



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for February 2006

Hello Fellow Hams...

Do not despair, Spring is coming!!!!

And that means the Marshall Hamfest is coming (March 18, 2006), Cadillac Swap (May 6, 2006), Dayton Hamvention (May 19, 20, 21, 2006), and Field Day (June 24-25, 2006). Here is a report from the recent Orlando Hamfest from John Sundstrom N8YQD...

Yesterday, quite a few hams from the club met in Orlando at the "Hamcation" at the Orange County Fair Grounds. The hamfest is easily the biggest one in Florida with 2 large buildings full of tables plus an estimated 200-300 outdoor "trunk" sales. I though the outdoor sales was down slightly from previous years but the attendance was good overall. Asking prices for rigs were higher that I wanted to pay although I did pick up a couple of items I needed.

As to NOARC members attending, spotted were Lou Meisch, Roger & Phyllis Simmons and Glen Henkle. Somebody said that Ben Doctor was there but I did not see him. Also, the Bathrobe Net group that lives in Florida attended. We all had lunch together. I went to the hamfest with some hams from the Vero Beach area including Fred, N8EFP who was originally from Michigan. It was a fun day. Attached to my report are a couple of pictures. The first one is Lou N8KYO, me and some of the bathrobe net group. The second is Lou checking out the interior of a portable emergency van used for providing communications during and after storms. Florida and the gulf had 28 major hurricanes last year. Florida also has tornadoes and more thunderstorms (200 avg.) than any other state.



Treasurer's Report for February 2006, John Sundstrom N8YQD

So far 35 out of 45 members have paid their 2005, 2006 & 2007 dues. (3 years is \$70) Please pay yours if you have not done so. If you pay this month, you will receive the tax credit.

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Bank One checking	\$1793.67
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Sub total	\$ 4979.00
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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

February 14	N8LBG	Woody Aldrich
February 21	KF8NS	Dean Whitney
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