

# SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

## March 2011

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No pictures or commentary for the front page this month. You know, I do take submissions...

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W8CSO/R – 145.490 output, 144.890 input

Main RX: PL 94.8 – Grand Rapids RX: PL 91.5 – EchoLink: N8FQ-R #469574

# February 2011 meeting minutes

The February meeting of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC) was held on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Spring Lake Library. Ten members were in attendance when President Paul Zellar W8IQE called the meeting to order. The following items were discussed by the group:

1. A Special Event Station will be operating for the Grand Haven Coast Guard Celebration this summer. Craig Christilaw K8CRC has contacted the Coast Guard Festival Committee and they will be providing details to the club in the near future regarding locations available.
2. A Special Event call sign was discussed, and it was decided to apply for a callsign for the event. Also, we will offer a certificate as well as the W8CSO QSL card to operators calling the club station during Coast Guard week.
3. The Marshall CrossRoads ham radio swap will be on Saturday, March 19th, 2011 and the club will NOT have a table at the swap.
4. Skywarn training will be held on Thursday, March 24th, 2011, at the Ottawa County Filmore Street complex at 6:30 pm.
5. The next NOARC meeting will be held Thursday, March 31st, 2011, at the Spring Lake Library, at 7:00 pm.

After this discussion, the group enjoyed cookies and coffee that appeared on the refreshment table. We think Phyllis Simmons KB8NLN had these treats flown in from Florida, and we thank her for the extraordinary efforts to keep the Frozen Few (the remaining club members that did NOT flee to Florida for the winter) well fed with chocolate chip cookies.

After the break, the club enjoyed a presentation by Paul Zellar W8IQE on "Troubleshooting Radios and other Electronic Components for the Ambitious Ham".

# **March 2011 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 Cafe in Spring Lake  
7:00 AM

## **Every Saturday:**

Breakfast at Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg  
7:00 AM

## **March 19:**

Michigan Crossroads Hamfest – Marshall, MI  
<http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html>

## **March 20:**

TMRA Hamfest and Computer Fair – Perrysburg, OH  
<http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

## **March 24:**

Skywarn training  
Fillmore St. Complex, main conference room  
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

## **March 31:**

NOARC club meeting  
Spring Lake District Library  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

## **NOARC net control schedule:**

March 2: **Joe, N8FQ**

March 9: **Paul, W8IQE**

March 16: **John, KC8UNY**

March 23: **Joe, N8FQ**

March 30: **John, N8YQD**

E-mail me at [jvn8fq@gmail.com](mailto:jvn8fq@gmail.com) if you want to get on the net control roster!

# Swap 'n shop

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

**For Sale:** Textbooks on basic electronic theory, multimeters and oscilloscopes – Paul Zellar, W8IQE

The **Te-Ne-Ke** is still in production - \$50 shipped anywhere



## NOARC membership form

**Dues:**

**Individual:** \$25 yearly or \$70 for 3 years

**Family:** \$35 yearly or \$75 for 3 years

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Callsign:** \_\_\_\_\_

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