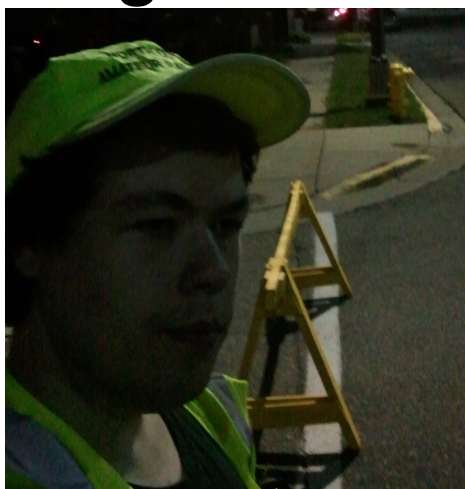


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Another Coast Guard Festival in the books

Despite intense daytime heat and ominous overnight forecasts, NOARC and the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety have once again brought the yearly event to a spectacular, yet safe, finish! Thanks to everyone who helped out!

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W8CSO/R – 145.490 output, 144.890 input

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

Report from the 2012 NOARC Fox Hunt

Around 6:30 on the evening of July 26th, a small group of dedicated core members of NOARC, met in the parking lot, across the street from the Spring Lake Library. The Church and Exchange location was the beginning of the evenings program, a "Fox Hunt". President Paul Zellar, recently moved to Sparta Michigan, was to be the designated fox. For the uninitiated, a fox hunt consists of a member, usually the one who found the last fox. The fox is given a short amount of time to "hide" (in plain sight). At the appointed time, The fox transmits for thirty to sixty seconds. This occurs every five minutes, with a two minute warning from the coordinator of the hunt. We were faced with the problem, of which of the five attendees, (not including Marks beautiful German shepherd "Leibe") would do the honor. Turned out that John Fischer became the fox and time coordinator.

So Mark Stern, Leibe, Ben Docter, Phyllis and Roger piled into the Simmons Suburban and set out on the chase. John had us going for thirty or forty minutes. This is a small town for such an activity. The boundaries were the Spring Lake Village on the south side of Savidge (M104), and west side of Lake St. Ben Docter came up short with a direction finding antenna. He did surprising well using his finger as an antenna. Or was it a car key, Ben?

We had a little rain, Liebe had her chance to pursue ducks, and we all kicked ourselves for passing the fox so close, so many times. Another good job, John! It was a fun evening.

Since that evening, the Coast Guard Festival has come and gone. The five and ten K races and the Coast Guard Parade were well supported by the NOARC club members.

The next meeting will be August 23rd at 6:30 PM at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg. It will be a QRP session. Bring your mosquito dope and what ever rig you want to play with. Phyllis will bring the brownies.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

August 2012 Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 6/25/2012	2,065.54
Deposits:	
Dues, Novotny	+20.00
Key sale	+48.00
Checks:	
Phyllis Simmons Field day food	238.95
USPS Box rent	94.00
Ending balance as of July 29, 2012 (Balance agrees with Chase bank)	1,800.57
Grand Haven Community Foundation balance 07/01/12	5,285.93



Above: John, KC8UNY sets up the command post for the Ferrysburg 4th of July parade, one of the numerous events NOARC helped out with this month. In the background, Lou, N8KYO looks to be preparing for some photography of his own...

August 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

August 13:

HARC monthly meeting
Ottawa Red Cross, James St, Holland
7:00 PM

August 18:

Lapeer County ARA Swap & Shop
<http://www.w8lap.com>

August 23:

NOARC QRP In The Park
William Ferry Park, Ferrysburg, 6:15 PM

CERT meeting, Fillmore EOC
7:00 PM

August 25:

Owosso Swap & Trunk Sale
<http://www.w8qqq.org>

NOARC net control schedule:

August 7: **Roger, N8RXC**
August 14: **Roger, WB0DGF**
August 21: **Joe, N8FQ**
August 28: **Bev, KC8JWA**

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



NOARC membership form

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Individual: \$25 yearly or \$70 for 3 years

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