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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 back soon

144.550/145.150 MHz

Home of BART the DX ALERT

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

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ON-THE-AIR 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

26 Jan 2003 - Tusco ARC Contact: Gary Green, KB8WFN, 32210 Norris Road, Tippecanoe, OH 44699 – Phone: 740-922-4454 Email: kb8wfn@tusco.net

2 Feb 2003 - Northern Ohio ARS <http://www.apk.net/noars/winterfe.htm> Contact: Tom Porter W8KYZ, 161 Herrmann Dr., Avon Lake, Oh 44012 * 440-930-9115 or Clark Beckman N8PZD, 3407 W 135th St., Cleveland, OH 44111 * 216-671-8795 (Leave Message as needed) Email: electro7@apk.net – include hamfest or call-sign

9 Feb 2003 - Mansfield, OH – Contact: Dean Wrasse, KB8MG, 1094 Beal Road, Mansfield, OH 44905 Phone: 419-589-2415 or 419-522-9893 <http://www.maser.org> Email: deanwrasse@yahoo.com

16 Feb 2003 – Livonia ARC <http://www.larc.mi.org> Contact: Bruno Walczak WA8DHP, 16601 Golfview Drive, Livonia, MI 48154-2139 * 734-464-8928 Email: wa8dhp@arrl.net

23 Feb 2003 - Cuyahoga Falls ARC <http://www.cfarc.org> Contact: Ted Sarah W8TTS, 239 Bermont Avenue, Munroe Falls, OH 44262 * 330-688-2013 Email: w8tts@arrl.net

16 Mar 2003 – Toledo Mobile Radio <http://www.tmrahamradio.org> Contact: Brian Harrington WD8MXR, 4463 Holly Hill Drive, Toledo, OH 43614 * 419-385-5624 Email: wd8mxr@arrl.net

23 Mar 2003 - Lake County ARA <http://hamnet.org/lcara> Contact: Roxanne, 7880 Fern Drive, Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060-3233 * 440-209-8953 (Leave Message) Email: roxanne@lcara.org

16-18 May 2003 – Hamvention Dayton ARA <http://www.hamvention.org/>

Answer key for page 7 is – merry christmas and a happy new year

taken from straight key night December 31st

Membership renewal time is here – many already have, if you have not, please follow one of the methods described below;

NOARS dues (10.00 US) may be paid anytime during the year or at our hamfests, be sure to include your callsign on your check if you mail it into the PO box. You will find our dues are the most affordable of any ham radio club around the area, we offer many award plaques, 3 voice repeaters – most with linking capabilities, some offer autopatching, weekly nets to find many forms of technical assistance and recruits for public service are often listening on hand, good refreshments at meeting and great fellowship at all activities.

NEW NOARS MEMBERSHIP is ONE DOLLAR !!!!

The Listening Post Wonder about your neighborhood or driving conditions?

154.875 – Lorain Cty Sheriff
155.415 – Lorain Cty Sheriff

154.370 – Lorain Cty Fire
155.805 – Lorain Cty EMA

851.1375 – RTA - Lorain Cty

155.730 – Elyria Police F1
154.875 – Elyria Police F2
159.030 – Elyria Police F3

460.6375 – Elyria Fire Dept.

154.755 – Amherst Police 1
154.875 – Amherst Police 2

155.685 – O.S.P. Turnpike W
155.790 – O.S.P. Turnpike E
158.985 – Operations West
159.165 – Operations East
45.020 – Radar Patrol Air
154.935 – L.E.E.R.N. Pri
154.680 – L.E.E.R.N. Snd
44.740, 44.860, 45.140,
45.860, 44.980, 44.820 – Ohio
State Highway Patrol

460.200 – Medina Cty Shrf 1
460.300 – Medina Cty Shrf 2

155.610 – Cuyahoga W Police
155.370 - Cuyahoga W P 2
155.850 - Cuyahoga W P 3
155.535 - Cuyahoga W P 4
154.250 – Cuyahoga W Fire1

453.700 – Cuyahoga Cty roads

The 2003 NOARS WINTERFEST to be held February 2nd, 2003, at Gargus Catering Hall is at 1965 North Ridge Road, Lorain, Ohio
North Ridge Road is also known as RT. 254 or Detroit Road.

We will open the doors to the public at 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM,
vendors may arrive at 6:00 AM to set-up

Admission cost is \$5.00 including a *FREE* pancake/sausage and coffee breakfast until 11:00 AM
6 Ft. Tables still cost \$10.00 each – all workers will need admission tickets.

Contact Tom Porter 440-930-9115 or Clark Beckman 216-671-8795 for reservations.
No RF emitting prize will be awarded to a non ham. Instead, the equivalent cash amount of the prize won will be awarded at club cost of the prize won.

Mobile Check-ins and directions to provided on NOARS repeaters 146.70 – 444.800 +

We look forward to seeing you there, everyone attending has a great time visiting vendor display booths to take advantage of special bargains on new equipment and locating used items that have been out of production, being able to share the visit with old friends, introduce them to new friends and enjoy the fellowship with breakfast.

—> The 1 dollar new membership offer will end at 12:00 at this event <—,
you may bring in your form printed from the NOARS membership application page along with 1 U.S. Dollar and be entitled to full membership until December 31, 2003. You will receive the NOARS Log via e-mail transmission in place of the printed newsletter, this is an outstanding offer, don't let it slip away.

Grand Prize – MFJ 45 Amp station supply

Directions from the East - Take I-90 or the Ohio turnpike west to Rt 57 exit. Proceed North on Rt 57 under the railroad bridge to the first main cross road, turn left to the west. Get into the right hand or curb lane, the hall is about one-half mile west of Rt 57. The driveway is 200 feet west of Clinton Road, just East of Marco's Pizza shop.

Directions from the West - Take I-90 or the Ohio turnpike East to Rt 57 exit. Proceed North on Rt 57 under the railroad bridge to the first main cross road, turn left to the west. Get into the right hand or curb lane, the hall is about one-half mile west of Rt 57. The driveway is 200 feet west of Clinton Road, just East of Marco's Pizza shop.

Directions from the South - Many roads cross Ohio Rt 57, Follow Rt 57 North thru Elyria, turn right to follow Rt 57 North towards Lorain - this will take you towards Midway Mall. Proceed North on Rt 57 past the Ohio Turnpike, Midway Mall and Ohio Rt 90, under the railroad bridge to the first main cross road, turn left to the west. Get into the right hand or curb lane, the hall is about one-half mile west of Rt 57. The driveway is 200 feet west of Clinton Road, just East of Marco's Pizza shop.

The motel list for your convenience;
Super 8 Rt. 57 at I-80 1-800-800-8000
Days Inn on Rt 57 at I-80 1-800-325-2525 - indoor pool

What is ham radio anyway?

Amateur radio exists because it is a medium for:

- 1) self training
- 2) intercommunications
- 3) technical investigation

Those that see the internet as a "better" medium, fail to understand the nature of amateur radio.

Amateur radio is not a medium for communications,
but for technical investigation of the means by which that communications occurs.

Take away that dimension and amateur radio is nothing more than just "cb."

Taken from eham.net -> WA4DOU

Poptronics ceases publication:

Poptronics magazine--which evolved from the former Popular Electronics and Electronics Now magazines--ceased publication with the January 2003 edition (Vol. 4, No 1). "After 94 years of publishing electronics magazines Gernsback Publications is no longer in operation," said Larry Steckler, Poptronics' editor in chief and publisher. "Negotiations are under way to provide an alternative publication to Poptronics subscribers." Steckler says a new on-line edition of Poptronics will soon be available. Poptronics Interactive, a separate on-line, paid subscription site announced in the October issue of Poptronics, also is scheduled to return soon, Steckler said. The company plans to post the latest information on its Web site <<http://www.Poptronics.com>>. The site has been undergoing "remodeling," but Steckler said it should be back in operation by the end of January. Many veteran amateurs may recall the "Carl and Jerry" stories by John T.

Frye, W9EGV (SK), which appeared in Popular Electronics in the 1950s and 1960s. The tales involved the ham radio-related exploits of a couple of teenaged hams.

ARRL Foundation scholarship deadline looms:

The deadline is fast approaching to apply for ARRL Foundation-sponsored scholarships. Individual awards range from \$500 to \$5000. Don't delay! Send scholarship applications with academic transcripts to The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington CT 06111. The February 1, 2003, postmark deadline is firm--there are no exceptions! The annual application window opens October 1 and closes the following February 1. For an application and additional information, visit the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Programs Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/arrl/scholgen.html>>.

Again for 2003 – back by popular demand

NOARS allows new members a \$1.00 new membership !!

Just a dollar you ask? One American greenback, some call it a buck. That is correct, no trip to the eye doctor is needed, NOARS is accepting from new member candidates a one dollar membership. This concept was introduced by the Parma Radio club offer at the 2001 Cleveland Hamfest, this offer is only good if you are not a NOARS member in good standing and will keep you in NOARS until the end of calendar year 2003. This offer will close at 12:00 PM February 2nd at the NOARS Winterfest, membership applications received postmarked after February 2nd will not be processed for the one dollar new member rate. These new members will not be mailed a paper newsletter but an electronic transmission instead.

Here is some info that hopefully nobody will need to know but, just in case you may have been scammed during the years busiest shopping season. This can happen almost anywhere you lost your wallet or purse contents, sometimes it is only discovered months after the information was compromised.

Identity theft, reporting and recovering –

To report fraudulent use of your checks ; CheckRite: (800) 766-2748
Chexsystems: (800) 428-9623
CrossCheck: (800) 843-0760
Certigy/Equifax: (800) 437-5120
International Check Services: (800) 526-5380
SCAN: (800) 262-7771
TeleCheck: (800) 710-9898

Credit reporting bureaus; Equifax: P.O. Box 105069, Atlanta, GA 30348.
Report fraud: Call (800) 525-6285 and write to address above.
Order credit report: (800) 685-1111. Web: www.equifax.com

Experian (formerly TRW): P.O. Box 9595, Allen, TX 75013.
Report fraud: Call (888) EXPERIAN (888-397-3742) and write to address above. Fax: (800)301-7196.
Order credit report: (888) EXPERIAN. Web: www.experian.com

Trans Union: P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834.
Report fraud: (800) 680-7289 and write to address above.
Order credit report: (800) 888-4213. Web: www.transunion.com

ATM cards - If your ATM or debit card has been stolen or compromised, report it immediately. Get a new card, account number and password. Do not use your old password. When creating a password, don't use common numbers like the last four digits of your SSN or your birthdate. Monitor your account statement. You may be liable if fraud is not reported quickly.

Don't give in – Do not pay any bill or portion of a bill that is a result of fraud. Do not cover any checks that were written or cashed fraudulently. Do not file for bankruptcy. Your credit rating should not be permanently affected. No legal action should be taken against you. If any merchant, financial company or collection agency suggests otherwise, restate your willingness to cooperate, but don't allow yourself to be coerced into paying fraudulent bills. Report such attempts to government regulators immediately.

To opt out of pre-approved offers of credit for all three bureaus, call (888) 5OPTOUT. You may choose a two-year opt-out period or permanent opt-out status. Remember, you are entitled to a free credit report if you are a victim of identity theft, if you have been denied credit, if you receive welfare benefits, or if you are unemployed. To remove your name from mail and phone lists ; Direct Marketing Association
Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512.
Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 1559, Carmel, NY 10512.

(Web: www.dmaconsumers.org. Online opt-out program costs \$5.00. It is free by mail.)

Taken in excerpt from Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Dale Reich, K8AD, has asked the Federal Communications Commission to automatically upgrade Novice and Advanced license holders to the next license class if the licensee has 20 or more years of operating experience. Among other proposed changes in his "merit and service upgrade" schedule, Reich asks that Novice phone privileges in the 2-meter band be reinstated for those still holding that license. In his petition, Reich asserts that the proposed changes could augment public service abilities on the part of the affected licensees.

Where's the DX? - Taken from Tedd KB8NW OPDX bulletin 01/20/03 – www.papays.com/opdx

5X, UGANDA – Lot, DJ7ZG, informs OPDX that he and Babs/DL7AFS will be heading to Central Africa to be active as 5X1DC. They will operate from Ssesse Island, which is located in Lake Victoria near Entebbe. They will fly to Africa on January 26th. Lot states to listen for them from Uganda between February 9-23rd and to look for them on the usual DX frequencies. QSL via DL7AFS. For more detailed information, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO – Ben/DL6RAI and Roberto/IV3IYH will operate from Tobago Island (IOTA SA-009) from February 11th through March 3rd. Activity will include the ARRL DX SSB and CW Contests. Operations will be CW/SSB and RTTY on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands. Callsigns will be 9Y4/DL6RAI (QSL via DL6RAI), 9Y4/IV3IYH (QSL via IK2ILH), and during the ARRL Contests, 9Y4TBG (QSL via DL4MEH).

AX, AUSTRALIA (Special Prefix for Australia Day) - Australian radio amateurs will be able to celebrate their country's national day for 48 hours this year with the use of the alternative prefix of Alpha Xray (AX) replacing the normal Victor Kilo (VK). The mainland of Australia has four different time zones - and mix of standard and summer time. VK's can substitute the AX prefix from 0001 hours local time on Sunday, - January 26th through 2359 hours on Monday, January 27th. Because this year Australia Day January 26th falls on a weekend, there is also an official public holiday on Monday, January 27th. WIA Victoria will be activating AX3WI on the two days using SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and CW, mainly on the 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. A special event QSL card will be issued.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA – Operators Didier/FY5FY and Herve/F5HRY will be active as FY5KE in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th).

HV, VATICAN CITY – HV0A was active this past Sunday on 21320 kHz between 1545-1730z listening split. QSL via IK0FVC direct only.

IQ/IU, ITALY (Prefix News) - Andy, IV3SKB, informs OPDX that the "IQ" prefix will now be used only for club stations in Italy. Andy states in the past he used the callsign IQ3X in major contests and will now change his contest callsign to IU3Y. Look for him to be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest as IU3Y and as a Single-OP on 40 meters. QSL both callsigns direct or via the bureau to IV3SKB.

J3, GRENADA – William, VE3EBN, will be active as J37LR from January 31st through April 2nd. Activity will be CW/SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign VE3EBN.

S2, BANGLADESH – John, KX7YT, informs OPDX that he will be active as S21YV from Dhaka between January 27th and March 2nd. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters SSB, PSK31 and CW. His usual operating times will be between 1200 to 1600z daily. John will be active during the ARRL CW and Phone DX Contests, work schedule permitting. QSL to John's home callsign, KX7YT.

SU, EGYPT – Said, SU1SK, was active this past weekend on 21310 kHz between 1430-1530z. Sometimes he shows up on/around 7025 kHz after 0330z. Also, heard this past weekend was Alan, SU9BN, on 12 meters on 24956 kHz after 1245z.

VP6/D, DUCIE ISLAND (More Updates) - More details were released this past week on the second Ducie Island DXpedition. Activity is expected on March 8th or 9th, depending upon seas and weather. Stu, WA2MOE, states the callsign will NOT be released or announced just before the operation begins to avoid slim activity. The announcement will come from Kan, JA1BK, or Stu, WA2MOE. The operators will use SSB, CW and RTTY from three sites on all HF bands, 6 meters and the AO-40 satellite. However, the main bands to be used will be 20 and 15 meters (QRV 24 hours). The official Web page for the second Ducie Island DXpedition is at: <http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm>

LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP ACTIVITY – Look for the Metro Amateur Radio Club (MARC) to be active February 8-9th (1600-2400z both days) from the Chicago Harbor Southeast Guidewall Lighthouse (USA-930). They will be using the special event callsign K9Y. QSL via N9BOR (with SASE) to: Michael J Dinelli, 9423 Kolmar Avenue, Skokie,

Swap n Shop

For Sale; N8HDE Bob has tower available with A4S antenna, other antennas may be salvageable from this project.

For Sale; Jim N8MPC (440) 774-1275
Astron RS-35m separate volt/amp meters, like new \$140.00

Bird 43 with carry case and manual, includes 5 slugs VHF/HF/UHF \$300.00 firm

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. This is a moving sale – we will miss you Jerry – nice to see you at the banquet.

I know there will be more listings after the swapping at Winterfest, in the meantime;

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Coming home late;

The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?" asked the officer. "I'm going to a lecture." The man said. "And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked. "My wife," said the man.

Dealing with trouble;

A police officer responded to a report of a barroom disturbance. The "disturbance" turned out to be well over six feet tall and weighed almost 300 pounds. What's more, he boasted that he could whip the policeman and Muhammad Ali too. So the policeman said, "I'll bet that you're also an escape artist-probably better than Houdini." The giant nodded.

"If I had some chains," the deputy continued, "you could show us how strong you really are. But all I've got is a set of handcuffs. Why don't you try these and see just how quickly you can break out of them?" Once in the cuffs, the man puffed, pulled and jerked for four minutes. "I can't get out of these," the giant growled. "Are you sure?" the deputy asked. The fellow tried again. "Nope," he replied. "I can't do it." "In that case," the policeman said, "you're under arrest."

A true story – the electrician vs. the blond

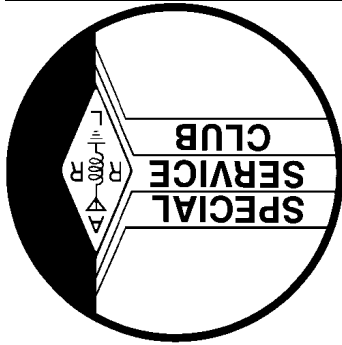
A blonde called in a repairman to fix her electric clock. He examined it and told her, "There's nothing wrong with the clock. You didn't have it plugged in." She replied, "I don't want to waste any electricity, so I only plug it in when I need to know what time it is."

Listings e-mailed to electro7@apk.net must include your call sign in the message, this area is for non-commercial space, costs for commercial ads will be considered per-use-space.
NOARS Log editor, Virden "Clark" Beckman
N8PZD

And here we have something new for something old;

And a

Is this a secret message? See page 2



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 CHANGES * PHONE (____) _____
Name _____ CALLSIGN _____ CLASS _____ ARRL _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
E-mail address _____