

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

SPARK for September 2003

Presidents Perspective

Ok with little time to write I would like to say it would be good to see all of you at the club meeting this month. We had a great turn out at the fox hunt and the picnic. Over 40 people, it was great.

I am still looking for work, and have come to the conclusion that résumé's over the internet probably is a big hoax. Like Monster.com and even Michigan Works, but haven't totally given up on them yet. Anyway if you hear of something let me know OK?

Dean Whitney will be the program giver this month, something about what happens when you don't pay your light bill.

Any way see you on Thursday.

Don N8HCS

Club Meeting is this Thursday Night at the White Pine Middle School. The Topic is the recent Power Outage. See you there!

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

Beginning Balance of all accounts was \$5482.40, of which checking and savings totaled \$4656.44, and the NOARC endowment fund balance of \$825.96

Income for the period: \$836.88 of which .38 was interest on savings; \$290.00 was Club dues; \$495.00 was Te-Ne-Ke sales; \$15.00 from sale of antenna tuner donated by Andrew Young, N8ARY; \$36.50 from 50/50 drawings from April/May meetings.

Expenses for the period: \$73.43; Of which \$5.65 was Reimbursement to Greg Schippers, KC8HXO, for Certified mailing of Field Day entry; \$24.00 was reimbursed to John Sundstrom, N8YQD, for Cadillac Hamfest tables, and \$43.78 to John for May/June/July newsletter expenses.

Ending balance of all accounts: \$6245.85 of which checking and savings total \$5419.89, 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: \$5,144.89
Repeater Fund: \$0
Digital Fund: \$275.00
Endowment Fund \$825.96

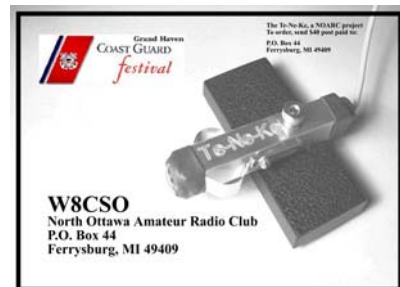
Total all funds \$6,245.85

This period there were no expenses incurred for the Te-Ne-Ke project, and \$495.00 in revenues. The total revenue generated to date are \$5066.36. This IS reflected in the general account balance in the above ledger. Please continue to support this important project!!

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

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

- September 23 KB8HU Charlie**
- September 30 N8ARY Andrew (For John)**
- October 7 N8YQD John**
- October 14 N8HCS Don**
- October 21 KB8VEE Tom**
- October 28 N8LBG**
- Nov 1 KF8NS**



Upcoming Events

September 26: NOARC Club Meeting at White Pine Middle School. Topic will be on the recent power outage given by Dean Whitney. Dean works for Consumers Power Company at the Port Sheldon Power Plant.

September 30: Technician class for new hams at Allendale High School (see details on page 5)

October 18 : Jamboree on the Air. Dan Whisman is coordinating. This year the scouts will be taking to the woods. As usual, Dan need lots of help with antennas, shelters, ect.

October 24 : Noarc Club Meeting at the White Pine Middle School.

October 31-Nov 1: ARRL State Convention and Super Swap in Holland/Zeeland.

November 20: NOARC Club meeting at the White Pine Middle School.

Club Officers :

PRESIDENT:	Don Smith, N8HCS	846-1938
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Jamboree On The AIR —All About it

When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home.

JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

With no restrictions on age or on the number of participants, and at little or no expense, JOTA allows Scouts to contact each other by ham radio. The radio stations are operated by licensed ham radio operators. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications.

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JOTA is held the third weekend in October of each year. JOTA takes place starting Saturday at 0001 hours local time to Sunday, 2359 hours local time, though some activity continues over from Friday to Monday to take advantage of long distance (DX) time differences.

How Do We Take Part?

First, contact a local Amateur Radio operator or club to ask for assistance. If you need help finding a club in your area check the [ARRL Affiliated Club Search](#) page. The FCC's list of amateurs and clubs in your area (enter your zip code only) can be found [here](#). Radio amateurs are enthusiastic about their hobby and most will be willing to help you participate in JOTA. The radio operator may suggest that the Scouts visit his/her station or that the operator bring equipment to your local campsite. Often, JOTA stations are set up in unusual locations, such as the top of a mountain, or on a boat. To order Girl and Boy Scout brochures, contact the Field & Educational Services Department at ARRL HQ.

Licensing Regulations

Ham radio operators have obtained a radio transmission license by passing an exam given by national authorities. License conditions vary from country to country. In some, Scouts may speak over the air; in others, special permission can be obtained for Scouts to speak over the radio during JOTA. Please consult the list of [Third Party Traffic Agreements](#).

Rules

Radio operators run their stations in accordance with their national licensing regulations.

Stations should call "CQ Jamboree," or answer stations doing so. Any authorized frequency may be used. It is recommended that stations use the agreed World Scout Frequencies, listed elsewhere in this document. To avoid congestion, use close-by frequencies.

JOTA is not a contest. The idea is not to contact as many stations as possible during the weekend.

All participating groups are asked to send a report of their activities to their National JOTA Organizer (NJO) and to ARRL HQ after the event. See addresses listed elsewhere in this document. NJOs forward national JOTA reports to the World Scout Bureau for the World JOTA Report.

Although the worldwide JOTA is organized in October, Scouts can meet on the air at other times during the year. Regular Scout nets (a pre-arranged time and frequency when operators meet) are organized nationally

or regionally. An updated list of these nets can always be found in the latest *World JOTA Report*, which is published by the World Scout Bureau.

HB9S

The World Scout Bureau operates its own Amateur Radio station, with the call sign HB9S. There is a permanent radio room in the Bureau's Geneva offices, and the station is regularly on the air during Scout nets and JOTA weekends. Transmitters are on the 10/15/20 meter, 160/80/40 meter and (in the Geneva area) the 440/2 meter bands. Making contact with HB9S requires patience, as many stations call at the same time. Please follow instructions given by the operators and do not interfere with on-going contacts. They speak in as many languages as possible.

An amateur radio technician licensing class will be offered at Allendale High

School. It will start Next Tuesday September 30, and go for the next 5 weeks. The last class will be the last Tuesday before the state convention. Students will hopefully test at the convention.

The class will start at 7:00 pm in room 308 at Allendale High School. The best way to find my room with all the construction, is to come in on the north drive off of 68 ave. (That is the second drive if you are coming from the south.) Drive into the front parking lot and follow it all the way around until you get to a narrow road on the north side of the school. This road is clearly marked "DO NOT ENTER", believe it or not, enter here. Follow the drive around to the back of the school by the loading dock. Drive slow you are going the wrong way. The other end of this drive is closed for construction, but people may also be coming out of this area. When you get back to the loading dock, park by the basketball courts. Walk up into the grass towards the building. Between stretched between the loading dock and the north wing of the building is a set of antenna wires. Follow them to the door. That is the classroom that I will be teaching in.

There is no sign up, but you must be there for the first class. Cost of the class will depend on if you want a book or not. I recommend getting the book. We will take orders for them on the first night. Figure \$20.00 for the book. You will get some change back. Any questions email me at:

bbreth@charter.net If anyone would like to help, even for just one night please let me know.

BRIAN BRETHAUER

KC8NPH

