

# 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

Vice President: Clark Beckman, N8PZD

Secretary: DeeDee Ohman, KA8VTS

Treasurer: Tom Porter, W8KYZ

License Trustee: Mike Willemin, W8EU

## **NOARS STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A.R.R.L. VE: Tom Porter W8KYZ

DX Member: Tedd Mirgliotta KB8NW

Banquet: Gary Gargus N8DIU

Property Manager: Ned Jones WD8CSP

U.S.S. Cod: Ted Jones KA8WMX, Don  
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

November 29-30th CQ World Wide DX CW Contest

December 6th NOARS Annual XMAS Banquet <http://www.apk.net/noars/banquet>

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

What room has no door, no windows, no lights or electricity ??  
They are found in metropolitan areas as easily as rural areas.  
Answer provided on page 5

### 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](http://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

### Roll Call Oct 20th

Darlene Ohman KA8VTS  
Clark Beckman N8PZD  
John Pearl K8RWR  
Fred Collins W8ADW  
James Henderson N8MPC  
John McKenna WD8IQJ  
Pat Sweeney KC8TBD  
Ted Shook W8TAS  
Joni Roberts KC8BXH  
Rosemary Shook KD8SC  
Jack Malloy WA8Q  
Ken Roberts KC8BQO  
Harold Drake WD8OFG  
Frank Hashier KB8IOM  
Glen Thome N8AKS  
Al Moriarty N8CX  
Bill Penfield W8GET  
Patric Geiser Student  
Bob Metz KC8POL  
Daniel Schlick KB8LKH  
Ray Smith W8ADV  
Dave Jones KC8SCG  
Jim Stirzaker WA8UGC  
Tom Porter W8KYZ

### 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 October 20th, 2003 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with 24 members and guests in attendance.

Treasurer's Report; The treasurer's 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. Ray Smith is unable to make the Elyria repeaters from his present location and the code training will be suspended until further notice.

Winterfest - The date is February 1, 2004. John McKenna - WD8IQJ has made flyers on the front is information regarding the hamfest and on the back is a reservation form.

USS Cod - The submarine is still floating and the radio still works. A contact was made with Old Ironsides.

Sunshine - Chick is still in the hospital after hip replacement surgery, and he is doing really well.

Repeaters; There was no maintenance done this month that amounted to anything worthwhile, components are being tested for the 2 mtr repeater linking project with 145.15.

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.

Old Business - We need a new property manager to find out where the club property is and figure out where to put everything. The club has a lot of items that needs to be stored in a central location. A motion was made to table the conversation regarding storage of club equipment to be discussed further at another meeting.

The wireless PA system was a big disappointment at the Cleveland Hamfest. Harold Drake, WD8OFG gave a 100 watt PA to the club. We still need big speakers with the transformer in the back. If anyone sees any buy them and the club will reimburse you.

New Business - Nominating Committee - Accepting the nomination for President were Ted Shook, W8TAS, Pat Sweeney, KC8TBD and Doug Krucinski, WD8BJY. Accepting the nomination for Vice President were Clark Beckman, N8PZD, Daniel Schlick, KB8LKH and Al Morarity, AC8X. Accepting the nomination for Treasurer was Tom Porter, W8KYZ and for Secretary, Darlene Ohman, KA8VTS.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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

**Saturday December 6th, 2003**

**The N.O.A.R.S. annual Christmas Banquet has become the largest amateur activity of it's type in Northern Ohio.**

It is an open invitation to the entire ham community And their guests.

**Our banquet has developed a reputation for having great food highlighted in the menu below, great entertainment and lots of fun.**

This years admission cost is only 18.00 and includes dinner, soft drinks, coffee or tea, 807's and wash for your BYOB.

**An evening of dancing and a good time is had by all.**

Door prizes hourly with a "Ham" prize which the winner must be present to win.

**Music carried by THE BEAT**

**Menu**

Carved Beef – Pork Chops – Chicken  
French style Green Beans almondene – Golden Corn  
Tossed Salads – Jell-O – Rolls – Assorted Desserts  
Coffee – Tea – Milk

**Reservations are a must, ticket deadline is November 23, 2003.**

Tickets are available at our monthly club meeting, or send your check or money order to;

Rosemary Shook KD8SC  
148 Elma Drive  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
(440) 365-8041

**Or**

Gary Gargus N8DIU  
1965 North Ridge Road  
Lorain, Ohio 44055  
(440) 277-6171

Ohio Ohio ARRL Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has appointed John Chapman, WB8INY to be Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator to succeed Larry Rain, WD8IHP (SK) who became a silent key September 9, 2003.

"This was the most difficult decision I've had in five years as SM because three outstanding DECs had applied." Said Phillips, "John Chapman is committed to continuing the great direction of Ohio ARES program which Larry Rain began." John, a Worthington native, was graduated from Ohio State in 1978 with a degree in Computer and Information Sciences. He began his lifelong fascination with amateur radio while operating in the radio shack of W8LT (the OSU ham radio station). He holds an extra class license, is a mentor on all three ARRL Emergency Courses and a Red Cross Instructor. He worked his way up the ARES ladder - first as EC of Franklin County and District Emergency Coordinator for District 7. John has served the last seven weeks as Interim SEC. He and His wife, Judi, reside in Gahanna (Franklin County) with son, Austin and enjoys chasing DX (particularly QRP on camping trips), and SCUBA diving. But the 1974 tornado, where he was assigned in emergency communications had a permanent impact on him. "I couldn't believe the destruction once I saw Xenia - the full impact of that damage I'll never forget."

Answer to riddle on page 2 – This is a mushroom.

## Field day 2003

By WD8IQJ, John

La Grange Oh. 6/29/03 – Field day 2003 is in the history book. Historic bad band conditions notwithstanding another great time was had by all. Reported K-index at 003 on Saturday left everything above 40 in pretty poor shape. But at least it was pretty much across the board. Every site was reporting the same thing. 20 very weak, 15 bad and 10 non-existent! Visitors from other local sites reported the same thing.

Propagation wise this was one of the worst this reporter has seen in over 25 years of field day!

Well radio play is not what field day is all about. Weather was excellent warm but humidity was low and very comfortable. We got a little rain around 3:30 am Sunday and a sprinkle or two around 11 or so. Camping out was a real treat and trying out new setups and antennas made just for the event make field day the fun that it always is. The site was as usual beautiful and well maintained. And a good time was had by all. I as a NOARS member want to thank all who came out to the popular event and once again put the club call K8KRG on the air. And made what I consider a very good showing in the contest/event!

### Thanks to:

Band captain / managers:  
KA8VTS, DEE DEE 10M.  
N8PZD, CLARK 15M.  
W8TAS, TED 20M.  
WD8OFG, HAROLD 40M.  
WD8IQJ, JOHN 75M.  
KB8LKH, DAN 80M.

Operators / helpers:  
KD8REW, RALPH  
KC8WCS, JOE  
KC8SCG, DAVE  
KA8PMI, KEN  
KC8BQO, KEN  
N8AKS, GLEN  
KD8SC, ROSEMARY  
K8JWS, JOHN  
KA8BWI, JERRY  
W8KYZ, TOM

Where's the DX? - Taken from Tedd KB8NW OPDX bulletin – [www.papays.com/](http://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.

EA6, Balearic Islands – Look for a Hungarian team to be active between November 2-9th and also participate in the HA-QRP Contest as EA6/HA5RT/p. The contest station will be on 3511 kHz using around 10 watts. The operators will use their home call signs on the other bands as follows: EA6/HA6NL/p (Laci), EA6/HA6PS/p (Zsolt), EA6/HA6ZV/p (Tibor) and EA6/HA7JJS/p (Sanyi). Their main mode is CW, but some digital activity will also take place. QSLs should go via the bureau by their home calls, and for EA6/HA5RT/p via HA6NL.

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 home call/4 or D90HE/4 with 100w transceivers and various wire antennas. QSL via operator's home call. 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??

LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 22 - 1200Z, Nov 23  
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

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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;* 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](mailto:electro7@apk.net) must include your call sign in the message. NOARS Log editor, Virden "Clark" Beckman N8PZD

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

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

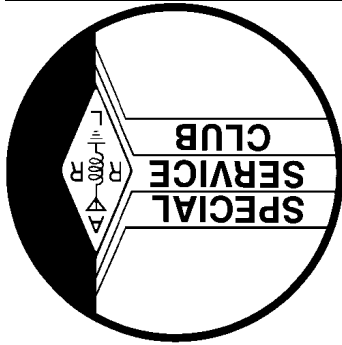
So let us know how you are doing at these contests, NOARS would like to get some entries in these contests. You do not all have to operate from the same location for a club entry, you can sit in your flannel jammies at home and nobody will care, just keep track of the contacts and score – the logging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

Found in the HARRISBURG RADIO AMATEUR'S CLUB NEWSLETTER – November 12, 2003 Page 9

You Know You're a Ham If;

You buy electrical black tape in ten packs, You've stripped wire with your teeth, You've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond, You'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn, You've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron, You start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone, The propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast, The microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up

to the front to fix it, You tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, why that has been there for years, Your watch is set only to UTC, You prayers start off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign)., You ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project, Your Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library, You ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS, You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room, You ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham, You ever had an antenna fall down, Your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine, You know the 6 character Grid, and the Latitude and



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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.

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