

SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

June 2012

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That time of year again

Hot, sunny days mean parades, races and QRP outings!

Above: Jeff, N8RWS and Jeff, KB8QAP set up a station at Helder Park in Holland.

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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 May 2012 meeting

On May 24th at 1836 hrs, President Paul Zellar called the meeting to order. Located in the east conference room of the Spring Lake Library, nine members listened as John Sundstrom told the group that ten Te Ne Keys had been sold. He said that there was \$1965.00 in the treasury. Further, John has developed a possible itinerary for meetings thru October. It is as follows:

June 21st: meet at the Field Day site for a hot dog meal.

July meeting: a Fox Hunt possibly in the Spring Lake Area.

August meeting: QRP in the park.

September meeting: Chinese handheld radio show-and-tell

October: John Fischer may have a program on DXing

Don Meyer next requested volunteers for the weekend of May 26th. Grand Haven Department of Public Safety has requested our assistance with a 5k race, "Kick off to Summer". Operators were to meet at GHPS at 7:00 am. On Memorial Day, the Spring Lake Ferrysburg Police Department has requested our assistance for the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade. Hams are to meet at 9:00 am at the Spring Lake OCEC for a 10:00 o'clock parade.

Field Day 2012 is June 23rd and 24th. This years event will be held at the Spring Lake Central Park, 700 Block of Savage St. (behind Ace Hardware). As mentioned above, On Thursday June 21st the NOARC meeting will be a hot dog meal. We will plan the set up of our stations and their locations.

On Saturday, June 23rd we will have breakfast at the park at 8:00 am. Saturday evening we plan a Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your "significant other". Meat, drink and table ware will be available. Sunday morning breakfast will be provided at 8:00am.

At seven o'clock, the meeting broke for refreshments by Phyllis Simmons. She had baked cookies, white brownies, sliced apples were available, as were pretzels, coffee and tea.

Next, President Paul Zellar made an excellent presentation on the history of the early radio. He included CW keys, early pen tapes made by Samuel Morse, dry cell batteries, telephone amplifiers and oscillators. His presentation concluded with a dissertation on early soldering history and techniques. The meeting closed around 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

May 2012 Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 3/22/2012 1,543.58
(Balance agrees with Chase bank)

Deposits:

Dues, Meyer,Zellar, RCox & Stockhill +100.00
Te ne Ke sales (net) 78.77
Te ne Ke Sales at Lowell 50.00
GH Community fund dividend 210.00
6 te ne ke sales (net) 222.19

Checks:

Wexaukee Hamfest table -15.00
IRA Hamfest (3 tables) 24.00
Hays Co—Club liability 200.00

Ending balance as of May 24, 2012 1965.54

Grand haven Comm Fund balance 12/31/11 5,163.23
Gains for first quarter 2012 521.97
Ending balance as of 03/31/12 5,695.29

Tulip Time Muzeikparade



The grand finale to this year's Tulip Time festival in Holland faced a lot of issues – logistical and meteorological – but was ultimately a success. The weather was cool, with on-and-off rain showers throughout the day. Although not the most pleasant conditions for a parade, it kept the medical incidents to a minimum.

Above: Mike Mitchell of the Red Cross briefs the med teams. Hams visible in the picture are Jeff KB8QAP, Denny N8CTT, John KC8UNY, Chris KC8RQT, Don KB8ODB, Alan NV8A, Tom K8TB, Ross N8GMY and at least 2 others mixed into the crowd, identified by their bright yellow hats. Not pictured is Joe, N8FQ, who was holding the camera.

Club liability insurance certificate

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A complete copy of the club's policy (all 22 pages of it) will be published on w8cso.org

June 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

June 2:

IRA Hamfest, Hudsonville
<http://www.w8ira.org>

June 16:

Spring Lake Heritage Festival 5K
Briefing: 7 AM, Spring Lake EOC

June 21:

NOARC Field Day site survey
Spring Lake Central Park, 6:00 PM

June 28:

CERT meeting
Fillmore EOC training room, 7:00 PM

NOARC net control schedule:

June 5: **Bev, KC8JWA**

June 12: **John, N8YQD**

June 19: **Bev, KC8JWA**

June 26: **Bev, KC8JWA**

No, that's not a mistake – Bev took all but one net this month, because no one else stepped up. July and August are still wide open, so e-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list!

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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