

## North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

# SPARK for July 2002

### **President's Perspective by Don, H8HCS**

Can you hear it? I can hear it... some times it is so loud that it is all I can hear. What is it that keeps ringing in my ears you ask? It is the sound of people blowing their own horn. And could be most anybody but being that this is the NOARC spark news letter the people I am referring to are usually **old** NOARC members. Now usually this is no big deal but when you're always driving for new members and old members to become new again this noise is really irritating.

Horn blowing is loud and usually catches me off guard and would even at times throw off my equilibrium not to mention a witty come back. There are a lot of Hams out there that did in fact do a lot for our club in the past. There is no question there, but what happened? Not enough recognition I am sure. So, no one else will blow our horn and then we do it ourselves. That's great that these horn blowers did so much for our NOARC in the past but what have you done lately?

I will tell you that, yes in fact you are wonderful people and you did a lot for the NOARC but you are now blowing your own horn so loud it makes me forget all the good you actually have done. There are new and old club members right now that have done so much and I cant even mention their names without getting permission so I wont cause I know they don't want any praise though I hope they know who they are. Well I guess I can tell you who they are! They are the ones you always see showing up to help out, to raise money with projects, the ones who have always been and will always be there to help out who donate a lot of time and or money, and most of all THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DON'T HAVE ANY HORNS TO BLOW!!!

OK I think you get my drift so enough on that, now about Field Day. This must have been the best field day I have ever attended and I have not missed many since 1984.

We had a great turn out with Reverend Dan kicking off the event by putting a good word in for us with his boss. We spent most of sat morning setting up some pretty great and pretty great big antennas like a two element delta quad beam for 40 meters and also one for 20 meters, complements of Jeff Olson and our resident antenna Guru Lou Meisch. Lou had some big antenna for his 80/15 meter station. I sometimes think Lou figures bigger is better no matter what configuration it comes in though I operated his station and I can tell you it worked great.

Oh don't let me forget to tell you that all morning the ARRL guys were filming us for this big project they have going over there on the left hand side of this US of A. It will be some type of DVD ROM business card thing there making, hope we can get a copy.

Also the photo guy bought a TE NE KE from us, tried to give him one but he insisted on paying for it so there you go I guess you just can't give those TE NE KE's away

Last year Andrew N8ARY tried to use a weather balloon to hoist up his antenna but the wind kept blowing it down to the ground (darned wind) so this year he decided to get a six foot kite and use 300 feet of thirty pound downrigger cable for kite string and also as a long wire and not a breeze to be found (darned wind).

I must of gained a lot of weight that weekend thanks to Phyllis KC8NLN and all the other people who under her leadership put on the best feedbag of all times. Nobody went hungry that's for sure!

Woody N8LBG showed up to inspect everything and give it his official okee dokee and that was good.

About ten o'clock Saturday night I told Lou I would be right back I hope he isn't still waiting for me. I went to lay down for a hour or so and the next thing I know the sun is up but no one else is but that is ok

I have been assured that we made about a gazillion contacts and even more in points.

There are so many things good that happened that weekend that it would be a newsletter in itself. Also John N8YQD is waiting for me to get done with his computer here so he can get the news letter out (late as usual you know)

So we will be seeing you at the special event station down at the Coast Guard Station. Also be sure to help with the other events (see page 3).

73 for now de N8HCS

For field 2002 day pictures see John Wehmer's (WB9JSR) website: <http://users.netonecom.net/~johnw/NOARCFD2002.htm>

Treasurer's Report

Account Status as of June 18, 2002:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$4698.05, of which checking and savings totaled \$3843.30, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$854.75.

Income for the period: \$575.14 of which \$3.14 was interest on savings; \$325.00 was Te-Ne-Ke sales at Cadillac hamfest & 2 by mail; \$225.00 was club dues paid; \$10.00 was 50/50 drawing at March meeting; \$12.00 was 50/50 Drawing from April meeting;.

Expenses for the period: \$78.59 of which \$16.20 was a reimbursement to John Sundstrom for March/April newsletter costs; \$20.00 was PO Box annual fee; \$42.39 was reimbursed to Greg Schippers for new 30 cup coffee pot.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$5194.60 of which checking and savings total \$4339.85, and the NOARC endowment fund total balance is \$854.75.

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

General Fund:	\$4064.85
Repeater Fund:	\$0
Digital Fund:	\$275.00
Endowment Fund	\$854.75
 Total all funds	 \$5194.60

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This period there were no expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and \$325.00 in revenues. The total revenue generated to date are \$3492.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

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

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

<b>July 23</b>	<b>KC8JWA</b>	<b>August 6</b>	<b>N8PFC</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>KF8NS</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>N8YQD</b>
		<b>August 20</b>	<b>KB9HU</b>
		<b>August 27</b>	<b>N8HCS</b>

**NOTE: This information is also found on the NOARC Web site**

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## Upcoming NOARC Events

### Tear out and save this!

**Thursday July 25th 7 PM** NOARC Fox Hunt in lieu of a regular Club meeting..... Meet at Michaels Restaurant (Formerly the Hob Nob) on Pontaluna Road, just west of US-31, at 7:00 PM, and set up teams to look for the fox. Get out your direction finding antennas! Invite a non-ham, or prospective ham out for this event– ANYONE can participate!! Have coffee afterwards at Michael's. See map and instruction sheet elsewhere in this issue.

**Saturday July 27th. 8 AM** Coast Guard Run sponsored by the YMCA. We need 15 Hams who want to have fun and earn a Tee Shirt. Contact Don Meyer, KB8ODB at 846-7307 or dmeyer@webshore.net

**Saturday July 27 th 10 AM Coast Guard Kids Parade** we need 10 hams to help right after the YMCA run. Contact Don Meyer 846-7307 or dmeyer @webshore.net

**Friday & Saturday August 2-3.** Noon start. Special Event Station on the front lawn at the Coast Guard Grand Haven Station. We need operators and people to help Lou Meisch, N8KYO put up antennas. Let Don Smith, N8HCS or John Sundstrom, N8YQD, know you want to operate. This is really a fun event! Show up Friday morning at 8 AM on august 2 to put up antennas.

**Saturday August 4th 11 AM.** Coast Guard Parade in downtown Grand Haven. We need 25 Hams to help out. Contact Don Meyer, KB8ODB at 846-7307 or dmeyer@webshore.net.

Please let Don know by e-mail or phone which events (hopefully all) that you can provide assistance.

**I have new shipment NOARC caps and Tee Shirts. C caps are \$10.00 and Tee Shirts are \$15.00 . John Sundstrom, N8YQD; 847-4249; sundstrj@gvsu.edu.**

#### 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 ,N8KCW	847-8377

## RULES FOR NOARC FOXHUNT

1. The hidden transmitter and operator should be hidden in an engine-driven, wheeled vehicle capable of traveling on a typical city street.
2. The hidden transmitter may not use more than 100 feet of transmission line; no link transmitters may be used.
3. The hidden transmitter must use the same antenna, configuration, antenna orientation, and effective radiated power for all transmissions.
4. The transmitter signal must be easily heard at the starting location on a quarter-wave, vehicle-mounted ground plane antenna. Transmitter operators should make sure of this in advance of the hunt.
5. The transmitter vehicle must be readily visible in daylight or with a flashlight at night. Persons in the transmitter vehicle must be readily visible from the exterior of the vehicle.
6. The transmitter vehicle must hide on public land or on private land with public status (e.g. a parking lot) and must be easily accessible by ordinary two-wheel drive hunt vehicles.
7. The hidden transmitter shall transmit for thirty seconds every 4 1/2 minutes (i.e. for thirty seconds  
On the five-minute mark); warning transmissions must be given thirty seconds in advance.
8. Additional transmissions may be provided only after the first two hunt vehicles have found the transmitter. Any additional transmissions must be announced thirty seconds in advance.
9. The transmitter operators may announce when they have been found, but only at the next regular 4 1/2 minute transmission; who found the transmitter should not be announced.

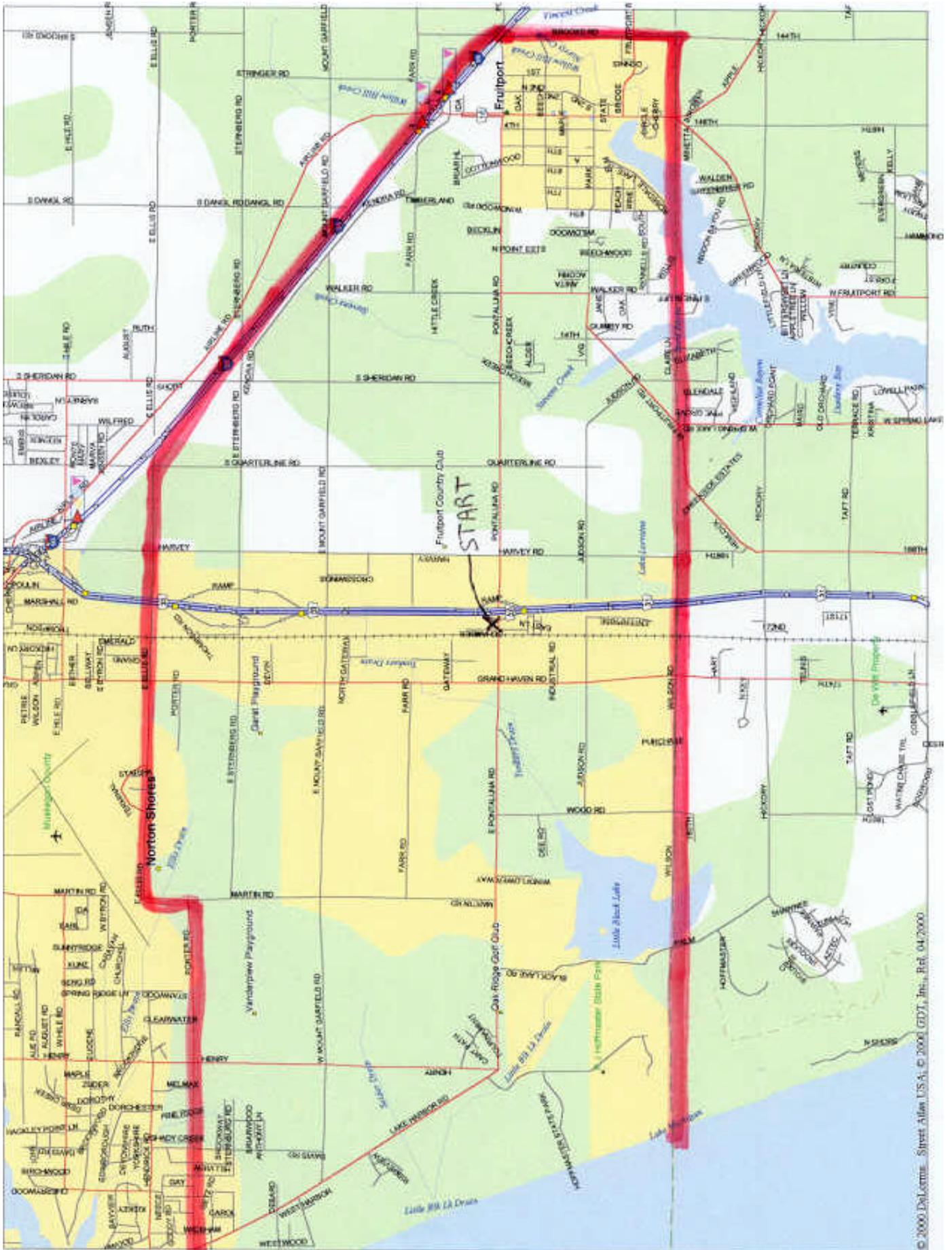
**Hunt Frequencies:**     **146.43 (primary)**  
                                  **147.48 (secondary)**

Note: Please does not give the secondary frequency on the air. If QRM develops, the hunt control station will ask all stations to go to the secondary frequency.

Coordination will be on the 145.49 Repeater

### **Hunt Boundaries:**

North: Muskegon County Airport Porter Rd  
South: Taft Rd  
East: I-96  
West: Lake Michigan



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

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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 . Dues are \$ 25.00 individual and \$ 40.00 family. Please send dues to NOARC Box 44, Ferrysburg, MI 49409

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**Postmaster: Return Requested**