

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK

May, 2002



From Don Smith, N8HCS, President

As some of you may know or should know this last week was the big Hamfest in Dayton Ohio. This is the Godfather of all Hamfest. But what you may not know is that this is the first time that I have attended this event ! It all started last year when I didn't attend and John N8YQD since then has been making sure that I went this year. Are you sure your going?. I have the tickets, I will pay for the gas, make a list so you don't forget anything, and so on and etc. Last week Sunday I started packing and packing, making a list and checking it twice taking things over to pack in John's van in advance, on Wednesday the day of departure I called John and made sure we had everything: tent, lantern, matches, turtle soup and all the wonderful things we would need for this most excellent adventure. About 11:30 we were ready to go and so south and east we headed, talking about all the events and great deals we were going to get and on we went occasionally changing drivers and going on about what to expect. The drive went pretty fast and we arrived in Dayton about 5:00 pm. Now to find the KOA campground and set up camp. After missing a few exits and finally asking directions we were able to locate the campgrounds and after we checked in they took us to our site where we felt right at home among all the super campers and diesel pusher motor homes and big fancy trailers in our 10 by 12 Trail camp tent. The first night it was hard to go to sleep thinking about going over during setup the next day which was Thursday the day before the Hamfest actually began. At 04:30 and that's am I was up had the coffee pot turned on and waiting for John to wake up on his own while I made enough noise to wake up the whole neighborhood he woke and finally after a big breakfast of wheat checks we put some sandwich stuff in the cooler and were off to the arena. We arrived about 7:00 am and it didn't look like much except a big parking lot and a bunch of people looking like they were trying to set up a circus. After a couple of hours of people unpacking I realized this is the biggest Hamfest I have ever seen. So we found our spot that we had to sell Te Ne Ke's out of and parked the van and decided to go and help people unpack, so as to make sure all the other vendors would not sell there items too cheap to anyone else. I took advantage of a few presale deals. John must not of thought this was just quite right because every time I would buy something at a low price he felt that in order to make things OK he kept selling my stuff at a price it should have been. Now you may not think that this would be a problem but by the middle of the next day the first day of the swap after paying my half of the groceries and campsite and buying a sleeping bag and pillow (must of not got on the list) and a bunch of stuff from my presale shopping, I had about a hundred bucks more than I had when I started, plus a car full of goodies. So in order to correct the problem I went about an hour before closing the last day we were there and bought a few things I knew I would be able to bring home cause he would not have enough time to sell them. Now as far as the Te Ne KE sales went we sold out and I have to hand this to the fact that the Simmons, Roger and Phyllis have to be the greatest sales people of the weekend. It seems that they sold most of the keys. On Thursday It started to rain after there shift was up but they had already sold quite a few keys and Craig KC8THN came around about rain time to help sell key's but there was no sense in setting in the rain when everyone went inside. On Saturday Tom N8GNA came around to donate some time to selling Te Ne Ke's but they were all gone! Now inside was another story! Al though I spent most of my time in the flea market I did go inside to look around like a kid in the candy store. WOW ! There was every body: Kenwood, Icom Ten-Tec, MFJ, Yaesu, ect. If it had anything to do with amateur radio it was there (500 vendors). (See Page 4 for the rest of the story.)

MAY 23 NOARC CLUB MEETING AT WHITE PINES MIDDLE SCHOOL 7 PM

At this months NOARC we will have Bill Smith the Ottawa County Emergency Manager, Jim Tanis KB8ODB our Emergency Coordinator, and Rick Elushik N8GGO our Sky warn Coordinator. They will be talking about some changes coming in Ottawa County in the ARES program because of background checks of people being needed in the County. This is Bill Smith's first NOARC meeting..

Minutes of April 25, 2002 NOARC Meeting Held at lakeshore Middle School by John N8YQD

1. Meeting called to order by Don N8HCS at 7:30 PM. 18 members were present.
2. NOARC received a thank you note from GH High for the gift of the QST Subscription.
3. IRA Needs help setting up for the 6/1 Hamfest in Grand Rapids. Don, Lou & John Will help
4. Field Day Report: Station Captains : 20 Meters-Jeff Olsen; 40 Meters-Dan Whisman; 15/80 Meters Lou Meisch; food committee Phyllis Simmons; QRP John Sundstrom Place Rygenga Park in Spring Lake Township.
5. Tulip Time Volunteers are needed for 5/8, 5/9 & 5/11. Contact jdlamer @egl.net.
6. Don Meyers asked for help for the 5/25 YMCA Run in Grand Haven. This is a fun event that only takes a 2 hours time slot in the morning. Call Don at 846-7307 and sign up to help out.
7. Upcoming Hamfest that NOARC will provide a booth are: Cadillac on 5/4; Dayton, Ohio on 5/17 & 5/18,

Treasurer's report by KC8HXO, Greg Schippers

Account Status as of April 19, 2002:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$4008.87, of which checking and savings totaled \$3159.61, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$849.26.

Income for the period: \$817.17 of which \$1.17 was interest on savings; \$105 was Te-Ne-KE sales at Marshall Hamfest; \$210 was sales of Te-Ne-Ke's on Ebay; \$240 was club dues paid; \$6 was a book sold at marshal; \$130 was paid to the Club for textbooks from students at the Technician license class; \$8 was 50/50 drawing at Feb meeting; \$78 was reimbursed to the Club from Brad King, N8PFC , for QST subscriptions to SL middle Schools; \$39 was reimbursed to the Club from Ed Summers, KC8LBZ, for QST subscription for GH Middle School.

Expenses for the period: \$133.48 of which \$18.48 was a reimbursement to John Sundstrom for Feb newsletter costs; \$100 was a donation to the IRA (W8HVG Repeater system); \$15 was annual Michigan Area Repeater Council dues.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$4698.05 of which checking and savings total \$3843.30, 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: \$3568.301

Repeater Fund: would be NEGATIVE balance after replacement of receiver, new battery, etc. this year

Digital Fund: \$275.00

Endowment Fund \$854.75

Total all funds \$4698.05

AMATEUR RADIO ITEMS FOR SALE /Trade/Swap

FOR SALE HTX 404 single band uhf hand held transceiver. I have for sale a like new but used Realistic HTX-404 with batteries, antenna, book, box, and everything else that you would get with a new rig, except warranty... These rigs are bullet proof with plenty of power to cross band into your mobile. Also with the IRLP now in Grand Haven it would be a good rig just for that, work the world on your HTX-404 hand held UHF radio will take best offer over \$60.00 for more info or pictures email me at n8hcs@arrl.net

Outbacker Mobile Antenna with quick disconnect. Works on all HF bands. including 17 and 12 M New \$275, my price \$150. Call John, N8YQD.

FOR SALE BY N8HCS

ICOM 706 FIRST EDITION WITH ALL THE GOODIE'S \$500.00

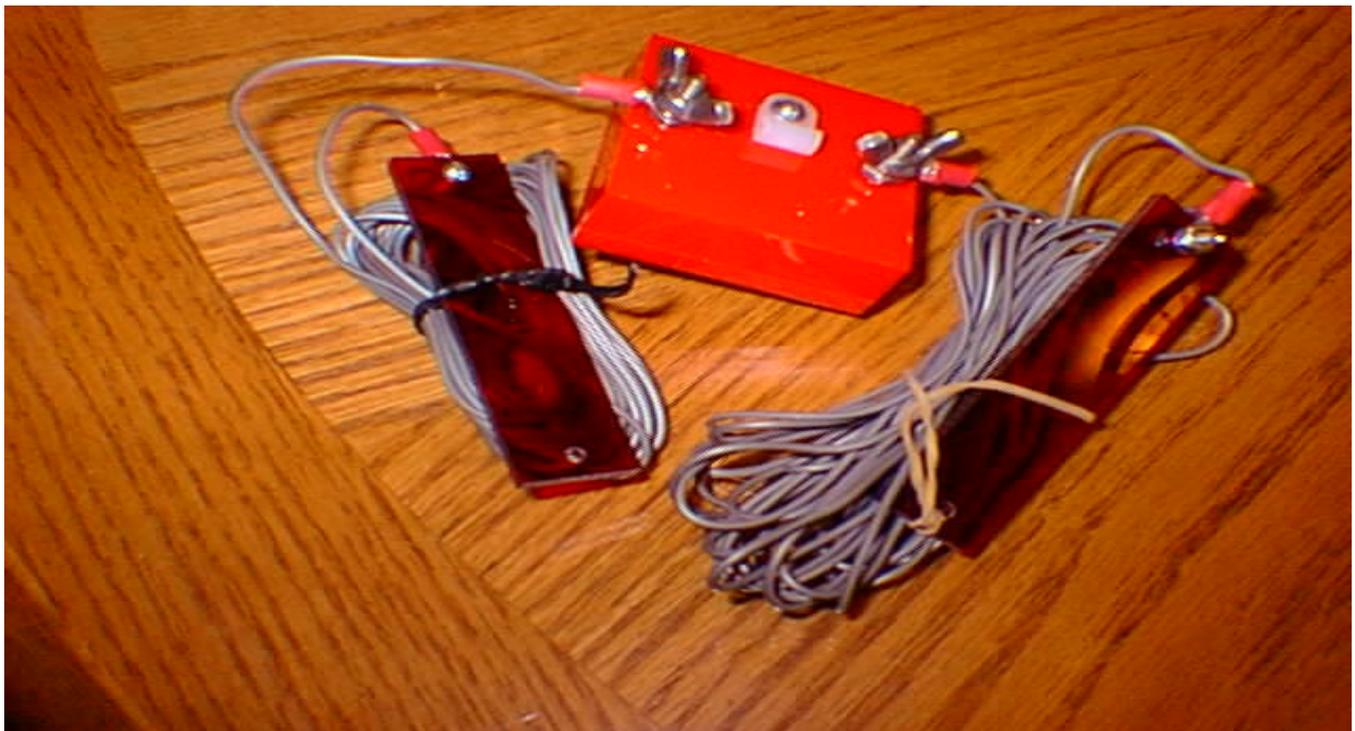
NICE LOOKING GOOD WORKING KENWOOD 520 \$250.00 KENWOOD VFO-520 \$100.00 KENWOOD DG-5 DIGITAL DISPLAY \$100.00

YAESU FT 101 \$250

PROCOM MOBILE ANTENNA KIT (5 HAMSTICKS TYPE THING) \$80.00

KENWOOD TS-180 SOLID STATE RIG WITH MATCHING POWER SUPPLY \$350.00

This Column is for any member in good standing to list their items for sale. E-mail you items with price and description to Sundstrj@gvsu.edu if you want them listed here. You may also Mail me your written description if you do not have e-mail. Mail to N8YQD, Box 44 Ferrysburg, Mi



Picture Of Bev Traxlers's QRP antenna she made for use with her 20 Meter MFJ QRP radio

(DON SMITH'S CONTINUED)

I saw every thing from microwave antenna's to microwave ovens and from guys walking around dressed like military with 8 foot antenna's coming out of their backpacks to refrigerators, IT WAS THERE! Need a coffee cup or a hat with your call on it? It was there. Need a badge or license plate made? It was there. Need a aluminum ladder or a electric car? It was there! Every thing was there, even Gordon west and Chuck from Holland, the Russians , the Japanese, the Italians. They were all there. Even about thirty thousand Americans and a bunch of bomb smelling dogs were there. And we survived WOW without a net and very little sleep we survived. I could go on and on about things but I will hopefully have the rest of the story by the next newsletter time. I would like to thank John N8YQD for getting me to Dayton and I would like to thank Roger and Phyllis Simmons, Craig KC8THN Tom N8GNA and everyone that has helped with the Te Ne KE project (Boyd Mason of course for inventing the key and getting the club started).

The NOARC took in over eight hundred dollars this weekend on Te Ne KE sales and to all of you: **SALUTE!**
For now this is Don N8HCS saying 73 and c u a little further down the log AR SK

(Picture on next page is of just one smaller roomin the HARA Arena during the Dayton Hamfest 2002)

Future ham Fests (CLIP AND SAVE)

Date	Location	Talk in Frequency	Fee	Contact Number
May 17-19	Dayton, OH	146.94 /-600	\$ 22	937-236-6930
June 1	Hudsonville	147.16	\$ 5	616-698-6627
June 15	Midland	147.000 +600	n/a	989-643-5101
June 22	Hastings	146.46	free	peted@msgexp.net
August 25	Lapeer	146.62 -600	\$5	810-245-3907
September 15	Adrian	145.370-600	\$5	kc8jvw@te3net.com
October 13	East Lansing	145.390-600/100hz	\$5	517-393-2787
October 13	Kalamazoo	147.040	\$4	



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

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

May 21	Greg Schippers	KC8HXO
May 28	Woody Aldrich	N8LBG
June 4	Beverly Traxler	KC8JWA
June 11	Dean Whitney	KF8NS
June 18	Brad King	N8PFC
June 25	Charlie Osborne	KB8HU

Contact John, n8yqd for schedule changes, ect.

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
Newsletter Editor:	John Sundstrom, N8YQD	847-4249

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

“ 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 Te Ne KE info, past newsletters and net schedules. Webmaster is Alan Groenleer KF8VN (thanks!)

An informal packet group monitors 145.070.

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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