

SPARK

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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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The "Baghdad Battery" - 4000 years old and it still holds a charge! Read about this and other displays 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 November 2012 meeting

The November meeting of the NOARC took place on November 29th at the Spring Lake District Library, in the conference room, at 6:30 pm.

Phyllis Simmons brought in her famous brownies, pretzels, apples, tea and coffee. We didn't wait for the meeting to start before digging in to the goodies.

John Sundstrom started the meeting with the annual election of officers. By unanimous consent, the same officers were elected for another term. The exceptions to this was the recruiting of John Fischer to replace President Paul Zellar, who moved to Sparta. Don Meyer was elected Vice President. John Sundstrom remains Treasurer. Co- Secretaries are Phyllis and Roger Simmons. The Activities Chairman/ Chairwoman remains vacant. (Although, John Sundstrom has been doing an outstanding job lately).

John advised that there have been complaints regarding transmission and reception of the 2 meter repeater lately. It will be taken out of service during the week of December 9th, for maintenance. During this time, those desiring to use the repeater should use the 70 cm repeater on a frequency of 443.775 , positive offset of 5 Mhz . Subaudible tone (PL) of 94.8 This is the same PL tone as the 2 meter repeater. We will try to have the Tuesday night net as usual on 70 cm., if the 2 meter is not available.

Vice President Don Meyer requested volunteers for the Jingle Bell Parade in Grand Haven on Saturday December 1st. Hams should meet at the Department of Public Safety at 5:15 pm for briefing. The parade begins at 6:00 pm. Don also discussed the relationship between OCEC and ARES.

The next NOARC meeting will be a Christmas Party. Held at the Spring Lake Library beginning at 6:00 pm, You are asked to bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Ham will be furnished.

In other news: Joe Veldhuis predicted that there will be no winter this year.

John Sundstrom reported 19 keys being sold this year. One or two were purchased with Pay Pal. The keys cost \$38.00 or \$48.00 with a base on them. He praised the efforts of Craig Christilaw in his precision and continued dedication in constructing the Te Ne Ke.

The evenings program consisted of members bringing various items of interest to the group. Among those members, Joe Veldhuis brought a combination stand and Blue Tooth keyboard for his smart phone.

John Sundstrom brought in his portable tube operated multiband radio.

Jerome Novotny brought in miniature transistor radios, a " Baghdad" style battery and a continuity checker that his father had constructed.

Gordon Stockhill brought in an authentic 1951 code keyer which he had used in the Navy.

Mark Stern brought in and described a large assortment of code keys. In all, nine code keys were viewed and demonstrated during the meeting.

Sometime after eight and before eight thirty, Gordon Stockhill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ross Gates. Those in attendance casually vacated the premises.

December 2012 Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 9/25/2012	1,700.62
Deposits:	
Key sales 11/1	122.50
Key sale 11/9	43.00
Ending balance as of 11/28/ 2012	1,866.12
(Balance agrees with Chase bank)	

Grand Haven Community Foundation balance 5,556.07



Mark K8MAZ's attack dog, Leib, rests after eating all of Phyllis KB8NLN's snacks.

More pictures from the November meeting



John N8YQD's first Zenith Trans-Oceanic shortwave receiver. He swears it was working just before the meeting, but an attempted demonstration ended in disappointment. Most likely the batteries went dead.

Mark K8MAZ's collection of straight keys and code oscillators. These range from a cheap J-38 to a high-quality, Swedish-made key.



The meeting was attended by (in roughly left-to-right order) Ross N8GMY, John KC8UNY, John N8YQD, Phyllis KB8NLN, Tom KC8OJY, Ruth KD8HRC, Don KB8ODB, Roger N8RXC, Gordon KA8UQT, Andy N8HUB, Mark K8MAZ and Joe N8FQ (not pictured).

December 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

December 20:

NOARC christmas party
Spring Lake District Library
6:30 PM

NOARC net control schedule:

December 4: **John, N8YQD**
December 11: **Roger, N8RXC**
December 18: **Bev, KC8JWA**
December 25: **Joe, N8FQ**

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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