

SPARK

the monthly newsletter of the

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

October 2013

Two more events pulled off without a hitch this month!
Nothing about them in this month's meeting report, though.
We talked about Chinese radios instead. Read on, anyway!

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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 2013 Meeting

The evening was wonderful as far as the weather was concerned. Low 70s when we entered the Spring Library for the September meeting. We arrived at 6:20 PM to set up the room with Phyllis's brownies, cookies, coffee and tea. 11 members signed in on the sheet with their names and call signs.

Pres. John Fischer was stuck in Holland with tire troubles on his truck and could not attend the meeting. VP Don Meyer had an operation on a hernia and could not attend. Treas. John Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM . Introductions were made with members giving their names and call signs.

John said IRA (Independent Repeater Association) is asking for help to maintain service throughout Michigan . . As you know, , they are responsible for linking repeaters throughout the state making it possible to talk across Michigan from Grand Haven to the upper Peninsula with your handheld radio on 2 meters. They also maintain the Grand Rapids link (91.5 the subaudible tone) without charge to NOARC. Motion was made by Joe Veldhuis, seconded by Mark Stern, that the club donate \$250 to IRA. Each following year, \$200 will be donated for the same services. The motion was unanimously approved, without dissent.

John Sundstrom also presented two green reflective traffic vests. They were purchased from Harbor Freight in Muskegon for \$4.95 each. Plans are up to obtain approximately 10 vests for emergency traffic direction at parades and race safety on the streets.

Next events on the agenda are as follows:

September 28th, Old boys Oktoberfest marathon, half marathon and 5K race
Volunteers are solicited . Meet at The William Ferry Park 7 AM . Shirts and a meal are provided Contact John Fischer At < kc8uny@arrl.net >

October 11th Spring Lake Homecoming parade. Volunteers meet at the Spring Lake Police Department OCEC.

October 19th will be Muskegon Amateur Radio Club Ham Fest at Fellowship Reformed Church 4200 Apple Avenue Muskegon .. Tickets are five dollars in advance and six dollars at the door.

December 7 is the jingle Bell Parade in Grand Haven.

An intermission was held while everyone drank in coffee and, ate brownies, cookies and sliced apples. John Sundstrom and Joe Veldhuis presented the program.

John demonstrated a TYT Chinese made Model TH9000, his recent purchase of a 2 m, mobile radio, with programmable functions . . It was purchased from Radio City, 2663 County Rd. Mounds View , Minnesota, 55112 , at , at a cost of. \$124.00. <Sales@radioinc.com>. the radio was rated as a good value . The owner manual was difficult to read or understand . ,However, software is reportedly available to set up the radio.

Joe Veldhuis described the Runbo X5 Smart Phone, with 440 HT. It is sold online for \$370 to \$400.00. . There is also a keyboard edition out with the same features and priced the same .

Roger Cox presented coils of rope . They were complete with hooks for use as guy wires,to interested attendees, at no cost . Roger would also appreciate help raising his antenna tower on October 5.th at his home 18003 Cherokee Dr, Spring Lake. Phone: 850-0899 <rgcox2@gmail.com>

The official meeting was closed at 7:22 PM. Most members stood by, discussing features of the radios and scarfing dessert .

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis and Roger Simmons

October 2013 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 5:

Straits Area ARC Swap and Foxhunt, Petoskey, MI
<http://www.w8gqn.org>

October 11:

Spring Lake Homecoming Parade
Meet at Spring Lake EOC, 6 PM

October 19:

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
<http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

October 20:

Kalamazoo Hamfest and Computer Expo
<http://kalamazoohamfest.com>

October 21:

NOARC monthly business meeting
Spring Lake District Library, 6:30 PM

NOARC net control schedule:

October 1: **John, KC8UNY**

October 8: **Roger, N8RXC**

October 15: **Bev, KC8JWA**

October 22: **Joe, N8FQ**

October 29: **John, N8YQD**

E-mail me at editor@w8cso.org if you want to get on the list for next month! See <http://www.w8cso.org/calendar> for updated information.

Swap 'n shop

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

Wanted: Good, working tubes – Jerome Novotny, K8CCJ – 231-206-1388



NOARC membership form

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