



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for July 2004

President Dean's comments and picture from his extensive travels to Australia and New Zealand :

Greetings NOARC hams (and Non-NOARC hams that would like to be NOARC hams), First off, a big thank-you to all that participated in the NOARC Field Day weekend. I'd venture to say that the weather was nothing less than superb (hopefully that wasn't our entire summer, although it almost appears that way), the food was delicious, and it was a well put together / planned event, from the location arrangements, to the equipment / trailers provided. Kudo's to all that played a role in preparation, setup, and tear down. Thanks to N8YQD's son-in-law for allowing the club to once again use his generator. It really is the 'nervous system' of the clubs efforts. We have a Fox Hunt event coming up July 22 for anyone wanting to get in on some DF'ing, and I'm sure we'll have some additional information in this newsletter. Last years Fox Hunt with the finish up picnic at the Ferrysburg park was a good time for all. Be sure to participate if you're able. We seem to be in the 'summer doldrums' for lack of nearby hamfests, but fall is coming, and with fall comes some hamfests to attend. Keep saving your money, and, if you absolutely can't wait til fall, then give Don, N8HCS a call, as he always has some gear that can be reasonably bought or traded for. Just a reminder to be aware of your night to be Net Control, & if you can't make your date, then it's up to you to find a 'pinch hitter'. 73's, & will include a couple of more photo's of my trip to NZ.



This was definitely the most unusual restaurant I've even seen in my life. We stopped here on the way from Wellington to Lake Taupo where we went fishing in a lake formed by a volcano

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Upcoming Events

.July 22 : Fun filled annual Fox Hunt with an added twist. Meet at the White Pines Middles School Parking Lot at 7 PM. See Boundary Map Page 4 Participants can search for the fox by radio direction finding or by using their GPS .

July 31 : 7:30 AM Coast Guard 5 & 10 K run. Meet behind Police station. Also help needed for the Kids Parade beginning at 11:30 AM. See Page 4 for details.

August 5&6: Coast Guard Special Event Station to be located between the Core of Engineers Federal Building and the Coast Guard Station on the Grand Haven waterfront. Setup Thursday morning at 8AM. Begin making contacts at 11:AM. Resume Friday morning until 5 PM. Contact John Sundstrom to help.

August 8th: 11:30 Coast Guard Parade . Will need 15-20 hams to provide radio coverage. See Don Meyer's letter on page 4 for details.

August 26th: Regular NOARC Club meeting at 7 PM at White Pines Middle School.

***** 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 www.qsl.net/noarc

July 20	Kf8NS	Dean Whitney
July 27	N8PFC	Brad King
Aug 3	KB8HU	Charlie Osborn
August 10	N8YQD	John Sundstrom
August 17	N8ARY	Andrew
August 24	N8HCS	Don Smith
August 31	W8TML	Tom Lau
Sept 7	KB8VEE	Tom Vandermehl

Field Day 2004 Pictures and Story



Guys dropping Antenna from 6 Meter station



Lou Miesch's 15 & 80 Meter station



Satellite antennas with Don Smith's GOTA Station in a 53' Airstream Trailer



Dan Whisman's 40 Meter CW Station



Tom and Tom on Jeff Olsen's 20 Meter station



Ham Friends relax at Meal Time (Thanks Phyllis)

From: "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@yahoo.com>Subject: W8CSO Field Day Results!!!!!!

Well, folks here is the summary:

171 CW QSO's and 868 Phone QSO's and 1400 Bonus points. With our multipliers for power factor, X2 for CW QSO's, and all our bonus points added in, we are submitting an entry with a TOTAL POINT SCORE of 3820 POINTS! Great job!

For those interested, in 2003 our score was 2928. Our score in 2002 was 3952, however that year we ran 4A, so we had another transmitter. A BIG thank you to ALL who participated this year. A special thanks to those who went above and beyond.... you know who you are! I had a great time again, and enjoyed the comraderie, and experimentation always present at Field Day. Bring on FD 2005!!!!

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Fox hunt map. Boundaries Lincoln on south; LK Mich on West; Fulton on North

Hello Everyone ...Once again Coast Guard Festival is coming up and I am asking for your help with three activities. They are the YMCA runs and the Family Parade on Saturday July 31st and the Grand Parade on Saturday August 7th. We have been asked to provide the Coast Guard Committee with communications for the Grand parade this year so I will need more help with this.

Here are the time we need help for the activities if you can help please email me or call me at 616-846-7307 leave your name call and phone #

E-mail : kb8odb@sbcglobal.net

July 31st YMCA runs 7:15 at Public Safety parking lot over by 9:30

Family Parade 10:00 at Public Safety parking lot over by 11:30

August 7th Grand Parade

Parade line up and Logistics 8:30 - 3:00

Parade Logistics 11:00 - 3:00

Parade Safety 11:00 - 3:00

There is also a Volunteer Picnic on July 31st 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. that we are invited to I need your address so they can send you an invite to attend this if you would like to with your spouse or significant other. If you helped last year let send me your address and I will get you an invite also.

Thank you for helping with all the events we have going on an I hope to here from you ..

Treasurer's Report for July 2004, John Sundstrom N8YQD

The balance for all accounts (as of the June 18,2004 Bank Statement) are:

Bank One checking 2,450.13

Bank One Savings 3,173.86

sub total 5,623.99

Grand Haven Community fd 1,298.80 (as of end of the first quarter, 2004)

total all accounts 6/18/04 6,922.988

ACTIVITY SINCE 5/20:

Checking Deposits none

Checks: none

Final Balance as of 6/20 6,922.98

of the above balance, \$5,813 was from TE TE KE sales at Hamfests and mail order over the last 5 years.

47 HAVE PAID DUES SO FAR THIS YEAR



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**Put your add here. Send your-
card to the editor.**

Dues Renewal Form. Dues are : Single \$35, Family \$45 . Please mail to Box 44 Ferrysburg, MI 49409

Name- _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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 readback 7

Phone patch Instructions:

* 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 . 2003 Dues are \$ 35.00 individual and \$ 45.00 family. 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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