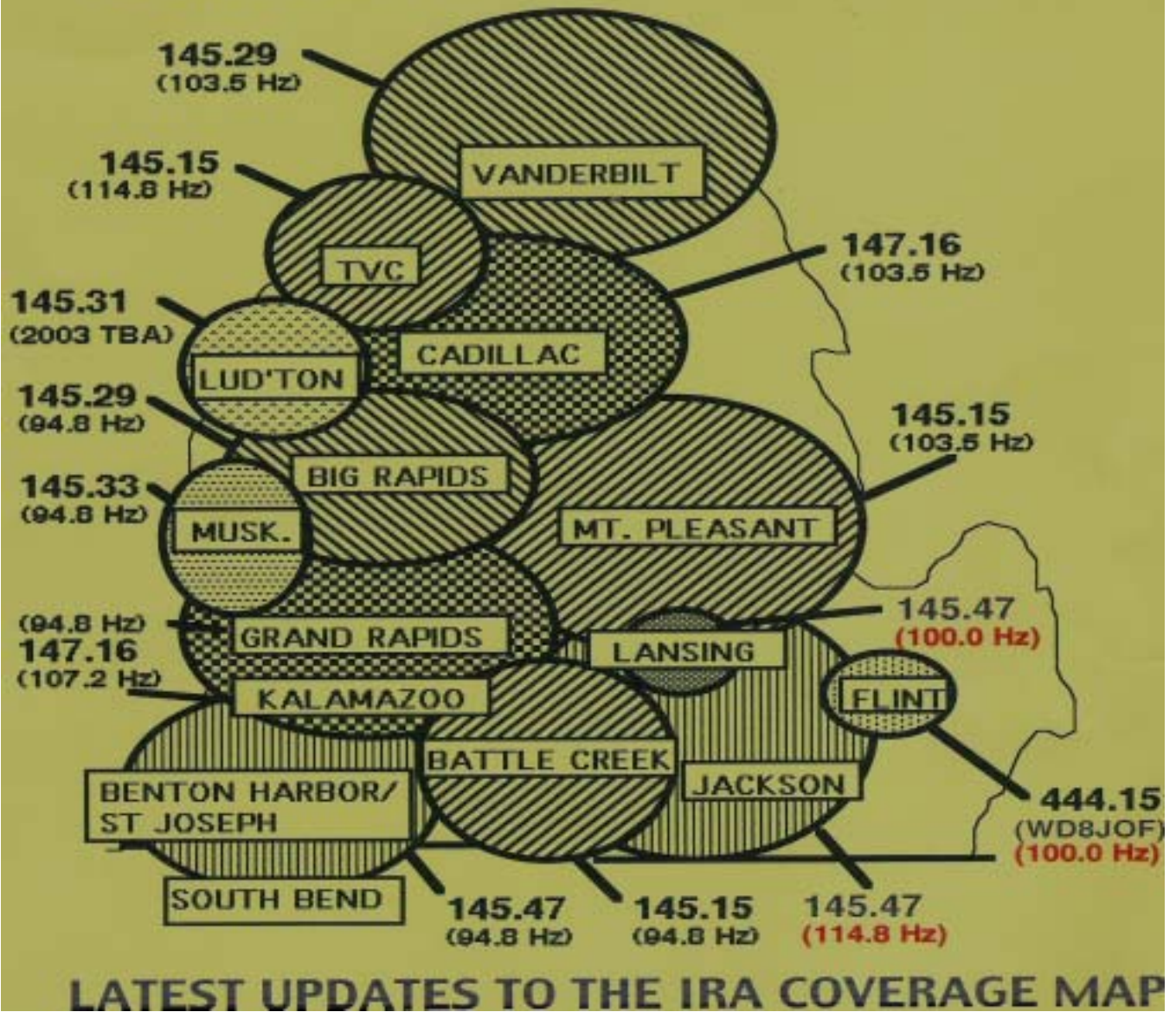
***** Net Control Schedule *****

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 www.qsl.net/noarc

November 16	N8PFC	Brad king
November 23	N8YQD	John Sundstrom
November 30	N8ARY	Andrew Young
December 7	N8HCS	Don Smith
December 14	W8TML	Tom Lau
December 21	KB8VEE	Tom Vander Mehl
December 28	N8LBG	Woody Aldrich

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PL CHANGES ON YOUR MAP HERE TODAY**



President	Dean Whitney, KF8NS	842-0976
Vice President:	Don Smith, N8HCS	846-1938
Treasurer:	John Sundstrom-N8yqd	847-0238
Secretary/SPARK editor:	Andrew Young N8ARY	844-4484
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NOARC Passes Special 3 year Dues package For just \$35 (well \$70 but you get \$35 back on your state Taxes)!

At the September meeting the club voted to once again offer a 3 year dues package to the members for the bargain price of \$70. This is possible because the club is doing well thanks to the TeNeKe sales at Hamfest (especially at Dayton) over the last 5 years. In addition the dues money is to be deposited in the Grand Haven Community Foundation Fund on behalf of the paying member, the member will receive a tax credit of half of the dues (or \$35) on their state income tax. Thus, you either pay \$35 less taxes or you receive a \$35 larger refund and you get 3 years dues paid for just \$35. The funds remain in the Community Foundation but the club can withdraw all the interest earnings from time to time if it needs operating money.

The Grand haven Community Foundation is the same organization that gave us a grant this year for \$708 to pay for the new Repeater Controller.

In order to take advantage of the tax credit you must pay your dues prior to December 25th. So, please send in your check to : GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY Foundation/NOARC fund for \$70 to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Besides saving you money, your funds will remain in the NOARC fund and earn interest that can be withdrawn in the future to pay for a needed project such as a new repeater. You may also send your check directly to the Grand haven Community Foundation, 1 south Harbor, Grand haven, MI 49417 directly. If you do , please send the treasurer an e-mail or note so I can properly credit your dues account.



Andrew Young & daughter get ready to take off on a helicopter ride at the Holland Ham Fest.

Gordon Stockhill and Don Smith work on TE NE Ke assembly last spring prior to Dayton. We built about 25 keys that day. Now, all but one are sold. Its time to make some more.



Treasurer's Report for November 2004, John Sundstrom N8YQD

The balance for all accounts (as of the Oct 21,2004 Bank Statement) are:

Bank One checking	2,178.65
Bank One Savings	3,175.93

sub total	5,354.58

Grand Haven Community fund 1,307.66 (as of end of the second quarter, 2004)

total all accounts 11/1/2004 6,666.24

ACTIVITY SINCE 11/01:

Checking Deposits 150.00 From sales of TE Ne Ke's & donations at the Holland Ham Fest

Income -

Final Balance 6,812.24

of the above balance, \$5,913 was from TE TE KE sales at Hamfest s and mail order over the last 5 years.

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3 years Dues Renewal Form. Single \$70, Family \$80 for 3 years. Please mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409

Name _____ Call _____

(make check out to the Grand Haven Community Foundation—you will receive a receipt for tax purposes from them)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Tone control 491=off; 490-on Time of day 749

" S" meter readback 7

Phone patch Instructions:

* followed by phone number

t o disconnect

** redial last 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 . 2003 Dues are \$ 35.00 individual and \$ 45.00 family. 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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