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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK

February, 2002

From Don Smith, N8HCS, President

Well we're almost into spring and the Marshall ham fest is coming up, hopefully we can get a few TE-NE-KE's ready to sell there... The club will have a table or two so feel free to bring items to sell...

We are into our second week of school for entry level amateurs and all is well... The norm is that we have a lot of people show for the first class and then the second class hardly anyone shows up, not so this year though, at the second class not only did everyone show up but we also added another two students to the roles!! We even had a third person show up get a book and then said he would see us at testing.

Our class was on operating procedures so I put the all band vertical on the van and Greg, KC8HXO brought his Swan 500 rig to class and as Dean educated everyone we got all set up, we made a contact into southern Alabama on the Maritime Mobile Net, I think the future hams were impressed.. So if on Tuesday nights you are doing nothing come down to the old high school and meet some of the prospects.

The meeting place seems to be well excepted so we will be there again this meeting, the last meeting we had several of the member and some of our new members show up to build Te Ne Ke's I am not sure what is up this month but I am sure it will be worth coming. (see next page... ed.)

I have been in contact with John, N8YQD today (Thursday the 21st) he tells me he is heading back Monday and hopefully will be here for the next meeting.. ..with summer coming and the snow birds flying back to Grand Haven it is always a nice time of year you know...

I picture putting up antennas with Lou, N8KYO and educating John, N8YQD on the mechanics of amateur radio, perhaps this year I can teach him how to put lock washers under the nuts on u-bolts. hi hi

I love all the ham fest and outdoor activities field day and the fox hunts and so forth, I like our special event station operation but it is sad also because that is the wrap up of summer... I shouldn't get that many months ahead of myself right now I guess..

I will see you all on Thursday at the White Pines cafeteria for our meeting and until then 73 Don N8HCS ar sk

CLUB MEETING IS THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28!!!!

The meeting held last month at the White Pines Middle School cafeteria was a resounding success, with full approval of the attending members to meet there on a regular basis, and save the \$35 per month to rent the community center. For those of you who may have missed the meeting in January, The cafeteria is a LARGE room, and opens some possibilities for other programs during Club meetings. Come on out and Join us Thursday at 7:00 PM!!

(White Pines Middle school is the old Grand Haven Junior High on Griffin and Robbins Rd. in Grand Haven.)

The February meeting will feature the amazing Andrew Young, N8ARY, and his Hyperextrabulated Conflugurating J-Pole.

He will show proper construction of this magnificent example of high technology.

Hope to see YOU there!!!!

MARSHALL HAMFEST UPCOMING!!

Make sure you mark Saturday, March 16 on your calendar.... It is the annual Hamfest in Marshall Michigan. This hamfest is regarded as maybe the number one swap in Michigan!! Clean out those desks, closets, boxes, and junk drawers, and head on out. NOARC will have several tables for you to display your wares. Stop in and help sell a few Te-Ne-Ke's, too!! We'll be there, will you???

Ol' KC8HXO goes to the Doctor.....



"I swear, it's beating something out in Morse Code!
L-A-Y O-F-F T-H-E D-O-U-G-H-N-U-T-S A-N-D
F-R-I-E-S!!!!"

Treasurer's Report

Account Status as of December 19, 2001:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$3659.94, of which checking and savings totaled \$3198.83, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$461.11.

Income for the period: \$.09 interest on savings, and \$388.15 increase (due to donation) in GH Area Community Foundation balance.

Expenses for the period: \$831.85: \$325.00 Annual Liability Ins. Premium (Seabury&Smith); \$342.13 to Comtronco—Annual power/Telephone bill for 145.490 Repeater; \$36.70 To Henry Reikels for Crystal in GE receiver for GR Link; \$93.02 Reimbursed to John N8YQD for Dec. Newsletter costs, and Christmas invitation mailing; \$35.00 To City of GH for Nov. Community Center room rental.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$3216.33 of which checking and savings total \$2367.07, and the NOARC endowment fund total balance is \$849.26

Please note the chart below represents the status of all club funds at the end of the period:

General Fund:	\$2092.07
Repeater Fund:	would be NEGATIVE balance after replacement of receiver, new battery, this year
Digital Fund:	\$275.00
Endowment Fund	\$849.26

Total all funds \$3216.33

This period there were no expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and no revenues. The total revenue generated to date are \$2572.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

FCC WEBSITE MORE USER-FRIENDLY.....

The FCC has redesigned its Amateur Radio Service Web site and changed the URL <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/> . The new layout makes it easier to find information on topics most requested by amateurs, including licensing, amateur exams, filing an application, changing an address or using the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The refurbished site also provides links to recent Amateur Radio-related news from the FCC. "The new design is a part of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's continuing effort to meet the needs of the Amateur Radio Service operators as identified in focus groups, letters, phone calls, and e-mails," the FCC said in a news release. The new design clusters FCC public notices, news releases, and other official documents affecting Amateur Radio operators on the right side of the page. On the left side of the page, the new navigation scheme displays information on the Amateur Radio Service, the sequential call sign system, licensing and vanity call signs as well as amateur-related communications policies such as reciprocal agreements. The site also offers links to information on the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1, the Part 97 Amateur Service rules and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and ULS sites. The site, launched on February 20, includes a search engine for the entire FCC Web site <http://www.fcc.gov> . Direct questions or comments concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio Service Web site to Bobby Brown, babrown@fcc.gov, or Jennifer Bush, jbush@fcc.gov. For information concerning the Amateur Radio Service, contact Bill Cross, bcross@fcc.gov; 202-418-0680.

Meeting Minutes January, 2002

Note: Meeting held at White Pines Middle School cafeteria for the first time.

- Meeting called to order by Don Smith, N8HCS
- Approx 20 members present.
- Don announced the GHPS has offered us the cafeteria for our meetings at NO CHARGE
- Intro's made.
- Mention of Excess Money in checking account from membership drive. A significant portion to be moved into savings.
- Repeater Committee appointees:
 - John Sundstrom, N8YQD– Trustee, Andrew Young, N8ARY, Mike Martens, WA8CTK, Dean Whitney, KF8NS, Tom Vandermel, KB8VEE
- Plans made to hold Technician Licensing classes to begin Feb. 12, with 9 people agreeing to help teach.
- Motion was made and passed, to make a \$100 donation to IRA (W8HVG) for all their help, and siting for our link receiver/transmitter in Grand Rapids on the 92nd St. hill.

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

If you are unable to keep your appointment as Net Control, **please** arrange for a replacement. Mark your calendar, PDA , etc. to remind yourself of your date.

February	26	N8HCS	Don Smith
March	5	KB8VEE	Tom Vandermel
March	12	KC8HXO	Greg Schippers
March	19	N8LBG	Woody Alrich
March	26	N8YQD	John Sundstrom

Club Officers :

PRESIDENT:	Don Smith, N8HCS	846-1938
Vice-President:	Dean Whitney, KF8NS	842-0976
Treasurer:	Greg Schippers - KC8HXO	847-0238
Secretary:	John Sundstrom, N8YQD	847-4249
Program Director:	Dan Whisman, N8K CW	847-8377
Newsletter Editor:	John Sundstrom, N8YQD	847-4249

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS.....

Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z to 2300Z **Feb 28**. Commemorating the anniversary of the USS Kidd Launch. SSB: 10, 15, 17, 20 m inside General band and above RTTY subband. QSL. W5KID, 305 River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

MARCH SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS....

Rapid City, SD: QCWA Dakota Chapter 102, W0DAK. 1500Z **Feb 23** to 0300Z **Feb 24**. Commemorating 25th anniversary of Chapter 102. 21.375 14.275 7.240 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, W0DAK, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Round Rock, TX: Cen-Tex Contest Group, WA5DTK. 0001Z **Feb 23** to 2359Z **Mar 6**. Commemorating the siege days at the Alamo. 7.265 14.265 21.265 28.465. QSL. Barry Brewer, WA5DTK, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. For more information, e-mail jbrewer@constant.com.

Arlington Heights, IL: Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX. 1600Z to 2300Z **Mar 1**. Celebrating the birthday of Peace Corps, and to honor its volunteers. 7.283 14.325 21.375 28.525. Certificate. John Paskevicz, KA9NLX, RPCV, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Port St Lucie, FL: Port St Lucie Amateur Radio Assn, K4PSL. 1500Z **Mar 1** to 2100Z **Mar 15**. Commemorating the arrival of the NY Mets Baseball team in Port St Lucie for their annual spring and summer training. 28.310 21.350 14.250 14.030. Certificate. Dr Maurice I. Sasson, W2JAJ, 8598 Florence Dr, Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

Daytona Beach, FL: Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Assn, Inc, K4BV. 1800Z **Mar 1** to 1800Z **Mar 10**. 2002 Daytona Beach Bike Week Event. 28.450 21.250 14.265 7.210. Certificate. DBARA/K4BV, PO Box 9852, Daytona Beach, FL 32120-9852. Operation plans include HF phone and PSK31, primarily during daylight hours.

Philadelphia, PA: Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, W3AA. 0000Z **Mar 1** to 0000Z **Mar 31**. Celebrating the 50th Birthday of W3AA in the Franklin Institute. 28.393 21.350 14.230 7.240. Certificate. Stephen Hoch, WU3I, 4638 Oakland St, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Wasilla, AK: Matanuska Amateur Radio Assn, KL7JFU. 2100Z **Mar 2** to **Mar 23**. Celebrating the 30th running of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Operation will continue through the day after the last sled completes the race. 28.460 21.315 14.246 7.290. QSL and certificate. Len Betts, NL7NF, 3090 Bald Eagle Dr, Wasilla, AK 99654. Will try to operate all bands. For more information, contact lelbak@yahoo.com.

Trenton, NJ: Delaware Valley Radio Assn, Inc, 1200Z to 2200Z **Mar 10**. Six months after September 11, honoring all firefighters, EMS, police, and victims and their families. W2ZQ on 12.240 and 7.235, W6OI on 28.400 (10X International). QSL. Harry F. Hochman, K2IQN, FF/EMT, 22 Daisy Ct, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

Brainerd, MN: Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club (BAARC), W0UJ. 1500Z to 2300Z **Mar 9**. \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. BAARC, PO Box 801, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z to 2200Z **Mar 16**. Celebrating the 20th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 21.335 14.240 voice; 14.055 7.135 CW. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.

Milwaukee, WI: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, W9RH. 0000Z to 2400Z **Mar 16**. Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the MRAC. 28.470 14.270 7.260 144.220. Certificate. Tom Schulte, W9RH, 8802 Castle Ct, Franklin, WI 53132. Multiple bands, CW, SSB and FM.

Mount Holly, NJ: NWS-Phi SKYWARN Assn, WX2PHI. 1500Z to 2100Z **Mar 17**. Promoting Hazardous Weather Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. 28.373 14.273 7.273. Certificate. John Holmes, WX3W, WX2PHI Special Event, 126A Worman Rd, Bath, PA 18014-9099.

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 read back 7

Touch tone pad test 5

Phone patch

*** 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 . 2002 Dues are \$ 25.00 individual and \$ 35.00 family.

Please send dues to NOARC Box 44, Ferrysburg, MI 49409

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Postmaster: Return Requested