

NOARS LOG

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Welcome to *NOARS* Country

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Club FM Repeaters

UHF: 449.800/444.800 MHz

VHF: 146.100/146.700 MHz

6 meters coming soon 51.16/51.66

144.550/145.150 MHz

Home of BART the DX ALERT

BARF-80 BBS sponsored by NOARS (440)237-8208

2003 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President: Ted Shook, W8TAS

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Winner WD8RZG

K8KRG WEEKLY ON-THE-AIR
REPEATER NETS

WD8IQJ – W8ADV

NOARS Net Wednesday 9:00 P.M.

K8WRS – KC8TBD

NOARS Tech Net Thursday 8:00 P.M.

146.700 – 444.800

Coming soon on 51.66 / 145.150

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Upcoming hamfests and events

January 25, 2004 TUSCO ARC Hamfest – Gary Green K8WFN 740-922-4454

February 1st NOARS Winterfest – Gargus Catering Hall – noars web site

Check page 6 for upcoming contests to sharpen your skills in operating under stressful conditions,

Roll Call Nov 17th

Jack Malloy WA8Q
 Ted Shook W8TAS
 John Pearl K8RWR
 Bob Metz KC8POL
 Bill Phillips KC8TYB
 Bill Penfield W8GET
 Rosemary Shook KD8SC
 Jim Eglin WD8IDN
 Sylvia Drake KC8TMZ
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 James Henderson N8MPC
 Ray Smith W8ADV
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Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

VE Exams – basic instructions;

For VE Exams the candidate must bring the original and copy of the current license and CSCE forms (if applicable), identification, and the correct exams fee monies. It is always a good idea to check with the VE examiner in the case of poor weather cancellation or any special needs. The 605 form can be obtained on-line at arrl.org/arrlvec/ncvec605.pdf, have this filled out ahead of time and make your test less stress.

Elyria, 3d Sunday each month at American Red Cross, 2929 West River Rd, Elyria OH 44035 – Testing begins at 1 PM, walk-ins allowed, park in rear, use rear door. Contact Charles S. Hall, 216-433-3036

Akron, 2nd Saturday odd months at Summit Co. American Red Cross, 501 W Market St, Akron OH 44303 – testing at 3 PM, walk-ins allowed. Contact Bruce M. Ferry, 330-929-2766

Canton, Stark Co. Sheriff Office EOC, 4500 Atlantic Blvd NE, Canton OH 44705
 Testing at 9 AM walk-ins allowed. Contact Gary L. Kline, 330-837-2927

Wickliffe AES, 1st Saturday even months at 28940 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092 Testing begins at 12 PM – Walk-ins are welcome, contact Scott Farnham, 440-256-0320 – do not call AES direct.

Independence Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd, Independence OH 44131 – test dates March 9, May 4, July 13, September 14, November 9, 2003 – Doors open at 9 AM, pre-registration is appreciated, walk-ins taken. Contact Gary Dewey, 216-642-8705

WHO has NOARS stuff?

Here is a plea to all of us who know where any NOARS property may be located, this inventory will be crucial to determine how much storage space will be needed to store our USS Cod station extras, emergency public service, field day, hamfest and picnic supplies. So if you have coaxial cables, rotor boxes, notebooks, antennas, photo albums, rotating ticket drums, tower sections, signs, mast pieces, posters, items that belong inside the field day box, tableware, old food, empty pop bottles, empty beer kegs, tubes and transistors, burnt out equipment that we should have anyway – send a note to let us know how large and heavy these items are so we can get enough space!

Minutes of November 17th, 2003 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with 19 members and guests in attendance.

Treasurer's Report; The treasurers report read by Tom Porter, W8KYZ. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read and the motion was passed.

Newsletter; There is a problem with a couple of members not receiving their newsletter. If you're not getting the newsletter by mail contact Tom Porter, W8KYZ. If you're not getting the newsletter by e-mail contact Clark, N8PZD.

Nets; All is going well on the Wednesday night net. A net control operator is needed to take the place of WD8IQJ part time for the Wednesday night net. John is moving and will be off the air after January 1st, John ran this net on NOARS 146.700/r for so long nobody remembers exactly when it started.

Winterfest; The date is February 1, 2004. The doors will open for vendors at 6:00 a.m. and for the public at 8:00 a.m.

USS Cod; The submarine is still floating and the radio still works. There was a small ceremony on Veterans Day. Pearl Harbor Day will be chilly so if your wish to attend wear warm socks

Repeaters; The north end of 51.66/r is now on-the-air using a 91.5 tone, you will hear a single beep from the north input. The six meter link port was making a loud humming noise and more troubleshooting with the link switches will be needed to make this connection, Clark has had a lot of help with this and thanks everyone who has been giving reports as different wiring methods are tested. The 145.15 link is having a similar bug-a-boo.

Banquet; Tickets are \$18.00 each. We will have a lot of door prizes. Prize donations will be accepted. A meeting was held after the regular meeting.

New Business; We came in 5th place in the state at Field Day. We contacted 486 stations with 18 participates.

Election Committee; John McKenna and Rosemary Shook counted the ballots. The results of the election are as follows:

President

Theodore Shook - W8TAS - 30 votes
Patrick Sweeney - KC8TBD - 9 votes
Douglas Krucinski - WD8BJY - 7 votes

Vice President

Clark Beckman - N8PZD - 33 votes
Daniel Schlick - KB8LKH - 4 votes
Alan Morarity - N8CX - 7 votes

Treasurer

Thomas Porter - W8KYZ - 44 votes

Secretary

Darlene (Dee Dee) Ohman - KA8VTS - 46 votes

BPL - Broadband will seriously affect our HF band communications. The club made a \$150.00 donation to the BPL Fund.

NOARS will be 40 years old at the end of 2003.

I'm going to: **NOARS WINTERFEST®!**

February,1 2004 At Gargus Hall

Lorain, Ohio

8 AM – NOON

hourly door prizes

MAIN PRIZE @ NOON

Admission Still only \$5 (including our famous pancake breakfast – Served till 10 AM)

Gargus Hall is at 1965 North Ridge Rd. (North side of the street) 1.2 miles west of Rt.57
(North Ridge is the extension of Rt.254 West of Rt 57) Just North of turnpike (Exit 8) (Rt 57)

Just North of I-90 (Exit 145) (Rt 57) Motels & Dining in the area

Use the handy registration form to reserve your space at this friendly hamfest

This is an ARRL approved hamfest – Please register me!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____

Call me! (____) _____ - _____ Zip _____

I need: _____ Tables @ \$10 ea. \$ _____ Total

_____ Tickets @ \$5 ea. \$ _____ Total

I'm sending \$ _____ Total

Vendor set up at **6 AM**. For special needs or more info: Contact: Clark Beckman *N8PZD* call: (216) 671-8795

Email: electro7 at apk dot net Table space is LIMITED at this popular event so early reservations are highly recommended!

ALL orders are taken on a first-come first-serve basis! We will contact you with confirmation of all orders received before 12/26/2003 thereafter phone orders only will be accepted. Arriving with out registration in advance is not recommended.

Please send forms to;
NOARS Winterfest
P.O. Box 432
Elyria, Ohio 44036-0432

Visit the hamfest page on the internet at ; <http://www.apk.net/noars/winterfe.htm>

You're invited to the
33'd annual Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
Christmas Banquet!

Saturday December 6th, 2003

Lots of fun, fun fun – the food is great, don't be late!

Fox hunting takes a different name.

Two wildlife tracking projects under way: Since 1998, ham radio and VHF monitoring volunteers have helped scientists track the movements of endangered and threatened species. ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, says that hams and monitoring enthusiasts could make a valuable contribution by participating. "The biggest volunteer monitoring project to date is now under way," Moell said this week. He reports that Nick Myatt of the Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research unit has radio-tagged 360 American woodcock in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. "The woodcock migration has begun, and he is seeking reports of tags heard so he can attempt to do pinpoint tracking from a fixed-wing aircraft," Moell said. Possible stopover and destination states for these birds range from southern Minnesota and Wisconsin to Louisiana and eastern Texas. Moell says that Dave Sherman, a biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, also has requested monitoring assistance in tracking two radio-tagged sandhill cranes that are now part of a larger flock migrating from Ohio. Additional information, including frequencies, is available on the Homing In Web site <<http://www.homingin.com>>.

The reason firehouses have circular stairs is taken from the days when the equipment was pulled by horses, the stabled horses on the ground were able to climb the steps but could not be coaxed back down.

SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT COSPONSOR LIST TAKES A GIANT STEP

Encouraging news this week from Washington: The list of House cosponsors for the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act, HR 713, has reached 69. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says he's pleased with the progress since mid-October, when he'd expressed his frustration over a lack of cosponsors. Since that time, the list has grown by 17 representatives. The Senate version of the legislation, S 537, is holding at eight cosponsors.

"I'm cheered up that we've got new representatives to sign on, but we can't just stop," Haynie said. "We gotta keep at it." He said the League has been concentrating its efforts on promoting HR 713 because the bill has the best chance for success of any Amateur Radio-related legislation now before Congress.

Haynie continues to encourage ARRL members to not only urge their senators and representatives to cosponsor HR 713 and S 537 but to write and ask them to actively support them. "This is something that's important to the future of Amateur Radio," Haynie reiterated.

Sponsored in the House by Rep Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) and in the Senate by Sen Michael Crapo (R-ID), the Spectrum Protection Act would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC reallocates primary amateur frequencies, reduces any secondary amateur allocations, or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs.

HR 713 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. Haynie testified before that panel in June. S 537 has been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

For the convenience of those writing their representatives and senators to urge cosponsorship of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003, sample letters are on the ARRL Web site. For guidance on the best methods of contacting your members of Congress, see "Communicating with Congress," by Derek Riker, KB3JLF, on the ARRL Web site or in the April 2003 issue of QST (p 46).

Additional information--including the text of the Spectrum Protection Act and information on how to write members of Congress--is on the ARRL's "The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>>.

Taken from ARRL news

Where's the DX? - Taken from Tedd KB8NW OPDX bulletin – www.papays.com/

HC8, Galapagos Islands – Trey/N5KO and other operators will be active as HC8N during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via W5UE.

KP2/WP2, U.S. Virgin Islands – Operators John/K3TEJ and Darrell/AB2E will be active as WP2Z in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via KU9C. Operators will be on the WARC bands before the contest, and 160m after the contest signing KP2/K3TEJ and KP2/AB2E. QSL via their home calls.

CT8, Portugal – Timo, OH1NOA, will be active from CT1DVV/CT1ESV's QTH as CT8T in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/ All Band/High Power entry. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the Bureau

TM7, France – Laurent, F8BBL, will be active with a special call sign, TM7W, from November 16-30th. Activity will include the CQWW CW Contest. QSL to the bureau via F8BBL.

4U1U, UNITED NATIONS HQ

Operators Ray/W2RE, Frank/W2IX and Seppo/OH1VR are expected to be active from 4U1UN beginning November 29th during the CQWW DX CW Contest. They are tentatively scheduled to be active for about 10-12 hours. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, if possible, 160 meters. ADDED NOTE. PLEASE beware that there has been some PIRATE activity over the past week. Activity for 4U1UN is usually announced before an operation takes place.

IOTA NEWS – AS-085 – Operators Han/DS2GOO, Chae/DS5BSX, Ryu/DS4NYE and possibly others will be active from Soan Island between November 1-4th. They will use their homecall/4 or D90HE/4 with 100w transceivers and various wire antennas. QSL via operator's homecall. They said that a log search will be available after the trip.

EU-092 – Jim, MM0BQI, is now active as MM0BQI/P from Summer Isles (IOSA SC10) until October 27th. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters with particular emphasis on 80m looking for DX around his sunrise and sunset. His activity will also include entries in the CQWW SSB Contest. Look for him to sign as MM0BQI/P as a Single Band 80m entry and as MM0Q as an All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via RSGB or direct to MM0BQI: Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Ave, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW SCOTLAND.

OC-012 – Cal/WF5W and Paul/W5PF will arrive on Yap Island on November 22nd. They will operate as V63WC and V63PF, respectively, until November 29th. They will use 100 watt radios, wire dipoles for 30 and 40 meters and a 2 element SteppIR yagi for 20-6 meters. Operation will be CW and SSB with no digital modes planned at this time. Some limited operation in the CQWW CW Contest may be possible. QSL via W5PF.

OC-203 – Chris, ZL1CT (GM3WOJ), will be active as ZL1CT/4 from Stewart Island from January 11-15th. Activity will be on CW/SSB on 40-20 meters only. He will use 400w into vertical antennas. For more info, please visit his Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/gm3woj/> - Chris states, "Please work ZL1CT/4 as well as the 3Y0 DXpedition!"

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html> - Who said they wanted to sharpen their skills??

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 29 - 2400Z, Nov 30

QRP ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z - 1200Z, Dec 4

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 5 - 1600Z, Dec 7

PSK31 Death Match 0000Z, Dec 6 - 2400Z, Dec 7

TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 6

TOPS Activity 80m Contest 1800Z, Dec 6 - 1800Z, Dec 7

QRP ARCI Hol. Spirits Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Dec 7

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 13 - 2400Z, Dec 14

Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 0200Z - 0400Z, Dec 14

AGB Party Contest 2100Z - 2400Z, Dec 19

Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z - 2300Z, Dec 19

OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 20

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Swap n Shop

For Sale; Ted W8TAS 440-365-8041

I have used tower 4 sale: two at 40 foot (down) & 1 at 30 foot standing.

Also: 60 ft of Riverview tower (Down_ TH7DXX beam & 40 meter beam (short) see Tom K8PV or call Wellington, Oh

For Sale; Jim Henderson 440-774-1275

BK Model 2160 60 MHz Oscilloscope includes Dual Trace and time base, 2 new probes, manuals and schematics – asking \$350.00

Brand new Bird model 43 wattmeter and 2-30 MHz 250 watt slug, never used – asking \$300.00

For Sale: Jack Hubbard NI8N 419-499-1308

Mosley TA-33, rebuilt last year, \$ 150, located in Milan, on ground, elements are assembled.

70' Rohn 25t foldover tower, stacked on ground ready for pickup. Location Dayton

6 element 10 mtr yagi assembled on ground, location Dayton. – Jack, ni8n@accnorwalk.com.

For Sale; Jerry Karusz WB8LFO (440) 282-2123 M-F 1-4 PM + all weekend after 12

Icom 765, TS940AT, Icom 751, Icom 701, Henry 2K floor model, Hazer heavy duty elevator, US Tower with rotator and Cushcraft A4.

For Sale; Pat Willemin KB8AK PH 440-324-4575

40 meter beam by Cushcraft 402-CD Down \$250.00

Listings e-mailed to electro7@apk.net must include your call sign in the message. NOARS Log editor, Virden “Clark” Beckman N8PZD

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Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 20 - 1400Z, Dec 21

International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 20 - 1600Z, Dec 21

DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z - 1059Z, Dec 26

RAC Winter Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 27

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z, Dec 28

Original QRP Contest, CW 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z, Dec 28

AGB NYSB Contest 0000Z - 0100Z, Jan 1 SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z - 1100Z, Jan 1

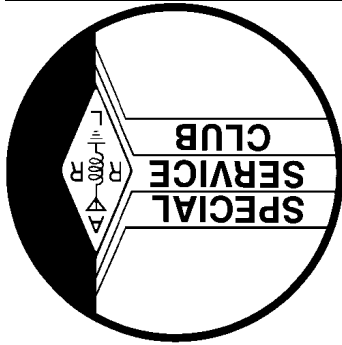
AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z - 1200Z, Jan 1

AGCW QRP Winter Contest 1500Z, Jan 3 - 1500Z, Jan 4

ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 3 - 2400Z, Jan 4

Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Jan 3

So let us know how you are doing at these contests, NOARS would like to get some entries in these contests. You do not all have to operate from the same location for a club entry, you can sit in your flannel jammies at home and nobody will care, just keep track of the contacts and score – the logging program is on NOARS field day page of the web site as shareware.



Amateur Radio Home of the U.S.S. Cod

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
P. O. Box 432
Elyria, OH 44036-0432



The **NORTHERN OHIO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** is a Public Service Organization, with the purpose of education and the furtherance of the art.

Meetings are held on the Third Monday of each Month except December at **Gargus Catering Hall, 1969 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain, Ohio** at 7:30 P.M. The **NOARS 2 METER NET** is held each **Wednesday at 9:00 P.M.** on the **146.700/444.800** repeaters in Elyria, Ohio, located atop the E.S.T. Bank Building.

The **NOARS TECHNICAL NET** is held each **Thursday at 8:00 P.M.** on **146.700/444.800**.

NOARS also operates a **BBS (BARF-80)** 100% Ham Radio information and news, full open access to all users at **(440) 237-8208 24 hr.** 300 - 33,600 baud. Visit **NOARS** on the Internet at **<http://www.apk.net/noars/>**

The **NOARS** club station donated by manufacturers aboard the **WW II** submarine **U.S.S. Cod** in the port of Cleveland is open from Memorial Day to Labor day. The station is open to all **NOARS** members and their guests daily from 11 AM until 5 PM.

If this is your first copy of the **NOARS LOG** why not become a member and receive it monthly? Membership is open to anyone interested in communications, whether a licensed amateur or not. Dues are \$10.00 US per year for a licensed amateur, \$5.00 for an associate member, and \$2.00 for family members. Checks are to be made payable to **NOARS** and mailed to **NOARS MEMBERSHIP, PO Box 432, Elyria, OH 44036-0432**, please include your call sign. Please fill in the email location to improve contact with our members.

Please Indicate NEW RENEWAL INTEREST IN HOBBY CHANGES * PHONE (____) _____
Name _____ CALLSIGN _____ CLASS _____ ARRL Y/N
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
E-mail address _____ May we send you the PDF newsletter? Yes