

SPARK

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North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

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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 2012 meeting

It was a dreary evening with cold drizzle coming down on the Spring Lake library. It was only 5:30 the evening, one of the shortest days of the year. Phyllis brought her food for the annual Christmas party. Pie, salad, coffee and tea.

The library had tables and chairs waiting. Two conference rooms had been converted to one for the party. Each table was paired with another seven foot table. This arrangement allowed eight people to be seated.

As six o'clock rolled around, John and Sally Sundstrom appeared with a large spiral cut ham. Other members appeared with smoked salmon, two kinds of potatoes, with deviled eggs, sausages, rice crispy treats, colored cup cakes, banana bread, beets, all the fixings.

The food was arranged cafeteria style. A slow cooker was placed on the end, of the serving table with sausages. This was followed by potatoes, ham, salads, vegetables and desserts.

The room became quiet as the hams gathered around the food and filled their plates.

Talk ranged from radio and frequency exchanges to weather. Next, the desserts were consumed. I was finishing a cupcake and a piece of apple pie, when John Sundstrom began to prepare for the drawing of the evening door prize, a Baofeng two meter hand held radio. John said he had enough radios at home and so eliminated himself from the drawing. He put everyones name in the box and held it up so his wife Sally could draw a name from the box without seeing into it. Julia Fischer was the lucky winner. Julia promptly turned and radio over to her husband Dave Fischer. Dave was last seen trying to read the owner's manual on the Chinese radio.

After the meal was consumed, we picked up plates, silverware, napkins and excess food. The various baskets and boxes were picked up for the trip home. Full satisfied radio operators drifted from the party at about seven minutes after eight. We made sure that the room was as clean as we found it and checked out with a librarian in charge.

Merry Christmas was wished by all and that's what we wish for you. 73's

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis and Roger Simmons

January treasurer's report

Ending balance as of 11/28/2012	1,866.12
12/18 deposit	
6 keys (3 with base;3 w/o).....	240.46
New balance.....	2,106.58

(Balance agrees with Chase bank)

Grand Haven Community Foundation balance 5,556.07

YTD Te Ne Ke sales are 21 keys (the most in 10 years)

January 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

January 31:

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

NOARC net control schedule:

No net control schedule was available at press time. Please check
www.w8cso.org/calendar for the latest info!

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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