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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

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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

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October 31 / November 1st – Lorain County Pumpkin Patrol

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November 29-30th CQ World Wide DX CW Contest

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

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

Roll Call Sept 15th

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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! The old food may be disposed of, just trying to get your eyes

Minutes of September 15, 2003 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with 20 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report; None, Tom was out of town.

Newsletter; There is a problem with a couple of members not receiving their newsletter.

DX - There is going to be a super rare country coming up in January called Peter 1 Island, it's in the top five most wanted.

Nets - All going well on the Wednesday night net. We are averaging about 14 check ins a week. Ray will be back next month to do the CW net. Alternate net control stations would be helpful, listen to the net control stations and offer to help after the net for next week.

Repeaters - The six-meter transmitter for the six-meter repeater has been reworked by the Medina group, the southern end has been reworked by Clark.

Noarsfest – Thanks to everyone who helped out. We have the contract for next year. We should rent the other restroom at the far end of the midway for next year. The editor is still uncertain who all the prize winners were but the grand prize winners went away with some cold hard cash. The comments that filtered back to the next club meeting were all good except one parking problem.

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

Sunshine - A planter was sent to Tom Porter who had surgery. A planter will be sent to Chick who is in the hospital having hip replacement surgery. Jim Henderson visited Chick after his surgery, he is doing well.

Banquet - A meeting was held after the regular meeting.

Nominating Committee - John McKenna, Rosemary Shook and Dave volunteered to call members and ask if they would like to run to become an officer of the club.

Old Business - At the last meeting we discussed the feasibility study into the club getting its own PA system. A wireless PA system is going to be tested at the Cleveland Hamfest and we can see how well it works. The PA system is in kit form and is low power FM., the cost is between \$300 and \$400. You need to have a radio and tune into a certain frequency to hear the announcements.

At the last meeting we discussed getting the book "Now your Talking Too" and putting it in all the 15 libraries in Lorain County which is what the club decided to do with the Willie Waite bequest and memorial. Rosemary Shook made a motion to purchase 15 - Now you're Talking Too books for the 15 public libraries in Lorain County and put inside "In memory of Willie Waite." And also purchase a plaque to present to the family of Willie Waite letting them know what we have done with his bequest. Jim Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business - We need a new property manager to find out where the club property is and figure out where to put everything. Put a notice in the newsletter to find all club property.

APL - Broadband will seriously affect our HF band communications. ARRL is looking for donations against Broadband, a motion was made and passed to offer \$150.00 club donation to this project at ARRL HQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 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

This is a reminder that NOARS would like to get an inventory of equipment and supplies so that we can get some storage area to hide these things where they can once again become lost, did you read that ?? HA HA you did, seriously we need to find the items and surely some if you would like to open up that corner in the garage or basement filled with field day antenna mast or picnic supplies or other gadgets that really belong to the club – the idea is to keep it all in one place and then return it there when we are done with special Olympics, field day, noarsfest, winterfest or whatever the occasion. When the next event comes along someone or a group can meet there and we don't have to knock on your door at six in the morning to find out we came to get the beer tap for the hamfest and you passed it off to someone else. Some of the old items may be auctioned off to allow us to purchase some newer equipment as the club sees fit. The first plea is on page 2 in the lower right corner if you missed it.

Key Up for CW *By Fred Wagner, KQ6Q October 21, 2003*

Are you intrigued by Morse code, but not sure how to begin? Start with a contest! You can score QSOs with the experts and you'll dramatically improve your operating skills. The annual ARRL November Sweepstakes CW event November 1 and 2 offers an excellent opportunity to upgrade your Morse operating skills, whether you can copy 5 or 50 WPM. The following article will show you how easy it is to join the party with confidence.

Plotting Your Sweepstakes Exchange

The format for a Sweepstakes exchange is standard and incorporates some terms that are well-known to traffic handlers, such as precedence, number and check (although the meanings are different). Knowing the contest exchange format ahead of time, you will be able to make sense of the exchanges you hear.

A Sweepstakes exchange includes these items in this sequence:

- Station worked (call sign)
- Consecutive serial number ("NR") for each contact, starting with 001
- Precedence ("PREC"): A for single operator, low power; B for single operator, high-power; Q for single operator, QRP; U for single operator, unlimited; M for multioperator; and S for school club
- Your call sign
- Check ("CK"), the last two digits of the year you were first licensed.
- Section ("SEC"), your ARRL or Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) section.

A CW Sweepstakes contact might go like this:

Gary looks for a contact: CQ SS CQ SS DE KB0H KB0H SS SS K

Fred answers with just his call sign: KQ6Q

Gary replies to Fred with his contest exchange information: KQ6Q DE KB0H NR 101 A KB0H 91 MO BK

Fred confirms copy of Gary's transmission (R) and sends his own exchange: R KB0H DE KQ6Q NR 93 A KQ6Q 57 ORG BK

Gary acknowledges Fred's message (QSL) and looks for his next Sweepstakes contact (QRZ): QSL QRZ SS DE KB0H SS K

Both operators now have complete and valid log entries. Gary is ready to answer another call, while Fred looks for another station calling "CQ SS." Or, if he's already worked everyone he hears calling CQ, he might find a clear spot and call CQ himself--known as "running" in contest terminology. If he doesn't get any responses, he also might change bands to take advantage of different propagation to search for new multipliers and stations. "Sweeps" uses the HF bands 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters.

Work the Experts

If you can copy and send Morse code at 5 to 10 WPM, you're ready to work the experts in a contest. Listen to an established station "run" contacts, and get the meat of that station's exchange by listening as the pro works other stations. Fill in all the blanks ahead of time, except for the QSO number. You already know what your response will be, and you even can practice sending your exchange (off the air, of course) in advance.

Once you're ready, drop in your call sign in response to the established station's CQ. The only thing you will have to copy that you don't already have is the consecutive serial number. (Another hint: Many top contesters use "cut" numbers to keep down the time it takes to send each exchange, because time equals QSOs. Instead of sending the full and lengthy character for the number one, they send the letter "A." An abbreviated nine is the letter "N." A zero is a slightly elongated letter "T." Don't use "cut" numbers in call signs.) Taken from ARRL web site.

Where's the DX? - Taken from Tedd KB8NW OPDX 631 October 20, 2003 – 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??

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26

10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26

IPA Contest, CW 0600Z - 1000Z, Nov 1 and 1400Z - 1800Z, Nov 1

Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 1 - 1200Z, Nov 2

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3

North American Collegiate ARC Championship, CW 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3

QRP ARCI Running of the QRP Bulls 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3

IPA Contest, SSB 0600Z - 1000Z, Nov 2 and 1400Z - 1800Z, Nov 2

High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z - 1100Z, Nov 2 and 1500Z - 1700Z, Nov 2

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z - 1700Z, Nov 2

WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 8 - 2359Z, Nov 9

Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone 0700Z, Nov 8 - 1300Z, Nov 9

SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 8 - 1000Z, Nov 9

OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 8 - 1200Z, Nov 9

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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

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

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

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Anatolian ATA PSK31 Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Nov 8

All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 15 - 0700Z, Nov 16

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17

North American Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0100Z, Nov 16

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

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

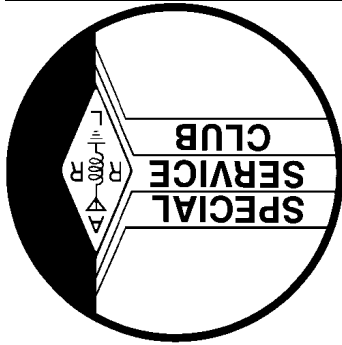
AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z - 1200Z, Jan 1

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.



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