

# SPARK

**May 2012**

the monthly newsletter of the

**North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club**

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**Thanks, Boyd!**

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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 April 2012 meeting

Around six in the evening, Craig Christilaw, John Sundstrom, Phyllis and Roger Simmons gathered at the Spring Lake District Library. The librarian unlocked the door to the conference room we were to use for the meeting. By six thirty, fifteen trusty members had gathered. Cake, brownies, cookies, coffee and hot water for tea were laid out for all to gorge themselves on.

President Paul Zellar called the meeting to order. John Sundstrom gave a run down of the upcoming hamfests including: Cadillac May 5Th, Hudsonville IRA June 2nd, Dayton Ohio May 18-19-20Th.

A discussion was had regarding entry of a facebook page for the club. There was no objection from those present and Beverly Traxler volunteered to be responsible for the project.

John Sundstrom reported selling six Te Ne Keys with remuneration by Pay Pal.

Congratulations to Don Meyer. He has assumed the position of Emergency Coordinator for Ottawa County Amateurs.

Next, Field Day locations were discussed. Various locations were mentioned, including Central Park in Grand Haven and Central Park in Spring Lake. John Fischer planned to investigate the possible interference of the power lines in Spring Lake Central Park.

As a result of a soldering demonstration at a previous NOARC meeting, a small hole was burned on one of the tables. The library agreed to pay for half of the damage, replacing the table. NOARC insurance will pay for the other half.

At this point of the meeting, President Zellar presented Boyd Mason with a certificate appointing Boyd with a full membership, for life, of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. Craig Christilaw then tendered a gift certificate for two dinners at the Portabella Restaurant in Grand Haven.

We had a break in the action and scarfed down the cake. It was decorated with Boyd Mason's name on it. The rest of the above named treats were also consumed at that time.

Then we adjourned to the parking lot of the library. There we attempted to calibrate our direction finding antennas. President Zellar brought his electric car. It was rigged with a timer, answering phone messenger and a two meter transmitter to broadcast a "Fox Beacon". The known location was meant to allow participants a means of making corrections, to their direction finding antennas.

After that exercise, things kinda fell apart with regards to a formal meeting. We all departed around eight thirty.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis and Roger Simmons

# Treasurer's Report

Checking activity:

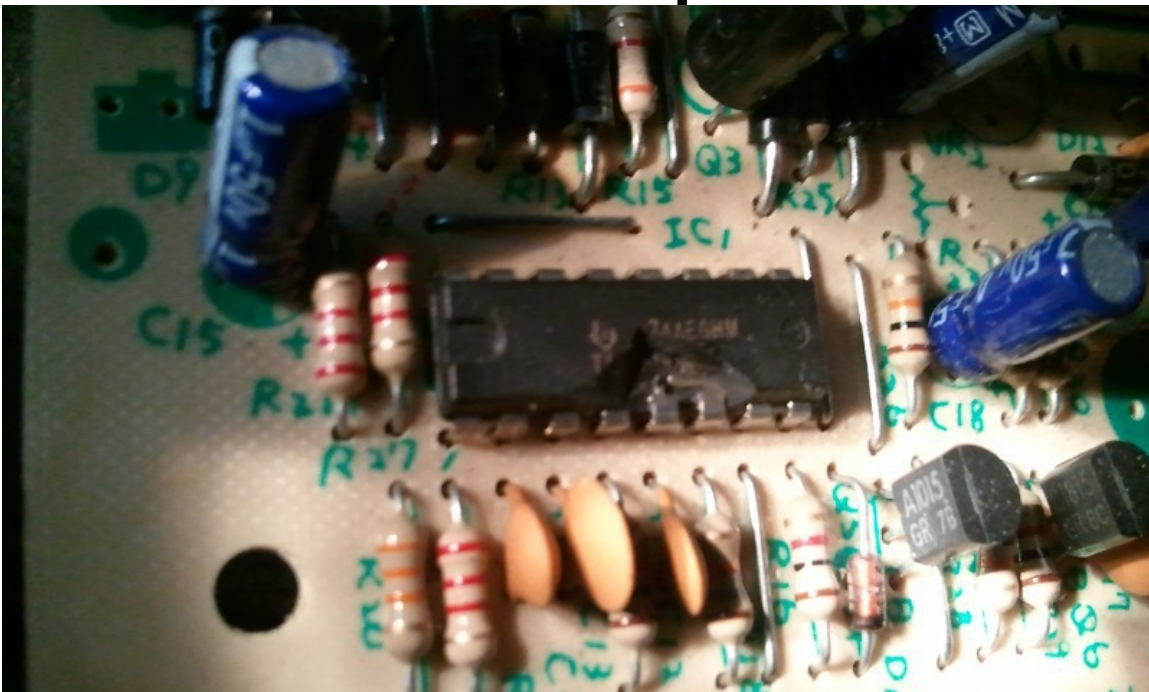
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Dues, K8AR		25.00
Check-arrl books (party gifts)		-122.15
Dues, Cox		25.00
Dues 1/10/12		45.00
TE ne Ke sales via paypal		86.33
Check- Comtronco-repeater		- 246.00

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

Grand haven Comm Fund balance Mar 20 5,163.23

## I think I see the problem...



Last year, Ernie, W8EL from Holland gave me an old switching power supply which died after being shorted out during Tulip Time a few years prior. He suspected that one of the rectifiers may have been burnt out, but hadn't had time to dig into it. A brief examination revealed this "disintegrated circuit" on the main board. Replacing it was all it took to bring the PSU back to life, and it remains in service to this day!

# May 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

## May 5:

Cadillac Hamfest

<http://www.wexaukeearc.org/hamfest2012.html>

## May 5-12:

Tulip Time, Holland

May 9: Volksparade

May 10: Kinderparade

May 12: Muzeikparade

Briefings at Tulip Time HQ, 74 W 8th St

## May 24:

NOARC monthly business meeting

Spring Lake District Library, 6:30 PM

## May 26:

Kick-off to Summer Run

Grand Haven Public Safety, 7:45 AM

## NOARC net control schedule:

May 1: **Bev, KC8JWA**

May 8: **Paul, W8IQE**

May 15: **John, N8YQD**

May 22: **Bev, KC8JWA**

May 29: **Joe, N8FQ**


Keep an eye on the events calendar on [w8cso.org](http://w8cso.org) for net control openings, and e-mail me at [editor@w8cso.org](mailto: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

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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