

SPARK

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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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Coast Guard Festival 2013 is underway! Nearly 1500 runners participated in the 5k/10k race last Saturday, and the Grand Parade this coming Saturday is shaping up to be an excellent event, with moderate temps and no rain foreseen!

See the next page for the results of our yearly fox hunt...

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NOARC 2013 Fox Hunt

As seven o'clock approached, Phyllis and I rolled into the parking lot across from the Spring Lake Library. John Sundstrom came next. Then John Fischer and Gordon Stockhill. John Sundstrom was selected to be the Fox. The evening was still warm. We readied our antennas and set the simplex frequency for the Fox Hunt at 146.520. Working with a borrowed adapter for a S0234 and SMA for my Yaesu, handheld, we were ready for the first transmission.

Meanwhile, the Fox took off for his hiding place. This place was defined as being in the open at a place where the public can go. The boundaries were M- 104 (Savidge) to the North, US 31 and the 31 Bridge to the west. Fruitport road was the east boundary. After a five-minute interval, the Fox transmitted his first signal. It lasted for about 30 seconds, then silence for another 5 minutes. John Fischer acted as Hunt control and issued a two-minute warning before the next transmission. After the first nondescript message, the second one started giving hints where he was hiding. The Fox reported being where a lot of traffic was a block away. Then the report was that bicyclists were riding by and his spot and he had a nice breeze. Finally, the Fox reported that he could see a church from his location.

Phyllis and I drove to Division Street from Exchange Street to the south terminus of Division. Suddenly, the " Fox" called out that someone had just driven past him. We backtracked and found John Sundstrom " the Fox " parked on Division, near the Exchange intersection.

As Gordon Stockhill drove W. On Exchange St. Roger took a four foot length of antenna, tied to a white handkerchief. He waved this from the middle of the intersection . At last, all had found the fox. It was still hot. All present indicated a desire for ice cream. When we pulled up to the Front Porch ice cream store, we took relief with a variety of flavored cones. Thus ended another successful fox hunt.

Respectfully submitted Phyllis and Roger Simmons

August 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

August 3:

UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI
<http://www.dcars.org/hamfest>

Angola Hamfest, Angola, IN
<http://llarc.tripod.com>

August 4:

Seaway Trunk Swap, Port Huron, MI
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/seaway-trunk-swap-1>

August 15:

NOARC annual QRP outing, William Ferry Park, 6 PM
See <http://www.w8cso.org> for up-to-date info

August 24:

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

NOARC net control schedule:

August 6: **John, KC8UNY**

August 13: **John, N8YQD**

August 20: **Roger, N8RXC**

August 27: **Joe, N8FQ**

E-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list! See <http://www.w8cso.org/calendar> for updated information.

Swap 'n shop

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

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