



North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for June 2004

Vice Presidents Blurb

Here it is time for field day! Do you know what that means? Well time to compete for more contacts than any other field day station in our class, with extra points for what ever we can get them for. Like satellite contacts, CW contacts, that's when you use morse code to make a contact instead of just talking into a microphone, its and old form of communications one time used because it was the only thing available. If your new to the hobby perhaps you could read about this mode in the history books and believe it or not the hams sometimes still use this mode yet to-day!

I know that the best thing about field day is all the food that will be consumed starting on Thursday night with what I guess you would call the organization dinner. Then there is Saturday morning breakfast, lunch, then the Great Saturday night pot luck which gets more attendance than any club meeting I have been to, because the whole family is welcome.

I have heard rumors of loops, cage, vertical, beam, and dipole antennas to be erected. I am sure that Lou has a little something stuffed up his sleeve that he has not told me about yet.

It will look like the Circus has come to town and that's not something you want to miss. So if you're young or old boy or girl big or small there will be fun to be had by all. So see you this weekend for one of the biggest events of the Ham Radio Summer!!!

73 Don, N8HCS

Hofma Preserve



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Upcoming Events

June 24th: 6:30 NOARC Meeting & hot dog supper at Field Day Site (Hofma Preserve) to do final organization, inspect antenna sites and make final plans.

June 26th & 27: Annual Field Day at Hofma Preserve . Breakfast and setup Saturday Morning. Breakfast at 8:30. Begin Making contacts at 2 PM. Greg Schippers and Jeff Olsen are overall team captains. See page 4 for details.

July 2-4 : Muskegon Air fair. Muskegon club needs help for radio coverage.

July 22 : Fun filled annual Fox Hunt with an added twist.

July 31 : 7:30 AM Coast Guard 5 & 10 K run. Meet behind Police station.

August 5&6: Coast Guard Special Event Station. Setup Thursday morning at 8AM. Begin making contacts at 11:AM.

August 8th: 11:30 Coast Guard Parade . Will need 15-20 hams to provide radio coverage.

***** 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

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| June 22 | N8HCS | Don Smith |
| June 29 | W8TML | Tom Lau |
| July 6 | KB8VEE | Tom Vandermehl |
| July 13 | N8LBG | Woody Aldrich |
| July 20 | Kf8NS | Dean Whitney |
| July 27 | N8PFC | Brad King |
| Aug 3 | KB8HU | Charlie Osborn |

Minutes from Michigan Area Repeater Council Meeting June 4, 2004 (attended by John Sundstrom, 145.49 repeater trustee and Tom Vandermehl)

Meeting called to order by President Dennis Gaboury at 1:00 PM.

A Quorum was present. Secretary Jeff Skuda N8XN was absent. The Minutes from the March meeting were read by Dennis. Ron Gordon W8YUC made a motion, and seconded by Kelly Karpp KB8RWG, that the Minutes from the March meeting be approved as read and printed in the Newsletter, motion passed.

Kelly Karpp gave treasurer's report, motion made by Bruce Winch ell N8UT, seconded by Dave Johnson WD8DJB, motion passed.

Dave Johnson gave a report on moving the website. More research is needed.

President Gaboury read the proposed By-law changes as published thirty days prior to the June meeting as required by the existing By-laws. It was mentioned that no correspondence, concerning the proposed changes, came to the post office box in the past thirty days. Discussion followed. Richard Corey W8IMA asked for clarification concerning remote base coordination's. Following discussion, Bruce made a motion to amend Article X, Paragraph 2, to add: such notice, mailed by USPS "or electronically" to the addresses currently on record with MARC. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dennis called for the vote, By-law changes were accepted.

New Business:

Bruce N8UT made a motion for under the D.O.G.; Move to allow the coordinator reasonable variations in distance separations with the use of Documented Waivers from all parties and a corresponding condition statement in the Coordination Documents in case interference is experienced. Seconded by Richard W8IMA. Discussion followed, motion passed.

Bruce N8UT then made another motion for under the D.O.G.; Move to allow the Coordinator, for the 440 Band, to Coordinate Repeaters at a distance separation of 100 miles. Seconded by Dan Thompson. Discussion followed, motion passed.

General Discussion:

Trustees are asked that if they know that a move is in the future, please contact MARC and give the new address with a cross street so that our Database Manager can run it through our program to see if the move will fit into the area of the proposed change.

Exchange of ideas of Echolink relationship to coordination followed.

The September meeting to be held in Lansing on the September 12th.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Ron Gordon, seconded by Kelly Karpp to adjourn the meeting, motion passed.

ECHOLINK NODE # 73469 (N8ARY-R) COMMANDS

Connect = #C then Node number (ie #C73469)
Disconnect = #73
Random Link = #01
Reconnect Last Node = #09
Check Status = #08
Identify = #**

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| President | Dean Whitney, KF8NS | 842-0976 |
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Field day June 26 & 27, 2004 Details

Location: Hofma Preserve which is end of Sleeper off 168th about 2 miles south of Grand Haven or from US 31 & Ferris, go north 2 miles on 168th to Sleeper; right to the end of the road. Look for sign that says Hofma Preserve.

Overall Chairmen: Jeff Olsen & Greg Schippers

Stations:

20 meters: Jeff Olsen

40 meter cw: Dan Whisman

15/80 meters: Lou Meisch

GOTA (all bands) Don Smith

ARRL Station type Class 3 A (100 watts from a generator)

Generator: Mike Slayton

Publicity Greg Schippers

Town Permits John Sundstrom

Food Phyllis Simmons

Antennas Lou Meisch

Miscellaneous: everyone : ground rods, tools, long cords, computers for logging, paper , fans, air conditioners, spare radios, coax, connectors, bug spray, hats, power supplies, antenna cord, extra antennas, ect. Note: We need operators for all stations. We have campers or trailers for each station.



GOTA STATION FD 2002



Field day 2002-n8ary on beam

Michigan ARRL Radio Monthly News

The radio amateurs of the State of Michigan have received an official Certificate of Proclamation from Governor Granholm naming the week of June 20, 2004 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week. It is a great honor that the 21,000 radio amateurs in Michigan are recognized by our state leaders for our contributions to the citizens of the state. This is an excellent opportunity to further promote the outstanding efforts of amateur radio during your radio club's Field Day activity. Should you desire to display a copy of the Proclamation at your Information Booth at Field Day, we are posting a downloadable copy to the Michigan Section Web site. Please feel free to forward a copy your local officials.

July is fast approaching and it is time to prepare for the Michigan Section's Family Outing at Woodlands Campground, 3 miles north of M-55 on Sage Lake Road in Lupton, MI. The full fledged activity begins Friday July 9 and runs through 14:00 Sunday July 11. You can arrive as early as 14:00 on ly 8. Please contact Debbie Kirkbride KA8YKK for reservation information, 821 Florida Ct., Bay City, MI 48706. The official registration form is available on the Michigan Section Web Site. We will have entertainment, campfire, live band, mixer and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" on Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday will include forums with your Great Lakes Division Staff: Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, Joe Phillips W8QOE SM from Ohio, John Meyers NB4K SM from Kentucky as well as your MI SM WA8EFK. Other forums will include a Leadership Overview, ARPSC Training, NTS Section Nets, and Current Legislative Actions. Saturday activities climax with a spaghetti dinner, followed by fun activities planned by Debbie KA8YKK. Sunday opens with an interdenominational service led by Denny VE3EUI and will be followed by the ARRL Leadership sponsored family breakfast. The campgrounds will close at 14:00. We will host volleyball, canoeing, boating, swimming, softball and hayrides. There are arrangements for campers, tenters and those who would prefer to bunk in the campground's cabins. Non-campers are welcome to make local arrangements or just visit for the day. This year's theme is "Margaritaville", and we encourage you to join us in a relaxed atmosphere with some useful and informative sessions as well. Your Section Staff will also be there to meet with you and learn of your needs and interests.

Our thanks to all of the dedicated amateurs across the state who have been so active with local and regional Skywarn programs over the past few weeks. Local public officials and the National Weather Service really appreciate your involvement. Most assuredly, the dedication of those involved have included hundreds of man hours of effort.

Minutes of may 2004 Meeting by John Sundstrom (for Andrew Young Secretary)

1. Introduction of attendees (21).
2. Someone asked that the repeater announcement be re-considered. (note there is a way to turn it off).
3. Some members are having trouble getting thier newsletter via Yahoo.
4. Discussion of Field Day. See full page elsewhere for details.
5. A demonstration of 3 small rigs was presented. John Sundstrom showed his Yaseu FT-857. Dan Whisman his ICOM 707 qrp rig and Greg Shippers showed his SGC 2020.

| Weather radios will carry more kinds of alerts

By Traci Watson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON -- People across the nation now can learn quickly about emergencies ranging from tornadoes to terrorist attacks by owning a radio that broadcasts weather information, federal officials said Thursday.

Weather radios have alerted listeners to natural emergencies such as floods and storms, but now the radios will also broadcast alerts about man-made emergencies such as chemical spills, breakdowns in the 911 calling system and missing children.

The Department of Homeland Security will also use the radio network to notify the public of terrorist attacks and a change in the color-coded national threat level.

The broader role for weather radios is the result of an agreement signed Thursday by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a branch of the federal government that oversees the National Weather Service and operates the emergency network that broadcasts messages to weather radios.

The agreement "serves to strengthen our ability to protect Americans from both man-made and natural disasters," said Reynolds Hoover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Here's how it works: If a factory emits toxic chemicals into the air, the radios in nearby counties will sound a loud tone, even if the radios aren't switched on. The tone will be followed with information about the emergency and instructions on what to do. Warning systems for the deaf can shake a bed or transmit a message to a printer.

Alerts, if necessary, can be broadcast across regions or nationally. For instance, a problem at a nuclear power plant that could spread radiation a long distance could prompt an alert to several states.

Before Thursday's agreement, the NOAA network offered only spotty coverage of man-made hazards such as oil and chemical spills.

Now the network "is going to be automatically part of the national response to alerting the public to dangers," said Conrad Lautenbacher, the head of NOAA.

Fifteen percent to 20% of Americans own a weather radio. Ownership is higher among people living along the coasts and in tornado-prone states such as Oklahoma.

Weather radios generally cost \$35 to \$70 and are sold by electronics shops, department stores and big retailers. There are many brands, but most include the words "All-Hazard Radio" or "Weather Radio" on the packaging.

Treasurer's Report for June 2004, John Sundstrom N8YQD

The beginning balance for all accounts (as of the May 20 th Bank Statement) are:

Bank One checking 1,874.13

Bank One Savings 3,173.41

sub total 5,047.54

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

total all accounts 5/20/04 6,346.34

ACTIVITY SINCE 5/20:

Checking Deposits : (REVENUE)

TE-NE-KE Sales from

Dayton & Hudsonville 480.00 6/8

Dues paid, more TE-NE

KE sales, IRLP donation 170.00 6/9

Checks: (EXPENSES)

Grand Haven TWP-fee -40.00 6/8

Final Balance as of 6/16 6,956.34 (all accounts)

of the above balance, \$5,813 was from TE TE KE sales at Hamfests and mail order over the last 5 years. As of now 47 have paid their 2004 dues..

47 HAVE PAID DUES SO FAR THIS YEAR



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Put your add here. Contact 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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