

NOARC SPARK for October 2002



John Sundstrom, Don Smith, and Lou Meisch are seen Saturday morning driving the Hounds (new Ham Operators) at the latest Fox Hunt.

Grand Haven, Michigan (AP)

Local officials in the small West Michigan community of Grand Haven, Michigan, were aghast at the shoddy treatment that new Amateur Radio enthusiasts (known everywhere as New Hams, or occasionally as Newbies) were subjected to at a recent Fox Hunt. A Fox Hunt is a rather tedious adventure at which members of the local radio club, North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (N.O.A.R.C) drive around in circles for hours and hours, looking for an elusive radio powered fox. In this case, the old grizzles veterans of NOARC forced the New Hams to search for the fox while down on all fours, while howling loudly and scratching behind their ears. The local Humane Society has been contacted, but their response was... "Hey, what do you expect from a bunch of Hams?"

Treasurer's Report By Greg Schippers, KC8HXO Account Status as of September 20, 2002:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$5783.57, of which checking and savings totaled \$4928.82, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$854.75.

Income for the period: \$0.85 of which \$.85 was interest on savings;

Expenses for the period: \$45.81 of which \$10.81 was a reimbursement to John Sundstrom for August newsletter expenses; \$25.00 was reimbursed to John Sundstrom for GH Public Schools classrooms for the year, and \$10.00 reimbursement to John Sundstrom for tables at GRARA hamfest.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$5738.61 of which checking and savings total \$4883.86, 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: \$4608.86

Repeater Fund: \$0

Digital Fund: \$275.00

Endowment Fund \$854.75

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

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

October	22	Don, N8HCS
October	29	WA8CTK, Mike
November	5	KC8JWA, Bev
November	12	KF8NS, Dean
November	19	N8PFC, Brad
November	26	N8YQD, John
December	3	Kb8hu, Charlie
December	10	N8HCS, Don

Upcoming NOARC Events

Thursday October 24th 7 PM: Regular monthly meeting at the White Pines Middle School. Presentation of Officers nominated for 2003. The Program is “**bring in and tell us about you favorite radio item**”. **It could be a old radio that you restored or the latest thing to hit the market. Also, if you want to sell anything, bring it in !**

Don't forget to check into the net every Tuesday nite at 8 PM on 145.49 mhz. After the net, come down to Russ' in Grand Haven for coffee and fellowship. Also, NOARC members meet informally for breakfast every Saturday morning at 7 AM at the Pine Street Café in Ferrysburg.

Help ! Newsletter contributions needed. If you see a great story , please send it to me.
Thanks, John.

I have new shipment NOARC caps and Tee Shirts. C aps 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

1 Noarc september 26th Meeting Minutes by John Sundstrom, Secretary

- 2 Vice President Dean Whitney conducted the meeting as Don Smith has Thursday night Class. 15 members present
- 3 Craig Cristalaw ,W8CRC bought 6 arrl net directories for the club for hams who wish to do traffic handling.
4. The annual ARRL " Jamboree on the Air" is October 19 th . Help needed to setup after breakfast. The Scouts arrive about 10 AM We need a big effort.
5. 50/50 Drawing was conducted and the club won \$7.
6. 3 new members joined the club . NOARC's Club membership is at a 3 year high.
7. We were treated to an outstanding presentation by Jerome Novotny K8CCJ on Direct Current.

Below: This is the NOARC QSL Card used for occasions such as Jamboree on the air and the coast Guard Special Event station.



New Radio page: Here is an Interesting new 10 watt transceiver Just announced by ICOM. This radio features low current drain on receive and a built in Antenna Tuner. Radios like this and the Yaseu FT 817 are ideal for traveling, mobile and camping.

QRP HF TRANSCEIVER

IC-703

This new model is being designed as a portable HF transceiver that utilizes the design excellence and body of the very successful IC-706 series. It will be similar to an IC-706MKIIG without the VHF and UHF bands, and is a model in a new genre that has an automatic antenna tuner built-in, low consumption circuit design and large external battery for field use as a portable HF QRP unit.

This new model will appeal to HAM user's who require a convenient portable HF unit, and will be an ideal long distance communications device for sparsely populated territories where set-up of normal communication infrastructure is expensive and impractical.



<Features>

- ?? **Relay type antenna tuner unit built-in, 1.9-30MHz coverage**(For 50ohm load antenna. Does not match to a wire antenna
- ??
- ?? **New low current consumption circuit design to obtain longer battery life**
- ??
- ?? **Large capacity external battery pack and antenna suitable for field operation, will be set as options**
- ??
- ?? **Suitable for not only HAM radio operation, but is an excellent unit for long distance communications in remote mountainous or desert areas where effective communications are not readily available. Also, is perfect as a communications solution for specialized applications.**
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- ?? **Quick power set function to make QRP operation efficient**
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- ?? **DSP built-in for auto-notch and noise reduction functions** (DSP functions are equivalent to UT-106)
- ??
- ?? **Max 10W output. Adjustable in 10/5/1/0.5/0.1W steps**(5W when using 9.6V batteries)
- ??
- ?? **Memory keyer function built-in**
- ??
- ?? **Multi-use versatility for the home or shack, mobile DX'ing in your car and as a field unit in the outdoors**
- ??

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

To Use Phone patch: Punch on your radio

* followed by any 7 digit phone number to connect and # 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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