

NOARS Log



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Prez Sez

After all the planning and anticipation, Field Day 2024 is behind us. I ran the Get On The Air (GOTA) station for the second year in a row. As always, some lessons were learned during setup. No matter how many times you test your setup, there is always some new variable that will throw you off. This year I used an IC-7100, JPC-12 antenna, and a Nano VNA antenna analyzer. There was no problem when I set this up a few times in my backyard. Well, after getting the antenna set up and putting the analyzer on to tune for 20 meters, I got no readings on the Nano VNA. Reloading the saved configurations and recalibrating made

no difference. Bill, K2WJS and I searched Google and got nothing. Looking at cables and adapters brought no luck. Luckily, the club's and Carl's Rig Expert meters were onsite which showed the SWR was too high for the Nano to read. Some repositioning of the antenna away from cars, trucks and metal flashing on the pavilion, and spreading and using more radials brought it down to a usable SWR. I then plugged in the Nano which also showed the readings correctly. Lesson learned: always have a backup plan and sometimes the issue is the one you don't think about.

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The Membership Meeting will be Monday, July 15 at 7:00 PM.

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

Log Book of the World by Tom, N8FDY

Its not a log book so what is it? Why use it? What are some alternatives?

NOARS will send Zoom meeting information via email.

Nets

NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 PM on 28.370 MHz, Wednesday nights at 7 PM on 146.700 MHz, PL 110.9, and Thursday nights at 8 PM on 146.700 MHz, PL 110.9. All licensed amateurs are welcome. Participation is encouraged and appreciated.

NOARSfest

Saturday July 20 from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Reaser Grand Room at The Spitzer Conference Center, Lorain County Community College, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria, OH

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This year the GOTA station had five visitors: Michael, Katie, Sarah (2 contacts), Geri (1 contact) and Mason (8 contacts). Although bands and interference were not optimal, 11 total contacts were made. Michael, a new Technician, tried for over an hour with no luck but had fun trying. I thought something must still be wrong but we heard that other stations were not doing any better. So we just kept trying. Sarah sat down and within ten minutes had a contact. What a relief it was to finally hear someone come back to her saying, "I think I hear a YL with K8. K8 only." That led to a string of contacts with Sarah, Geri and Mason, who is twelve, and made the most. Mason even made an Aeronautical Mobile contact with K8JSM in a Boeing 767 at 32,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean outside St. Johns, Newfoundland. What excitement for everyone around! Visit K8JSM's QRZ

page to see how he does this while piloting a commercial airliner. Just like last year, manning the GOTA station was definitely a highlight and well worth it to see all the smiles during the contacts. Hopefully it will spark interest in getting a license for some. I know Mason had plenty of questions and wanted to start studying right away, especially after making a contact with a plane.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated, set up, cooked food, and hung out. The food was tasty, the learning experience, and all who visited were great. Even with the hot and humid weather, it was a fun time for all. I can't wait to do it again next year.

NOARSfest is next. Volunteer and participate if you can. See you all there.

73'

John W8LYO

NOARS Antenna Day Sunday, July 14

Antenna Day is a place of show and tell for antennas and rigs. You do not need to bring an antenna or rig to participate. Everyone is welcome. The event will be on Sunday, July 14 from 10-2 in the pavilion behind North

Olmsted High School, 27301 Butternut Ridge Rd., North Olmsted. Frank Roman, KC8VKA, AKA Mr. Antenna, will present his Build a Dipole Clinic, as well as demonstrate his loop antenna and explain how it works.

NOARSfest is Coming!

NOARSfest will be at Lorain County Community College 1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria on Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM until noon. Hamfests are a great place to shop for pieces parts you've needed for a special project, see what's new, find a great deal on used gear, catch up with friends new and old, and meet people who you've talked to on the nets so you can put a face to the voice. NOARSfest is no exception. In order for all this to happen, volunteers are needed. Some spots have already

been filled. Carl, W8KRF, organizer of the event, has the following positions available: people to handle the flea market, sell admission tickets and flea market tickets, 2 per shift, for a total of 4. Flea market shifts are 7AM to 9AM and 9AM to 11AM. The ticket/vendor check-in table at the entrance needs 3 more people. We need one more emcee. Volunteering is satisfying and fun. Let Carl know which spot and shift you would like. Contact him at (216) 256-9624 before 9 PM, or noarsfest@noars.net.

Amateur Radio Testing at NOARSfest is a Go!

Despite the hack of ARRL's website, Amateur Radio License Testing continues. The ARRL's email is functional; they have been processing applications and testing materials, and forwarding the information to the FCC with no problem. Testing at the NOARSfest will start at 9 AM. The latest to start a test is 11 AM. The

folks at the hamfest's front table can point the way, and there will be signs. Be aware, the question pool for the Extra exam will be new as of July 1, so make sure if you want to upgrade that you are studying from the correct study guide.

July 2024 Social Events

Tuesday Lunch July 2 at noon at Golden Corral in Elyria. As always, all are welcome.

Weekend Lunch **Saturday July 13 at 12:30.** We will be at a restaurant new to us: Two Bucks Avon. 36931 Detroit Rd, Avon. We have reservations.

Antenna Day, **Sunday July 14 10-2.** North Olmsted High School Pavilion.

Saturday July 20 from 9 AM to 12 PM NOARSFest at the Reaser Grand Room in The Spitzer Conference Center, Lorain County Community College, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria, OH.

Fox Hunt **Saturday, July 27. Bradley Woods, Westlake. 11 AM. All are welcome.**

Save the Date! The Second Ham Radio Meet & Greet will be held **Sunday, August 4** from **1:00 to 4:00** in the **Cottonwood Picnic Shelter of the Cleveland Metroparks.**

Ohio QSO Party

Submitted by Tom, W1PD

Club, will be Sat 24 Aug 2024. For more information, go to <https://www.ohqp.org>

The Ohio QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio



July Birthdays

Bob Lipton, W8OOT
Dave O'Connor, KD8MXE
Gary Glaze, N8VFW
Matthew Swarhout, D8PQO
Mike Baird, KE8ETO
Tom Berger, K1TRB

If your birthday doesn't appear here it's a good chance that it's not in our database. Please contact Carl, W8KRF so we can wish you a Happy Birthday!



June 17, 2024 Membership Meeting Attendance

In Person

Andrew, KE8WMS
Ann, KA8ZEP
Bill, KE8DIF
Bill, N4NZZ
Bill, K2WJS
Bill, K8LXY
Bryan, N8OOF
Chuck, K8CVM

Connie, K8CCS
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Gordon, AI8Y
Jim, N8DST
John, W8LYO
Ken, K8SCA

Paul, KE8WHG
Rich, KE8YUP
Sara, KC8KSU
Tom, W1PD
Tom, N8FDY
Will, KE8WHM
Via Zoom
Bill, N8JET

Carl, W8KRF
Dave, KY8OSU
Ed, KA0MRD
Jeany, KC3QND
Joshua, KE8YUG
Marie, KF8ANS
Mark, KG4SCK
Scott, KE8VOX

Heard on the Nets in June

Ann, KA8ZEP
Bill, N8JET
Bill, KE8DIF
Bill, K2WJS
Bill, N8WS
Billy, KD8POV
Bryan, W8JMI
Carl, W8KRF
Charles, KF8AXN
Chris, N8ACP
Chris, KE8MMY
Chuck, K8CVM
Dan, K8AGW

Dan, W8AJF
Dan, KC8MCA
Dan, KE8VYQ
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Fred, N8AHS
Gordon, AI8Y
Jack, N8NDL
Jeany, KC3QND
Jeff, KB8ZUN
Jerry, N1TUV (Maine)
Jim, N8DST
Jim, KD8OCW

John, W8LYO
Josh, KE8YUG
Ken, W8KH
Linn, KD8NGE
Marie, KF8ANS
Mark, KC8FQV
Mark, KC1SEM (Vermont)
Matt, NU8H
Mike, W8NIN
Mike, W8TTF
Nick, KD8SLG
Paul, KE8WHG
Pete, KE8NQG

Pete, KE8ZIN
Philip, K8PJW
Rich, KD8AJZ
Rich, KE8YUP
Ryan, AD2Q
Sara, KC8KSU
Scott, KE8VOX
Stephen, N8WB
Steve, KF8ANT
Tom, N8FDY
Tom, W8KYZ

July, 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2 NOARS Lunch at Noon 10M Net 8 PM	3 Food Group 7PM 2M	4 2M Net 8 PM	5	6
7	8	9 10M Net 8 PM	10 Food Group 7PM 2M	11 2M Net 8 PM	12	13 Weekend Lunch 12:30 PM. Two Bucks Avon
14 Antenna Day North Olmsted HS Pavilion 10-2	15 NOARS Meeting 7 PM	16 10M Net 8 PM	17 Food Group 7PM 2M	18 2M Net 8 PM	19	20 NOARSfest 9 AM - 12 PM at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center
21	22	23 10M Net 8 PM	24 Food Group 7PM 2M	25 2M Net 8 PM	26	27 Fox Hunt 11 AM
28	29	30 10M Net 8 PM	31 Food Group 7PM 2M			

Field Day

On an uncomfortably hot day, more than 30 hardy souls ventured out to Sheldon Woods in the Indian Hollow Reservation of Lorain Metroparks to set up for the joint NOARS/LCARA Field Day. Teamwork was used in setting up equipment, tents, and food. 158 contacts were made from Indian Hollow. Some folks operated from home: Ann, KA8ZEP, made 108 contacts and Tom Miller, W1PD made an impressive 700 contacts! The majority of those operating at Indian Hollow used solar panels to power their gear. Chuck, K8CVM, brought the

ARES Comms Trailer, ESG2 for people to see. Of note was Henry, a prepper, who had heard of the trailer and wanted to see it. He and his wife, Nancy, dropped by specifically for that. Dan, KE8VYQ of LCARA, organized the food, to which club members brought tasty additions. Thanks, Dan! As always, there were lots of fellowship, stories shared and laughter out in the hollow. Field Day. Always a good time. If you couldn't make it this year, there will always be next year. See you then!















POTA Party 2024

Fifteen club members plus a few visitors enjoyed the POTA Party on June 1 at the Pine Hollow Trailhead in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Forty-two contacts were made. Attending were: Andrew, KE8WMS; Bill, N4NZZ; Bill, K2WJS; Carl, W8KRF; Connie, K8CCS; Elaine, KC8FOS; Eric, KE8VZA; Josh, KE8YUG; Marie,

KF8ANS; Jeany, KC3QND; Pete, KE8NQK; Rich, KE8YUP; Scott, KE8VOX; Tom, N8FDY. Rick, K8RYK from Lake County, heard about the POTA plans on a net, and came to see what it was all about. A couple of folks wondered what we were doing and stopped to talk.









Wadsworth Odyssey on Route 66

Ann, KA8ZEP and Dan, W8AJF took a road trip on Route 66 through six states, ending at the Texas border. They took ham radio along and activated seven parks along the way, in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and

Kentucky. They made a combined total of approximately 300 contacts. Dan claims “it was a blast, a trip to remember!”





Corey Brooks, KE8PQW and Friends Did

POTA on Kelleys Island

While NOARS was having its POTA Party 2024 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Corey, Keith Austin,

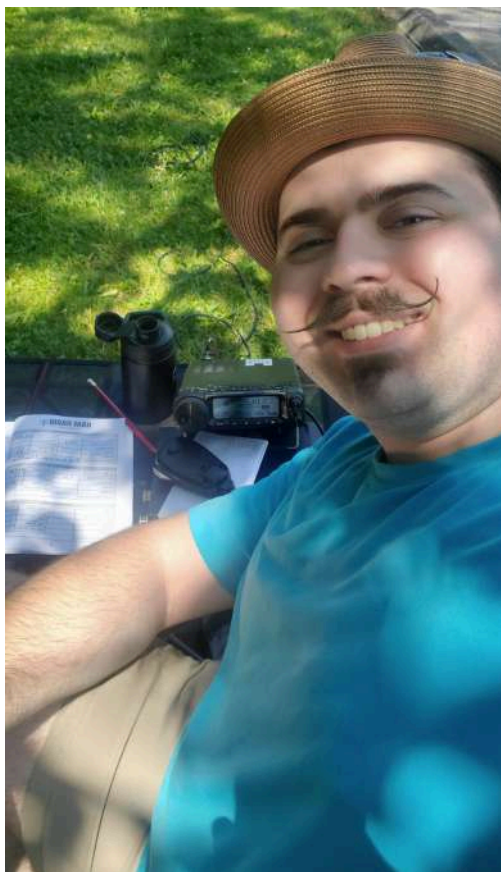
KE8VAN, and their friend John, camped out and did POTA on Kelleys Island. Small world.



Will, KE8WHM and POTA at Spencer Lake

Will activated Spencer Lake Wildlife Area in Medina County on June 20. He made twenty-nine contacts, one

of them making it through the noise to France. Tres bien!



June Foxhunt, and Then Some

Twelve gathered for the Foxhunt Sunday, June 30 at the Bradley Woods Pavilion, under the leadership of Bryan, N8OOF and Sara, KC8KSU. Others attending were Bill, N4NZZ; Chris, KE8MMY; Dan, KE8VYQ; Elaine, KC8FOS; Eric, KE8VZA; John, W8LYO; Ken, K8SCA;

Mark, KG4SCK; Tom Wilkinson, N8FDY. The foxhunters shared the pavilion with the Lake Erie Vikings, some of whom, despite being Vikings, were a friendly bunch and agreed to having their photo taken before the main group arrived.





June Weekend Lunch

Twelve of us returned to the Dawg House Bar and Grill on June 8th and had a great time. Please join us for the

next Weekend Lunch at a place new to us. Two Bucks Avon, 36931 Detroit Rd, Avon, OH 44011.



June Tuesday Lunch

Nineteen people enjoyed lunch together. The visit was made that much more special by being taken care of by Sarah, who is pictured with Jeany. Sarah is most frequently the person who takes care of us, and we are

getting to know her a little better each month. Tuesday Lunch is always the first Tuesday of each month, unless it falls on a major holiday. We meet at the Golden Corral in Elyria at noon. All are welcome. The more, the merrier!





NOARS Membership Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024

Submitted by Connie, K8CCS

The meeting was held in person at North Olmsted Public Library, and via Zoom. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by club President John, W8LYO.

Total number of people in attendance: 31 (22 attended in person; 9 attended via Zoom).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions and roll call of all in attendance.

Motion to accept the May meeting minutes as published in the NOARS Log was made Ann, KA8ZEP; seconded by Bill, K2WJS. Minutes accepted.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Eric, KE8VZA

Deposits: \$30 – two new members.

Expenses: Windstream internet - \$79.90.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Andrew, KE8WMS; seconded by Will, KE8WHM. Treasurer Report was accepted.

Membership – Carl, W8KRF – We currently have 126 members.

Website – Carl, W8KRF – The website is up to date. Please use the website to get the most current information on all events.

Repeater – Carl, W8KRF – No change.

Club Property – Carl, W8KRF – No change in club property.

Field Day – Carl, W8KRF – You can operate from home. Help is needed for setup from 9-10 am.

Hamfest – Carl, W8KRF – The rent for the room at LCCC went up to \$870 which is an increase of \$300. The room used for VE testing will run \$29 per hour. Help is needed: Flea Market needs four people to run two-hour shifts (7-9 and 9-11); General Entrance will be manned by Eric, KE8VZA, Carl, W8KRF and John, W8LYO; Prize Table needs people; Emcee will be Dan, W8AJF. Need one more person; Talk-in Station: Josh, KE8YUG and Marie, KF8ANS; 50/50 will be Ann, KA8ZEP and one other person.

John, W8LYO has volunteered to co-chair the March Hamfest.

Programs – Paul, KE8WHG – The July program will be presented by Tom, N8FDY – “Logbook of the World.” August – No program as it is the NOARS picnic.

Social Committee – Elaine, KC8FOS

The next Fox Hunt will be June 29 at Bradley Woods. There will be 3-4 foxes. If you would like to be a fox wrangler for one of the foxes, please contact Elaine, KC8FOS or Bryan, N8OOF.

NOARS Tuesday Lunch is July 2 at noon, Golden Corral in Elyria. Everyone is welcome.

NOARS Weekend Lunch is June 13 at 12:30, location TBD.

VE Team – Elaine, KC8FOS - Testing will take place at the NOARS Summer Hamfest. The test starts at 9:00 am. Please note that there is a newly revised Extra Class question pool starting in July.

Nets – Jeany, KC3QND – Nets are doing well.

Newsletter – Tom, N8FDY - The deadline for articles, photos, etc. is June 26th. Please email pictures and ads. Please do not text pictures.

Sunshine – John, W8LYO – Clark, N8PZD is a silent key.

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Old Business – none

New Business - none

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Andrew, KE8WMS; seconded by Rich, KE8YUP.

Meeting Adjourned 7:21 p.m.

Presentation – Elaine, KC8FOS – Net Logging Software.



Ad Submission Guidelines

Electronic ads may be emailed to noarslog@noars.net. Printed ads may be sent to NOARS Log, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH. 44012. The deadline for submissions is seven days before the first day of each month. All must include: asking price, sellers name, call sign and phone number. Only ads from current NOARS

members, or paid advertisers will be accepted. If your items sell, please notify the Log editors at noarslog@noars.net so the ad can be removed. All ads will be removed (unless updated) after four months. NOARS reserves the right to refuse any ads.

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Chet Roberts

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Included!**



Multimeters For Sale by Tom, N8FDY

Contact Tom. 216.409.1886 or email: thomaswilkinson@gmail.com



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Greenlee DM-860A
50,000 Count, \$230



Greenlee DM-820A
10,000 Count, \$130



Brymen BM525s
10,000 Count, \$120



Brymen BM789
60,000 Count, \$120



EEVBlog BM786
60,000 Count, \$110



EEVBlog BM-235
6,000 Count, \$100



Greenlee DM-510A
6,000 Count, \$100

NOARS Information

Members of the Board of Directors

President: John, W8LYO

Vice President: Elaine, KC8FOS

Secretary: Connie, K8CCS

Treasurer: Eric, KE8VZA

Others: Carl, W8KRF; Tom, N8FDY; Chris, KE8MMY

Others

Net Manager: Jeany, KC3QND

Club Trustee for K8KRG: John, W8LYO

NOARS Log Editors: Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS

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Ron, N8EGZ; John, W8LYO; Dave, KD8MXE;

Bob, W8OOT; Bill, N8JET; Bill, K2WJS; Ed,

KA0MRD; Scott, KE8VOX

Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

Repeaters: Carl, W8KRF; John, W8LYO;

Pete, KE8QNK; Bryan N8OOF

Field Day: Carl, W8KRF

Hamfest: Carl, W8KRF

Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ

Membership: Carl, W8KRF

Club Property Committee: Carl, W8KRF

Programs Committee: Paul, KE8WHG Chair;

Pete, KE8NQK; Jeany KC3QND; Elaine, KC8FOS

Social Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS;

Linda, KM4GSF; Sara, KC8KSU; Eric, KE8VZA;

Andrew, KE8WMS; Will, KE8WHM; Ann, KA8ZEP

Public Relations Committee:

Chris, KE8MMY

Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Dues are: Full \$15, Associate (non-licensed) \$7, Family members of a full member \$4 each. Membership and payment are available at www.noars.net. Make checks payable to NOARS and mail them to: NOARS Membership Committee, 20246 Drake Rd., Strongsville, OH 44149.



Meetings

The third Monday of each month at the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd. at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Nets

NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 pm on 28.370 MHz, Wednesday nights at 7 pm on 146.700 MHz, and Thursday nights at 8 pm. on 146.700 MHz. All licensed amateurs are welcome.

VE Testing

Contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com, or call 216-337-4235 for more info or to register for a test. Walk-ins welcome.

Net Control Stations

Jeany KC3QND
Eric, KE8VZA
Sara, KC8KSU
Tom, W8KYZ
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
John, W8LYO
Josh, KE8YUG