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COMING EVENTS

September 6 GRARA hamfest at Lowell

September 25 NOARC meeting at White Pines Middle School

Joe Veldhuis and Paul Zellar attended the Big Rapids swap meet in August. It was small, not a lot of customers or vendors, but good Ham conversation!

******* 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

September

- 2 KD8FCV JIM MILLER**
- 9 N8NLN PHYLISS SIMMONS**
- 16 N8FQ JOE VELDHUIS**
- 23 N8YQD JOHN SUNDSTROM**
- 30 W8IQE PAUL ZELLAR**

A net like this serves multiple purposes. We get practice in net procedure, valuable in times of emergency, and we get to know each other a bit better. It is also a time to find out the latest in announcements and happenings. If you have not joined in, try it. If you are willing to try operating as net control, let Paul Zellar know. You will get all the help you need.

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The August meeting was held at Ferry Park in Ferrysburg. The beautiful park, on the banks of the Spring Lake channel to the Grand River, had one couple finishing up their supper. Their table was the nearest to the parking lot and there were plenty of parking spaces. The spaces would soon be filled with civilian vehicles sporting various antennas on them. They were all ham radio operators. When our suburban pulled in, we were loaded with radio stuff and antennas, chairs, table, tools and Phyllis' brownies.

The evening was warm, with very little wind. Lou Meisch had arrived around six o'clock and had his 20 meter dipole hung near the bank of the channel. Joe Veldhuis was setting up his laptop with a digital mode radio. When we arrived, Joe had already spoken with a ham from Spain. He was waiting for a reply from a pile up DX from a French amateur.

Ben Docter was operating an Icom 706, on a picnic table. He was operating on the 40 meter band. Phyllis and I brought our Kenwood 570 HF radio and a carbon fiber mast. It was originally 40 feet long and by the time it got to be forty feet, it was pretty wobbly and thin. The mast and wire came with instructions on how to mount the "Super Quick" antenna. We have owned it for more than five years and never been able to receive a signal on it. Thanks to Paul Zellar and Lou Meisch with Ross Gates, the "Super Quick" was stretched out to full length and strapped to the nearest park light pole. Once the antenna was up we dug out the Kenwood from its hiding place in a pilots chart case, along with the T-Ne Key and a portable microphone. We were in business. The signals on the 80 meter frequency we were using were loud and clear. Mark Stern and I tried in vain to get someone to talk with us on the air. Methinks they were too fast, too slow, or perhaps we were more interested in consuming Phyllis brownies.

Don Meyer was supervising operations when someone called the fire department reporting a "gas leak". The emergency personnel departed the scene when they discovered that the "gas" was emitted from the sewage pumping station near the park.

Meanwhile, John Fischer contacted Costa Rica with his Icom 706 on a high strung 80 meter dipole, courtesy of Lou Meisch. Lou by the way reported three mosquito bites. (Lou is not normally a complainer). In spite of the mosquitoes, Lou contacted amateurs from North Hampton, Delray California, and some place in Kentucky.

Before I realized it, Dave Fischer departed for a ball game. The amateurs broke camp. We happily headed for home in the dark, listening to the drone of music from the Ole Boys Brewery across the channel from the park.

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?

Battery pack with fluorescent lamps and an inverter. Contact Paul Zellar, W8IQE

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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.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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