

# SPARK

## October 2012

the monthly newsletter of the

**North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club**

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There's a new hamfest in the area! The Muskegon group have picked up where the Holland club left off, and are holding a hamfest on **October 13th**. NOARC has reserved some table space, so bring your gear!

This month's club meeting will be one worth showing up for, too – we're offering **CPR/AED training** to all club members! Thanks to John, N8YQD for setting this up – and to Robert DuShane for teaching it!

This meeting will be on **October 18th**, a week earlier than usual.

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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 September 2012 meeting**

September 27 brought thirteen members to the Spring Lake Library for the monthly NOARC meeting. President John Fischer called the meeting to order with roll call and a couple of announcements. First, we salute our young friend, nine year old Simon Furton, KD8TFE, on successfully passing his Technician exam. Up coming Hamfests are: Muskegon, on October 13, from 8:00 - 12:00, at Fellowship Reform Church, 4200 Apple Ave. Six dollars at the door. Kalamazoo fest is on the following day, October 14. No details available.

Treasurer John Sundstrom reports \$1800 in the bank [ report in the paper], with 23 paid memberships.

The program for the evening: Cheap Chinese Radio Owner Reports.

John Sundstrom reported on his Baofeng UV5R, which operates on VHF, UHF and a good FM radio. Also sports a flashlight, dual band and lithium - ion batteries which runs through a week-end of use. He cautions that the radio was made to operate commercial, beyond amateur rules capabilities. He found that the antenna was less than desirable. Price range of \$42.

Next up, the Wouxun, presented by Joe Veldhuis. The price was \$100 and believed to have better RF performance than the Baofeng. It features call sign display, dual bands, FM radio, flashlight and lithium - ion battery. The radio is difficult to set up without the program cable and software that came with it. Joe demonstrated the software program of the radio via cable to his laptop.

And last but not least, the Quanshang, purchased by Ben Docter for \$105. It had no programming software, so Ben studied the instructions, carefully wrote down the steps that finally worked for him. He also reports that it is sturdy, having dropped it on the floor.

Conclusion reached. They [ Chinese radios ] are cheap, difficult to program, sturdy, and reliable.

Coffee, cookies, pretzels and brownies were enjoyed by all.

Eight-fifteen rolled around [ closing time ] and Gordon Stockhill made the motion that we adjourn, seconded by John Sundstrom. So we did.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Phyllis and Roger Simmons

# October 2012 Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 8/25/2012	1,781.62
Deposits:	
Dues, Meish	25.00
Hamfest sale	3.00
Checks:	
GRARA hamfest	20.00
Muskegon Hamfest	21.00
Ending balance as of 9/30/ 2012	1,781.62
(Balance agrees with Chase bank)	

Grand Haven Community Foundation balance 5,285.93

John also adds this note on the upcoming club meeting:

NOARC has contracted with Robert Dushane to conduct a CPR course. At the end of the 1 hour course students will receive a certificate indicating they are certified to perform CPR. The instructor will also review the use of the AED defibrillator. Be sure to attend the meeting and get this valuable training. All members in good standing are eligible ( or—pay your dues at the meeting).

# **October 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

## **October 6:**

Eastown Fallfest 5K  
Grand Haven Public Safety, 8:30 AM

## **October 13:**

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest  
4200 E Apple Ave, Muskegon  
<http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

## **October 14:**

SEWFARS Swapfest, Hubertus, WI  
<http://www.sewfars.com>

## **October 18:**

NOARC monthly meeting  
Spring Lake District Library  
6:30 PM

## **October 21:**

Kalamazoo Hamfest  
<http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>

## **NOARC net control schedule:**

October 2: **Joe, N8FQ**  
October 9: **John, N8YQD**  
October 16: **Bev, KC8JWA**  
October 23: **Bev, KC8JWA**  
October 30: **Roger, N8RXC**

# 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

**Dues:**

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

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

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

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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