

SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

November 2011

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A good turnout for our first indoor meeting since July!
See Roger and Phyllis' report on page 2

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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 October 2011 meeting

Signs of winter were appearing as the club members gathered at the Spring Lake Library for an inside meeting on Thursday, October 27th shortly before 6:30 pm. When Phyllis and I walked into the meeting room, several members were already in attendance. Phyllis laid out brownies, cookies, apples and coffee with hot water for tea drinkers. John Sundstrom also made coffee.

Paul Zellar called the meeting to order and attendees identified themselves with their names and call signs. He then got right down to business with a notice that not many were attending the Saturday breakfast at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake. It was noted that sometimes that is the case. Other events and activities are occurring during the breakfast time.

Craig Christilaw reported the progress in modifying the Te Ne Key. Dr. Doug Furton and Craig designed the key to be more practical and efficient to make. A short discussion was made on reducing the price of the key to \$35 or \$40 dollars. The new key will delete the "gem" from the front end of it, fold the top down on both ends and be engraved "Te Ne Ke" on top. The engraving will be done by Innovative Services in Byron Center, Michigan. Plans may be made to get an inventory of the keys and sell them, possibly on E Bay.

Paul Zellar has constructed a direction finding device to send a signal on a given frequency at preset times for the purpose of calibrating members direction finding radios in preparation for a fox hunt. It was proposed that a meeting be held prior to a fox hunt, to work out the kinks in the direction finding gear, at an open area such as Harbor Island. (Also a good idea for a club activity)

Joe Veldhuis proposed and, at this writing, has completed the < www.w8cso.org > web site. members can now know whats happening and message on our own site.

John Sundstrom gave an excellent program on the repeater, including a slide presentation on relevant frequencies of Ottawa County and state wide repeaters. He passed out a map indicating the effective ranges of the W8CSO repeater and the Grand Rapids link. He also passed out a roster of members to anyone interested.

The meeting was a real eye opener to the interesting activities of the NOARC club.

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis and Roger Simmons

Editor's note: elections for the 2012 board of directors were held at this meeting as well. All of the 2011 officers will retain their positions, except for Craig, who stepped down as vice president. John Fischer will take his place next year.

Grand Haven Community Foundation Report

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

Fund Statement for the Period

01/01/2011 through 09/30/2011

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	5,474.41
GIFTS TO FUND	0.00
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	
Interest and Dividends	60.12
Realized Gains (Losses)	0.00
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	-526.38
TOTAL INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	-466.26
DISBURSEMENTS	
Grants	193.00
Administrative Fees	41.27
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	234.27
ENDING FUND BALANCE	4,773.88

Editor's note: a full Treasurer's report was not available at press time, however it was noted on the GHCF report that the club's checking account balance as of 10/27/11 was 2,137.76.

November 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 Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

Every Saturday:

Breakfast at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake
7:00 AM

November 3:

Winter Skywarn training
Muskegon Community College, room 1100
7:00 PM

November 5:

Ham in a Day class
Muskegon Community College, room 1118
Class begins at 8:00 AM, VE testing at 2:00 PM

November 17:

NOARC meeting
Barber School, Spring Lake
6:30 PM

NOARC net control schedule:

November 1: **John, N8YQD**

November 8: **Paul, W8IQE**

November 15: **Phyllis, KB8NLN**

November 22: **Joe, N8FQ**

November 29: **John, KC8UNY**


Net control volunteers are needed – *especially* with half the club leaving for winter!
E-mail jvn8fq@gmail.com 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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