



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for OCTOBER 2009



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Is the world getting smaller?

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3RD MAARC License testing, 9:00 AM
- 9TH HOMECOMING PARADE help needed.
- 17TH Holland Hamfest, 3 tables provided for members by NOARC.
- 18th Kalamazoo Hamfest
- 26TH OCTOBERFEST help needed.
- 29TH Momthly NOARC Club meeting at the Spring Lake Library, 7:00PM

Due to reduced service hours NOARC has changed Post Office Box address to Box 976, Grand Haven, Mi 49417.

Dues and TE NE KE orders should now be mailed to this address.

Echolink is now working again thanks to Joe, N8FQ

The 'phone patch feature has been disconnected because of lack of use and high cost.

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

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

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Eleven members of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club entered the halls of the Grand Haven public library for this month's meeting. A librarian who ushered us to our meeting room greeted us on the lower floor. On a stand in front of the room was a professional sign indicating that NOARC was meeting inside. The room was clean and furnished with comfortable chairs with a long table in front.

As the hams gathered, Phyllis spread out her cookies, brownies, pretzels and sliced apples on the table. Right away, Roger headed for coffee from the vending machines across the hall from the meeting room. No luck. The machine refused to take either of the dollar bills offered.

Back in the meeting room, general discussions of radio boiled down soon and President John Fischer called the meeting to order. Introductions were made as members recited their call signs and first names. A newly located ham appeared in the ranks. Roger Cox is looking for a home in Grand Haven. Roger used to work for Highgain Electronics. We told him to look for a home on Gladys Street.

John Fischer said that he and Don Meyer are looking for volunteers to help with emergency communications at the East Side Octoberfest in Grand Haven on Saturday the 26th. The communicators are to meet at the Department of Public Safety Parking Lot at 7:30 in the morning.

Discussions were held regarding the location of the Christmas Party this year. No decisions were made.

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Stern had logged his 250th QSO. Ninety eight percent of them were CW and a goodly portion of the contacts was QRP. Mark uses a straight key. Contacts included Africa and Spain.

Other activities President Fischer indicated were: the Spring Lake Homecoming Parade on October 9th, the Holland Swap Meet on October 17th and the Kalamazoo Hamfest on October 18th.

John said that everyone responsible for the Old Boys Brewhouse Octoberfest Marathon 10K and 5K runs were pleased with the conduct of the emergency race communications furnished by NOARC. Volunteers were treated with race tee shirts, and pizza and pork barbecue sandwiches after the race. It was the first time that a coordinated effort between the Grand Haven Public Safety, Ferrysburg and Spring Lake Police Departments occurred. Control was handled by use of the Ottawa County Command trailer in Ferry Park.

We received information that Steve Vanderhill is stepping down from the job of Ottawa County Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator. Jim Miller will be replacing him at that post.

Field Day 2010 will take place in Ferry Park in Ferrysburg. The command trailer will be used again to co-ordinate activities.

Sometime around eight thirty or eight forty, members wandered out of the room. Phyllis packed up what brownies and cookies that were left and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons.

The Classified Section)

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

Understanding Multi-meters Booklet. Contact Paul Zellar, W8IQE



1 year Dues Renewal Form. Single \$25 Family \$30. Buy 3 years for \$70 and you get a Mi Tax credit of \$35 on your 2005 return. Please fill out mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409

Name _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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

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 . 2010 Dues are \$ 25.00 individual and \$ 35.00 family or \$70 for 3 years. Please send dues to NOARC Box 976, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 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.

Postmaster: Return Requested

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