

SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

April 2013

Winter just keeps dragging on, but some relief is finally in sight. Read about things that will take your mind off the cold weather on page 2!

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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 2013 meeting

At six thirty five John Sundstrom kicked off the meeting with a roll call. Of the nine attendees, we welcomed three new members: Brian Beimers, Ed Cech and Andy Suszka.

Upcoming ham fests to put on your calendar would be; Lowell on March 30th, Hudsonville on June 1st, Cadillac May 1st, and the big one, (attendance of 25,000 in 2012) in Dayton OH, on May 17, 18 and 19.

John Sundstrom reported sales this winter of 17 Te Ne Keys. Three of these were out of country. Selling price of the key is \$55.00. Cost of a unit without a base is \$38.00. Advertising on line is paying off for the club.

With Spring in the air, we are reminded that parades, foot races and water sculling regattas are looking for our help.

We are starting to think of Field Day on June 22nd and 23rd. Once again, our club will be using Spring Lake Central Park for the event.

A fine evening program on digital radio was presented by Joe Veldhuis. Joe cleared up many questions on the subject of Echolink.

On March 21st, members of NOARC made a presentation about Amateur Radio to the Fruitport Cub Scout Pack. John Fischer and Don Meyer set up an antenna in the Elementary School gym.

They had radios for the scouts to try. Gordon Stockhill and Roger demonstrated CW on code practice oscillators. The scouts had a practice sheet made by Phyllis showing the Morse code alphabet and places to spell their names. Then they spelled their names with the CW keys. Phyllis explained "Fox hunts" and techniques for locating the "fox".

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30. We had plenty of time for coffee, cookies and socializing before the closing of the library.

Please note that the next meeting will be on April 18, at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted;
Phyllis and Roger Simmons

April 2013 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 5:

AES Superfest, Milwaukee, WI
<http://www.aesham.com>

April 18:

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

April 20:

Milford Swap-N-Shop, Highland, MI
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/milford-swap-n-shop>

North Central Indiana Hamfest, Peru, IN
<http://nci-hamfest.net>

NOARC net control schedule:

April 2: **Bev, KC8JWA**

April 9: **Joe, N8FQ**

April 16: **Bev, KC8JWA**

April 23: **Roger, N8RXC**

April 30: **John, N8YQD**

E-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list for May. All slots are open!

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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