



The T<sub>h</sub>-H<sub>e</sub>-E<sub>e</sub>, a NOARC project

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## **NORTH OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

# **SPARK FOR JULY 2003**

### **Presidents Perspective**

Here it is July 15, 2003 already at this writing. So behind us we have a half dozen meetings, the Marshall swap, Dayton, Hudsonville and field day.

Here is what we have to look forward to: Half dozen more meetings, a couple of fox hunts, a Hamfest somewhere in Grand Rapids (depending on where they decide to have it), The State Convention that will be held in Holland this November. And don't forget the Special Events Station we will be setting up in front of the Coast Guard this July 31. At least after that we get our town back from the tourists.

OK getting back to field day. Well for you that missed it, I don't know what to tell you. I guess if you snooze, you loose. I don't think too many of us missed it though. I saw hams there that I have not seen in quite some time and some I have never even met before and -get this: we had over 35 people for the pot luck on Saturday night!

Saturday morning arrived right on time and as Lou would say: we were right on schedule. I arrived at the Robinson Township Park a little bit before seven to find the gate locked. So with a couple of calls on the two meter rig I was able to get the field day chair person out of bed. Now if you don't know about Robinson Township, well its not like the rest of the world, especially when it comes to two meter signals, they just don't radiate out of the Township for some reason. I guess that's why the Robinson Township Emergency Services (RTEC) don't use radio gear. I think they still rely on smoke. But like I said with a couple of relays into our relay (repeater) I was able to get through.

Now the sad news: when the township supervisor showed up late he said his plan was as soon as his buddy showed up to go somewhere with him he would stop on the way to unlock the gate. But as it turned out his buddy was in a bad accident on the way to pick him up. I hope everything came out OK.

With all that said I will get back to field day. After all this we had a convoy at the gate so pretty much we were all in semblance so before you know it setup was on its way.

We Parked and set up trailers, arranged the generators and got the food ready. Thanks to Phyllis and her crew we ate and ate and ate like kings. I Could of used a nap after breakfast but we carried on. It seems everyone had an antenna idea, some worked some didn't. Though all were installed then came the rain and more rain, sounds like Dayton. Seems that this year has had some pretty weird weather. Most all the antennas were installed by that time anyhow so no big sweat.

Contacts were coming slow and hard so I concentrated mostly on the food, took a nap and diddled most of the day away telling stories and listening to even more stories. Now about 2 AM it seemed the bands just opened up for us so in the GOTA station that's just what we did we got on the air. Greg & I started around 2 with about 50 contacts by other hams and we bumped that by about another 200 by four thirty I was out of gas so another nap was in order. I believe we had over three hundred contacts in the GOTA station. I think that all the other stations did well also.

Sunday morning we had breakfast and shortly their after Mark Brooky from the tribune came to the park. Mark is a ham also. I took him around for over an hour an introduced him to all that were available and he took some pictures from this information he wrote a very nice article in the Grand Haven Tribune.

There are so many people who contributed to this event this year including local venders who contributed food and coffee, and all those who went after the contributions. Thanks to Phyllis for organizing all of that. Lou for designing and putting up antenna's. And thanks John and Tom for getting generators, and Greg for putting it all together, and Robinson Township and all the people in the background that are not Radio Hams, on and on too many to remember you all, but you know who you are and from N8HCS a big thanks.

As usual I am late with this so I will get it to john and he can get it on the wire.

See u next month. AR de N8HCS

Treasurer's Report Account Status as of May 20, 2003:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$5861.95, of which checking and savings totaled \$5107.22, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$754.73.

Income for the period: \$160.63 of which \$1.13 was interest on savings, \$150.00 was club dues paid, and \$9.50 was from March meeting 50/50 drawing.

Expenses for the period: \$369.40; Of which \$24.00 to USPS for PO Box rental for 1 year; \$83.70 reimbursement to John Sundstrom (\$60.00 for Dayton Tables, \$23.70 for April newsletter/stamps); \$261.70 Reimbursement to John Sundstrom (\$24.98 Dec & Mar. newsletters, \$67.82 for SMART battery charger, and \$168.90 for LARGE gel cell battery for repeater backup power).

Ending balance of all accounts: \$5637.13 of which checking and savings total \$4898.45, and the NOARC endowment fund total balance is \$738.68

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

General Fund:	\$4623.45
Repeater Fund:	\$0
Digital Fund:	\$275.00
Endowment Fund	\$738.68

Total all funds \$5637.13

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This period there were no expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and no revenues. The total revenue generated to date are \$4661.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

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73, Greg Schippers, KC8HXO

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

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

**July 15 KC8JWA Bev**

**July 22 KF8NS Dean**

**July 29 N8PFC Brad**

**August 5 N8YQD John**

**August 12 N8ARY Andrew**

**August 19 N8HCS Don**

**August 26 KB8VEE Tom**



## Upcoming Events

### Date

### Event

**July 24**

**7 PM Fox Hunt. Meet at White Pine M.S.  
See page 7 for additional details.**

**July 26th**

**8 AM Coast Guard 5 K Run. Meet at 7:45  
behind Grand Haven Fire Station For assign-  
ment of station . 10 AM Kids Parade. Call  
Don Meyer at 846-7307 to volunteer .**

**July 31**

**Special Event Station at the Coast Guard.  
Meet at 9 AM to put up antennas.  
Operate noon 7/31 to 6PM 8/1. All welcome.  
John Sundstrom , N8YQD coordinating.**

**August 2**

**Coast Guard Parade at 11 AM. Don Meyer  
KB8ODB is coordinating. 25 vol's needed!**

### Club Officers :

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Don Smith, N8HCS</b>	<b>846-1938</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Dean Whitney, KF8NS</b>	<b>842-0976</b>
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<b>Secretary/SPARK editor:</b>	<b>John Sundstrom, N8YQD</b>	<b>847-4249</b>
<b>Program Director:</b>	<b>Ed Summers, KC8LBZ</b>	<b>798-7055</b>

**Top Pix: Jeff Olsen assists Lou Meisch with one of the antennas for Field Day 2003.**

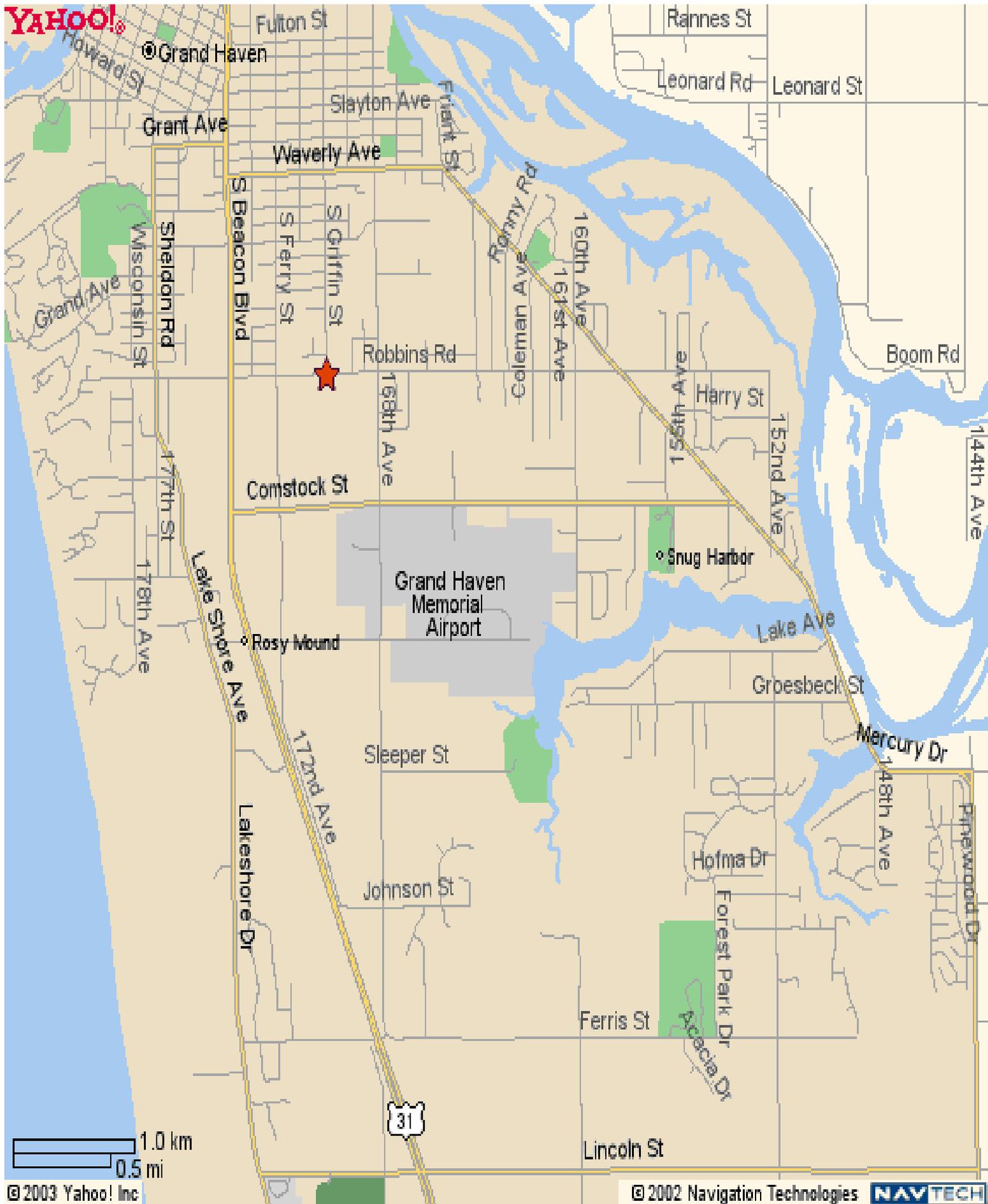
**Bottom : Andrew Young & John Fisher operate the GOTA Station in complete comfort**





**Top: Roger Simmons , Don Smith & Dave Fisher try to remember how to tie a bowline on Field Day 2003! Bottom : Scene from beautiful Robinson TWP park showing stations, picnic shelter.**





# the July 24th Meeting is at 6:45 PM Thursday and it is a Fox Hunt!

## Meet at the White Pines Middle School Parking Lot

Meet in the White Pines Middle School Parking Lot at Griffin and Robbins at 6:45 PM.

Boundaries:    Western Boundary      Lake Michigan  
                         Northern Boundary      Jackson St/Grand River  
                         Eastern Boundary      144<sup>th</sup> Ave  
                         Southern Boundary      Lincoln St.

The fox will hide on Public Property and be plainly visible from at least one normal gravel or asphalt driving surface somewhere within the above boundaries. He will transmit for 30 seconds every 5 minutes and will give clues as the hunt progresses. The Fox will use the same antenna type, polarity, location, and power level for all transmissions.

The fox will transmit on a 2M FM simplex frequency –Maps and frequencies will be passed out at 7:00 PM. Listen to the 145.49 repeater for net control or other details. (Please do not use the fox frequency to communicate or give it out over the repeater.)

The hunt will start about 7:15 PM and end about 8:30 PM.

Informal meeting afterwards at Russ' Restaurant on US 31 in Grand Haven

The foxhunt is open to all and there are no restrictions on equipment that may be used. Participants may operate in teams or individually.

Remember to drive safely and watch for traffic when stopping. This could become more important this year because we are in a more populated area. Questions or suggestions: – Andrew, N8ARY@chartermi.net

**Spread the word - let's have a good turn out! See the Map on Previous Page for Boundaries. BRING THIS WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE TO THE FOX HUNT.**



**Dues Renewal Form. Dues are : Single \$30, Family \$40 . Please mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409**

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