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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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A great turnout – and a surprise guest – for the 2011 Christmas party! See Roger & Phyllis' report on the next page!

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** VACANT **

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 December 2011 meeting

The party was supposed to start at 6:00pm on Thursday evening. Phyllis and I started by dropping off table ware, food stuffs, pop, coffee and tea, two pies and decorations for the whole meeting room around 5:30. Treasurer John Sundstrom and President Paul Zellar were also there getting the preparations for the festivities. Around six o'clock, members with their wives appeared with their individual contributions to the pot luck.

Soon we were gathered around the tables which were festooned with white table cloths and assorted Christmas bows, candle sticks, statuettes, etc. Families caught up on each others affairs and what had happened since the last meeting.

Jerry Brower, an amateur radio operator who just happened by in the library, looking for a book , walked into the party. He decided to stay and partake the repast with the club. Everyone made him welcome. He may even decide to attend a club meeting sometime.

Soon, someone called out to start eating. The food had been laid out cafeteria style along the wall. There followed a discussion as to who should be first in line to eat. Someone said it should be the oldest person present. Someone else said it should be the youngest. Seeing
Russell Cox behind me with a yellow shirt on, I said it should be a person with a yellow shirt on. The rest of those present ignored my recommendation and started scooping up food from the table.

There was plenty of it there. Ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, hors d'oeuvres (or something like that), casseroles, beans, peach pie, coconut macaroons. cookies. coffee, tea, ginger ale, Pepsi and bottled water That is all I could eat (or remember.) For a while the room turned silent as we ate.

After a respectable time, Treasurer John Sundstrom opened up the time for the door prizes. Tickets were passed out to each person present. A like numbered ticket was put in a bowl. An unlikely person was selected to draw a winning ticket from the bowl. As winners were selected, the bowl was passed to another drawing person. The bowl was passed until all the door prizes were distributed. These consisted of ARRL calenders, ARRL publications, repeater directories and an antenna manual.

President Paul Zellar then came up with the surprise of the night. The drawings continued for LED flashlights that he had brought. Everyone came up with a prize or flashlight.

As the tables were cleaned, the guests picked up their winnings and left in an orderly fashion. Like Lou Meisch always says " A good time was had by all". Merry Christmas and a big 73's to y'all.

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis & Roger Simmons

January 2012 treasurer's report

Checking account: November 30 balance	1,755.40
check John Sundstrom for ARRL books	-122.15
Dues payment	25.00
Balance December 26	1,658.25

A end of year balance of our Grand Haven Community fund will be included in the next report.

January 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

January 1:
Straight Key Night
All bands, 0000-2359z

January 15:
Hazel Park Hamfest – Hazel Park, MI
http://hparc.org

January 19:
NOARC monthly business meeting
Spring Lake District Library, 6:30 PM

NOARC net control schedule:
January 3: **Bev, KC8JWA**
January 10: **Roger and Phyllis, N8RXC/KB8NLN**
January 17: **Joe, N8FQ**
January 24: **Paul, W8IQE**
January 31: **John, N8YQD**

February 7: **Bev, KC8JWA**
February 14:
February 21: **Joe, N8FQ**
February 28:

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!

Membership roster

Call	Last Name	City	State	Internet Address	2011	2012	2013
AB8CD	Anderson	Spring Lake	MI	ab8cd@arrl.net			
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	Clive	Grand Haven	MI				
wb0dgf	Cox	Spring Lake	MI	rgcox2@gmail.com	1		
kc0ect	Cox	Spring Lake	mi	russ10cox@gmail.com		1	
K8AR	Docter	Spring Lake	MI	k8ar@sbcglobal.net	1	1	
WB8SOE	DenBraber	Grand Haven	Mi	wb8soe@juno.com			
KC5LNG	DeYoung	Grand haven	MI	ddeyoung@ameritech.net			
W9DBE/W9LBE	Ensign	Spring Lake	Mi	eegah1@gmail.com	1	1	1
KC8ZCR	Dood	Spring Lake	Mi	gdood@netonecom.net	1	1	1
KC8UNY	Fischer	Grand Haven	MI	kc8uny@arrl.org	1		
	Freeman	Spring Lake	MI		1	1	1
K8EXB	Furton	Grand Haven	Mi	dfg@inbox.com	1	1	1
N8III	Fuller	Nunica	MI				
N8GMY	Gates	Muskegon	Mi	rossq52@gmail.com	1	1	1
kc8zep	Grzyb	Spring Lake	MI	mgrzyb@sbcglobal.net			
KF8VN	Groenleer	Spring Lake	MI	kf8vn@home.com	1	1	1
WA8MTJ	Hinkle	Ferrysburg	MI		1		
KC8OVS	Mackay	Grand Haven	MI				
n8kyo	Meisch	Eustis	Fl		1		
KB8ODB	Meyer	Ferrysburg	MI	kb8odb@sbcglobal.net			
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KC8DEI	Moss	Grand Haven	MI	kc8dei@mmoss.org			
K8CCJ	Novotny	Muskegon	MI	63olds@prodigy.net			
AB8EF	Platt	Grand Haven	MI	jplatt@rami.com			
KC8SKS	Schell	Grand Haven	MI	skyking@novagate.com			
KC8HXO	Schippers	Grand Haven	MI	kc8hxo@chartemi.net			
N8RXC / KB8NL	Simmons	Spring Lake	MI	prsimmons@novagate.com	1	1	1
N8HCS	Smith	Grand Haven	MI	donaldjr@ameritech.net			
K8MAZ	Stern	Spring Lake	Mi	mes23@comcast.net	1	1	1
KA8UQT	Stockhill	Grand Haven	MI	Flashgordon1@earthlink.net	1		
N8YQD	Sundstrom	Grand Haven	MI	sundstrj@gvsu.edu	1	1	1
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If you don't see a “1” by your name in the 2012 column, your club membership has expired – make sure to mail in your dues! You can use the form on the next page.

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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Name: _____ **Callsign:** _____

Address: _____

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

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

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