

SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

April 2012

Warm weather has returned, and so have the public service events! See the calendar on page 3, and watch w8cso.org/calendar for the latest!

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NOARC 2 meter repeater

W8CSO/R – 145.490 output, 144.890 input

Main RX: PL 94.8 – Grand Rapids RX: PL 91.5 – EchoLink: N8FQ-R #469574

Minutes of the March 2012 meeting

At 6:30 p.m., the NOARC meeting was called to order by President Paul Zellar. The ten attendees chose to forgo roll call.

The subject of attracting more members was broached by Paul. The possibility of offering Ham-in-a-day class (thus getting immediate licensing) for youth in the Boy and Girl Scouts and the older groups, such as VFW, Eagles, etc. was discussed. John Sundstrom and Ross Gates will look into the Scouts.

Paul described and explained a Direction Finder transmitter that he made. Gordon Stockhill suggested that we all bring our Fox Hunt antennas/gear for fine tuning and fun to the next meeting. That will be April 26th and we will operate outdoors in the library area.

Our club has been selling the TE NE KE's, thanks to the generosity of it's inventor, Boyd Mason, NE8KE. In appreciation, the motion to award Life Membership to NOARC was made by Mark Stern; seconded by Roger Cox. This was unanimously approved. Discussion continued on TE NE KE: price; assembly of new design, and if kit form would be available or advisable.

John Sundstrom, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,543 in the bank and a balance of \$5,163 in the Grand Haven Community Foundation. Joe Veldhuis motioned that a \$210 dividend from the Foundation be used for TE NE KE parts. Seconded by Ross Gates. The club is also funded with our dues of \$25 a year; \$70 for three years.

Lowell Hamfest is April 7th., 8:00a.m. to 12 Noon, Where our club will have a table, to sell your radio goodies.

Don Meyer is looking for our help on April 14th for the Spring Lake Yacht Club regatta. This is traffic related, not water related. It begins early - 6:00 a.m. until w probably 1:00p.m.. Don is talking about doing it in shifts.

He also reminded us that we need not be a member of OCEC to attend a meeting at the Fillmore Complex on April 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Gordon Stockhill that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Phyllis Simmons. We did.

Respectfully submitted by,

Phyllis and Roger Simmons
Secretaries

April 2012 calendar of events and net control schedule

Every Tuesday:

NOARC net/coffee at Russ' in Grand Haven
8:00 PM

Every Wednesday:

Breakfast at Idle Hour Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

Every Saturday:

Breakfast at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

April 7:

ARGYL hamfest, Lowell
<http://www.argyl.org>

April 14:

Lubbers' Cup
Briefing at comm trailer, Van Wagoner/Spring Lake Rd near the water tower, 6 AM

Ham-in-a-day class
Muskegon Community College, Stevenson Center, 8 AM – VE testing at 3 PM

April 26:

NOARC monthly business meeting
Spring Lake District Library, 6:30 PM

NOARC net control schedule:

April 3: **Bev, KC8JWA**
April 10: **Paul, W8IQE**
April 17: **Phyllis, KB8NLN**
April 24: **Joe, N8FQ**

Keep an eye on the events calendar on w8cso.org for net control openings, and e-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list!

Guidelines for building your own Evacuation / Disaster Go Bag – By KB8QAP

If you need to leave your home, be ready to go as quickly as possible. Having a Go Bag in an accessible place ensures that you and your family are prepared for whatever situation arises.

Evacuation / Disaster Go Bag Guidelines

- Each member of your household should have his or her own Go Bag.
- Go Bags should be easy to carry and sturdy.
- Go Bags should be stored in an easily accessible location.
- Ideally, you should keep a Go Bag at your home, in your car, and at work.
- Go Bags should be prepared for any time of year.
- Go Bags should be updated every six months.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR YOUR EVACUATION / DISASTER GO BAG


- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated AM/FM Radio
- VHF/UHF Hand Held Transceiver with charger
- Spare Antennas for Hand Held
- Repeater Directory
- Cellphone with charger
- Extra batteries (necessary types)
- Pocketknife
- Whistle
- Extra house and car keys
- Blanket
- Rain-gear
- Hat
- Gloves
- Protective eye wear
- Comfortable, sturdy shoes with puncture resistant soles if possible
- Warm clothes
- Prescription medication for a week, with copies of your prescriptions
- List of doctor(s) and phone numbers
- Small first-aid kit
- Extra pair of reading glasses or contact lenses
- Extra hearing aid(s) and batteries
- Toilet paper
- Plastic garbage bags
- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Copy of your communications plan
- Regional maps
- Paper, pens and tape – in case you need to leave a message somewhere
- Dust mask
- Cash – preferably in small amounts
- Coins for laundromat washing machines and/or pay phones
- Credit and debit cards
- Copies of important documents in a waterproof container (IDs, insurance information, proof of address, passports, etc.)
- Recent family photo for identification purposes – make sure everyone's face can be seen clearly
- Items for members of your family, especially children, seniors or people with functional needs, and pets.

Swap 'n shop

For Sale: Zenith Trans-Oceanic all-band radios – John Sundstrom, N8YQD

For Sale: Textbooks on basic electronic theory, multimeters and oscilloscopes – Paul Zellar, W8IQE

Wanted: Good, working tubes – Jerome Novotny, K8CCJ - 231-206-1388
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Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Make checks payable to **NOARC**

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