

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for October 2003

Presidential Proverbs By Don Smith, N8HCS

Well folks, its time for another club meeting and this one is really important to attend. First off, we need to select a slate of officers to run the club for next year. At this point, I have someone in mind for every post by the activities director. The activities director is responsible for lining up the monthly program for the meetings and setting up the coffee, 50/50 ect.

Also, this month John will present information about Broadband Over Power Lines which is an interference threat to our frequencies. You will want to come and learn more about this important topic.

And of course there will be the usual good fellowship with your fellow Ham Radio enthusiasts and maybe a treat to go with the fresh cup of coffee. See ya there!

Club Meeting is this Thursday Night at the White Pine Middle School. The Topic is Broadband over Power Lines which is a threat to our ham bands.

Page Topic

- 1. Presidents Message**
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- 4. Amateur Radio Spectrum Preservation Act of 2003 —action needed !**
- 5. Secretary's report. 2004 Dues form (please pay by December 30th).**

Treasurer's Report Account Status as of September 20, 2003 by Greg Schippers KC8HXO:

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$6245.85, of which checking and savings totaled \$5419.89, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$825.96. Income for the period: \$.39 which was interest on savings.

Expenses for the period: \$384.59; Of which \$10.00 was to State of Michigan, for non-profit renewal; \$260.00 was for pre-registration for Dayton Hamvention 2004; \$34.00 reimbursed to John Sundstrom (\$15.00 for August newsletter expenses, \$10.00 for GRARA swap registration, \$8.00 shipping 2 Te-Ne-Ke's); \$25.00 to Mike Slayton For gas for Generator from Field Day; \$56.59 to Dean Whitney for reimbursement for food, etc. for picnic after foxhunt.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$5861.65 of which checking and savings total \$5035.69, and the NOARC endowment fund total balance is \$825.96

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

General Fund: \$4,760.69
Repeater Fund: \$ 0
Digital Fund: \$ 275.00
Endowment Fund \$ 825.96

Total all funds \$5,861.65

This period there were \$8.00 in expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and no revenues. The total revenue generated to date are \$5058.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

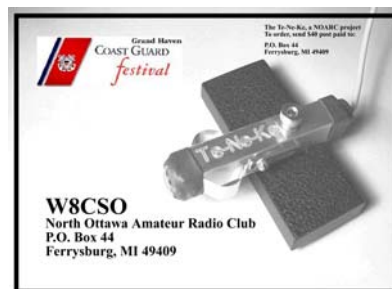
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73, Greg Schippers, KC8HXO

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

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

October 21 KB8VEE Tom
October 28 N8LBG Woody
Nov 4 KF8NS Dean
Nov 11 N8PFC Brad
Nov 18 N8YQD John
Nov 25 N8ARY Andrew



NOTE: This information is also found on the NOARC Web site www.qsl.net/noarc

Upcoming Events

October 24 : 7 PM NOARC Club Meeting at the White Pine Middle School. John Sundstrom will be talking about the problems of Broadband over Power Lines that the Power Industry wishes to deploy. Two short video clips will be Presented.

October 31: ARRL Dinner and Wulf Hong at the Holland Holiday Inn. It also Halloween.

November 1 : Lakeshore Super Swap at Zeeland Public High School located at 96th and Riley streets. Setup 6-8 Am. Doors open at 8 PM. NOARC will provide a Table for use by paid up club members for selling their surplus equipment. Events and demonstrations going on all day.

November 15-16 : Fort Wayne Hamfest. Tickets & Info available from N8YQD.

November 20: NOARC Club meeting at the White Pine Middle School. Election of 2004 club officers.

December 18th : NOARC Christmas Party at the White Pine Middle School

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 = #**

Club Officers :

PRESIDENT:	Don Smith, N8HCS	846-1938
Vice-President:	Dean Whitney, KF8NS	842-0976
Treasurer:	Greg Schippers - KC8HXO	847-0238
Secretary/SPARK editor:	John Sundstrom, N8YQD	847-4249
Program Director:	Ed Summers, KC8LBZ	798-7055

Folks, **we are at a critical time regarding the legislation I've been > asking you to write your Congressmen/women to support. This is the> AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT OF 2003. There are only about 2 1/2 > weeks left in this legislative session. We have a chance to get these House and Senate bills passed . . . PROVIDED YOU ACT NOW!**

> You don't think we can influence what our congressional representatives > do? We can. AS PROOF, Sen. Levin of MI became a co-sponsor of the Senate version (S 537) ONLY BECAUSE a number of Michigan amateurs wrote and asked him to become a co-sponsor. He did! You who wrote to him caused him to do this!

> The other end of the scale has many examples of Senators and Representatives who have received no or virtually no requests to sponsor the legislation. As of today, I've learned of only 111 Division members who have written. Who else other than you is going to write?

> ONE EXAMPLE of the results of not writing came from a visit to Rep. John Boehner's (Ohio-House District 8) office a few days ago. At the time the people who keep tabs on what happens on Capitol Hill made their visit, Rep. Boehner's aide said he had received NO LETTERS asking him to co-sponsor the legislation.

> I realize we Americans are very complacent about writing our Congress people, but please let's get off our duff's and let our representatives know how we feel. The Spectrum Protection Act -- provided you help get it passed -- can also be used to help defend our frequencies from the disaster of BPL, not just from the potential of reallocation by the FCC which is the specific goal of the Spectrum Protection Act. But the act would be another tool we could use in the fight against BPL if necessary.

> To write to your Representative and Senators, get their names from:

> To E-Mail Your Member of Congress, see:

> <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> Representatives.

> <http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm> Senators

> Because of the shortness in time, E-mail them from information at these sites. You will need your postal ZIP+4 codes to get directly to the addresses for your people. To get to their E-mail forms, click on their names and then E-mail or Contact Us or similar instruction depending on the individual web site.

> FOR REPRESENTATIVES

> <YOUR NAME>
> <YOUR ADDRESS>
> <CITY, STATE ZIP>

> Dear Rep. _____

> As one of the nation's more than 670,000 federally licensed radio amateurs, I urge you to co-sponsor HR 713, the "Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003," sponsored by Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL).

> This bill is a nonpartisan, non-controversial measure designed to help protect the radio frequencies used by Amateur Radio volunteers throughout our nation in providing emergency communications assistance during times of disaster. Most recently, radio amateurs have aided government and private relief agencies after the terrorist attacks of September 2001, during the traumatic electrical outage in the northeaster part of the US earlier this year and during the severe forest fires which engulfed many parts of the Western United States last summer.

> Your co-sponsorship of HR 713 will help ensure that Amateur Radio operators have access to the needed spectrum, essential to their public service role

> I look forward to hearing from you.

> Sincerely,

> <YOUR NAME>

Minutes of the NOARC September 25,2003 Meeting by John Sundstrom, Secretary

1. Meeting opened by President Don Smith. Introduction of 17 attendees.
2. Treasurer's report approved.
3. Hank Reikels fell of his roof and was injured. A card was circulated and sent.
4. Discussion of Holland Hamfest on November 1. Five more people needed to sell tickets.
5. JOTA is October 18th. Dan Whisman is coordinating.
6. A slate of officers for 2004 is to be recommended next month. Members willing to run are encouraged to contact Don Smith.
7. Ben Docter recommended that hams send a letter to the FCC protesting the pending approval of Broadband over Power lines.
8. Andrew, N8ARY won the 50/50 drawing of \$12.00.
9. Dean Whitney provided an excellent talk about the events leading to the massive August power blackout. He says that there is no reason why it could not happen again.



Jim Wolter W9BWC shows a customer a Te Ne Ke at Dayton while Mike Martens talks with Mark Smith

Dues Renewal Form. Dues are : Single \$30, Family \$40 . 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 \$ 30.00 individual and \$ 40.00 family. Please send dues to NOARC Box 44, Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Please keep the club Treasurer (KC8HXO@yahoo.com) and the Club Secretary (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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