

# NOARS Log



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## Prez Sez

Summer is fading fast. In fact, as I type this today, it is not even 70 degrees outside. I hear it is going to warm up again, though. Speaking of chilly, it was great to see everyone at the Annual Picnic. The attendance was good, socializing was fun, and the food was even better. Thanks to those who stepped in to grill. The new location was great and I hope we go back next year.

This month I participated in the North America QSO party again. I ended up doing about nine (9) and a half hours of the ten (10) allowed. It was coming up on the end and I was not close to the

same number of contacts I had in the January NAQP, which could have been propagation or just me being lazy, seeking instead of calling CQ. I found it difficult to find a free place to do that without QRM. In the last hours I made a contact with someone who said they were at the end, as they had hit their hours limit, which meant the frequency was free. I got it and started to call CQ. Well, go figure - in less than fifteen (15) minutes I had a pileup and another fifty (50) plus contacts in my log. If you are looking for numbers, like they say, the only way to do it is CQ CQ CQ. I also think I had a better time the

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**The Membership Meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM.**

**North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.**

**NVIS Antennas**

**Cory Gibson, W3JL, Vice President of the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club, will tell us the ins and outs of NVIS antennas.**

**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.

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last half hour, calling CQ and handling the calls coming in.

Another shack project this month was initiated because of a home improvement project. Specifically, roof work, luckily not by me. Recently I acquired a RigExpert AA-35 Zoom, which was on sale during the Ohio Tax Holiday. Before the work started, I used it and AntScope to map out the SWR on all the bands the EFHW works with. Since I also have a Nano VNA, I did the same with its software. If you read my Field Day story about the Nano VNA, you would know my last experience with it. I can say that although they both did the job in the end, the RigExpert was so much easier to set up, use, and compare results. Since my antenna is in the attic (HOA) and hung

up with cable clips, once the project was done, I went into the attic to make sure everything was good. Good thing I did, as some of the wire had come loose and had slipped out of the holders. After putting everything back where it should be, I used the Rig Expert and AntScope and verified in record time that the SWR was comparable to the previous reading. The RigExpert will definitely be more efficient in setting up my portable antenna if I actually do ever get out and activate POTA.

I hope everyone has recovered from the early August storms. If you joined us for some of the nets, this led to a great discussion on Home and Shack disaster recovery plans. If you didn't, then I hope to hear you on future nets as you never know what you may learn.

73'

John W8LYO

## Ham Hide and Seek

Join us Sunday, September 8 at noon in Lorain County Metro Park's Carlisle for a new ham radio outdoor activity! Folks will hunt and find each other using HTs. Less expensive HTs work great. A compass or compass

app on your phone might be helpful. Meeting location will be announced via email shortly. Join us and learn how it works. This will be lots of fun and exercise! All are invited.

## A Great Opportunity for NOARS at IngenuityFest 2024

Ingenuity Cleveland has been celebrating the creative spirit in downtown Cleveland for over 16 years through the annual IngenuityFests! IngenuityFest 2024 will take place at IngenuityLabs @ the Hamilton Collaborative (5401 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115), from Friday evening, September 27 through Sunday, September 29. NOARS will be there that Saturday, from 1-10 PM. The festival features a mix of hands-on activities for all ages; multiple stages filled with music and dance performances; and plenty of opportunities to interact with innovative and immersive exhibits, as well as maker and innovator exhibits. This

is where NOARS fits – amateur radio offers many possibilities for innovations and maker experiences. Hams have been building equipment for decades. We have been offered a space to show off amateur radio in general, and our club specifically. We already have a few homebrew items to illustrate the types of things hams make. We will also have NOARS and general amateur radio information. Details about parking will be shared soon. Please consider being part of this exciting opportunity by being one of the two-person teams manning the table. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS, if you're interested in volunteering

# Proposed Amendment to the NOARS Constitution and By-Laws

## Background

Four years ago, NOARS changed the officers' terms of office from one year to two years. It may be easier to find people to run for office if the terms were not two years. Two years is a big commitment. The board is presenting the following.

## Proposed Changes to the Constitution

### Under Board of Directors # 2, change from:

"2. Should a vacancy exist after appointments are made, the President may select and appoint full members to serve as Directors for a period not to exceed two (2) years. The term of a Director appointed from the membership will be commensurate with the president's term in office, and must be appointed bi-annually."

### To Read as follows:

2. Should a vacancy exist after appointments are made, the President may select and appoint full members to serve as Directors for a period not to exceed **one (1) year**. The term of a Director, appointed from the membership, will be commensurate with the president's term in office, and must be appointed **annually**."

### Under Officers #2, change from:

"2. Officers shall be elected annually in accordance with Article VII of the By-laws, for a term of two years. Only Full Members in good standing shall be eligible to be officers."

### To Read as follows:

"2. Officers shall be elected annually in accordance with Article VII of the By-laws, for a term of **one year**. Only Full Members in good standing shall be eligible to be officers."

## Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

### Update Article VII, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, change from:

"In addition to the restrictions in Article III, a candidate for office must be a member in good standing and must have attended at least four (4) meetings during the previous 12 months. Terms of office shall run for a two (2) year period with President and Vice President being elected in even numbered years, Secretary and Treasurer being elected in odd numbered years. The current President and Vice President may not run for reelection if he/she has held that office the two previous consecutive terms."

### To Read as Follows:

"In addition to the restrictions in Article III, a candidate for office must be a member in good standing and must have attended at least four (4) meetings during the previous 12 months. Terms of office shall run for a **one (1) year period for all officers**. The current President and Vice President may not run for reelection if he/she has held that office **for the four** previous consecutive terms."

### Update Article VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS Add the Paragraph as Follows:

**For the transition from two-year term to one-year term in the election held in November 2024, the current Treasurer and Secretary will not be required to run for office and will continue in the second year of their term. The Treasurer and Secretary positions will be a one-year term in the 2025 election and beyond. The president and vice-president positions will be a one-year term starting with the 2024 election.**

### Update Article VII, Regular annual elections, 1. Nominating committee, change from:

“b) The committee will select a slate of candidates for the offices consisting of at least two nominees for each office. If a Candidate runs unopposed whether as a nominee to an office, or an existing officer, with the exception of the president or vice-president ending a second term, that candidate shall be considered nominated and the balloting procedure shall continue as specified herein. At the regular business meeting in October, the chairman will present the slate of nominees for each office. Each nominee must have given prior consent to run.”

b) The committee will select a slate of candidates for the offices consisting of at least two nominees for each office. If a Candidate runs unopposed whether as a nominee to an office, or an existing officer, with the exception of the president or vice-president ending a **fourth** term, that candidate shall be considered nominated and the balloting procedure shall continue as specified herein. At the regular business meeting in October, the chairman will present the slate of nominees for each office. Each nominee must have given prior consent to run.”

## September 2024 Social Events

**Tuesday Lunch September 3 at noon at Golden Corral in Elyria.** As always, all are welcome.

**Ham Hide and Seek - Sunday September 8 at noon in Lorain County Metro Park's Carlisle Reservation. Details to follow shortly.**

**Weekend Lunch Saturday September 14 at 12:30, location to be determined.**

## Statewide POTA Party

From the Ohio Section Journal, August issue. <https://arrl-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/OSJ-August-2024.pdf>

Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) is held each September. Sponsored by Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS), this groundbreaking event is in its 16th year and undoubtedly was one catalyst to ARRL NPOTA and the whole POTA movement. This year's event with

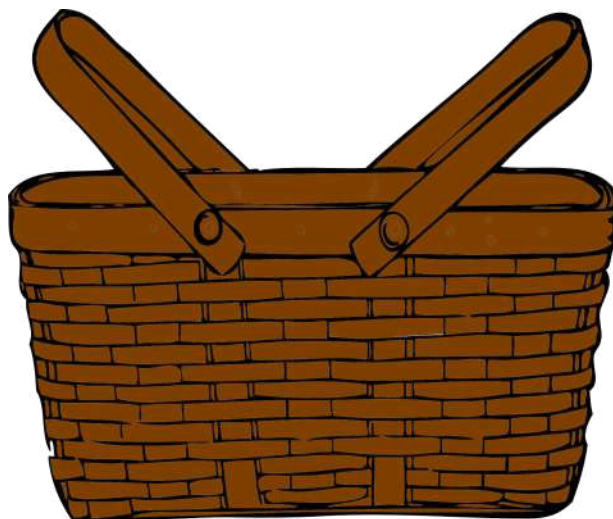
take place Sept 9, 2023, from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm ET). Your club can pick from one or more of the 75 Ohio State Parks. This contest places a premium on working stations located in the Ohio State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300-mile range. For more information, including rules, FAQs and to get your forms for the contest go to OSPOTA website: [www.ospota.org](http://www.ospota.org).

# September Birthdays

Andrew Lent, KE8WMS  
Chet Robers, K8KIZ  
Daniel Lode, KI7RRP  
Ed Gale, KA0MRD  
Fred Heyse, N8AHS  
Jim Grimes, KD8OCW  
John Molloy, KA8VTV  
Keith Cook, KD8GXL  
Scott Emery, KE8VOX  
Steve Sebesta, K8NIA  
Tom Wilkinson, N8FDY

Will Ranking, KE8WHM  
William Davis, KD8BBI

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!



## Heard on the Nets in August

Andrew, AB8MO  
Ann, KA8ZEP  
Art, W8UTC  
Bill, N8JET  
Bill, W8PKT  
Bill, K2WJS  
Bill, N8WS  
Bob, W8OOT  
Bryan, W8JMI  
Carl, W8KRF  
Charles, WB4AIZ  
Chris, KD2HCE  
Chris, KE8MMY

Chuck, KF8AXN  
Chuck, K8CVM  
Cole, KE8MDO  
Connie, K8CCS  
Dan, K8AGW  
Dan, W8AJF  
Dan, W2DLB  
Elaine, KC8FOS  
Eric, KE8VZA  
Fred, N8AHS  
Gary, KF8ANR  
Gary, N8VFW  
Gordon, AI8Y

Dr. Jack, N8NDL  
Janice, W8MTR  
Jeany, KC3QND  
Jeff, K8ACF  
Joe, N8AZE  
John, KE8CWD  
John, K8ILY  
John, W8LYO  
Josh, KE8YUG  
Josh, KE8YUG  
Ken, W8KH  
Linn, KD8NGE  
Marie, KA8ANS

Mark, KE8DIF  
Mark, KC8FQV  
Michael, KF8BNF  
Nick, KD8SLG  
Paul, KE8WHG  
Pete, KE8NQK  
Rich, KD8AJZ  
Rich, KE8YUP  
Scott, KE8VOX  
Steve, KF8ANT  
Tom, N8FDY  
Tom, W8KYZ

# September, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Happy Labor Day!!	<b>3</b> NOARS Lunch at Noon 10M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	<b>4</b> Food Group 7PM 2M W8LYO	<b>5</b> 2M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> VE Testing Fairview Lib. 10 AM
<b>8</b> Ham Hide and Seek. Carlisle Reservation. Noon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	<b>11</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC8KSU	<b>12</b> 2M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Weekend Lunch 12:30
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> NOARS Meeting 7 PM	<b>17</b> 10M Net 8 PM W8LYO	<b>18</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	<b>19</b> 2M Net 8 PM KE8YUG	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Cleveland Hamfest	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10M Net 8 PM W8AJF	<b>25</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	<b>26</b> 2M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> IngenuityFest 1-10
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



# Tom Miller, W1PD, Wins Special Event Award

Tom Miller, W1PD, won the 16th Annual 13 Colonies 2024 Special Event Clean Sweep award. He worked all 13 Colonies Special Event stations as well as the US

Special Event station (WM3PEN) and those in the UK and France. Congratulations, Tom!





# Dan and Ann Brave the Heat and do POTA

It was hot, but Dan, W8AJF, and Ann, KA8ZEP, had fun on 20 meters at Findley State Park. Ann made 15 contacts on FT-8 and Dan made 12 CW QSOs before the mowers,

which were kicking up dust and gravel, drove them away. They left for Donny's restaurant in Wellington, where the food was great. A wonderful POTA date!





# NOARS Annual Picnic

Twenty-eight people enjoyed burgers, brats, and potluck offerings of side dishes and desserts. Word has it the new site, South Central Park in North Ridgeville, was appreciated, with its easier access. Will, KE8WHM began cooking the burgers and brats, and was later joined

at the grill by Stephen, N8WB. Thanks, guys! And, thanks to everyone who brought potluck dishes!! Preliminary planning has begun for next year. The Annual Picnic is one of the favorite events of the club.













# Ham Radio Meet & Greet

Forty-seven people were at Ham Radio Meet & Greet Sunday, August 4. This outstanding event was planned by folks from LCARA, LEARA, and NOARS. We are already planning next year's event. If you have any suggestions about the event, let one of the planners know:

Elaine, KC8FOS - [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com); Robin, KC8AWO - [raj7760@yahoo.com](mailto:raj7760@yahoo.com); Jean Gross - [jeanmariegross@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanmariegross@yahoo.com), Lori Schlick - [mrs\\_kb8lkh@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs_kb8lkh@yahoo.com); Sara, KC8KSU - [kc8ksu@yahoo.com](mailto:kc8ksu@yahoo.com).













# Weekend Lunch

Nine gathered for the Weekend Lunch at Taza – A Lebanese Grill. Tasty food and engaging company for all!





# August Tuesday Lunch

Twenty-three friends gathered for the August Tuesday Lunch. Joining us for the first time was Linn, KD8NGE. The Tuesday Lunch is on the first Tuesday of each month,

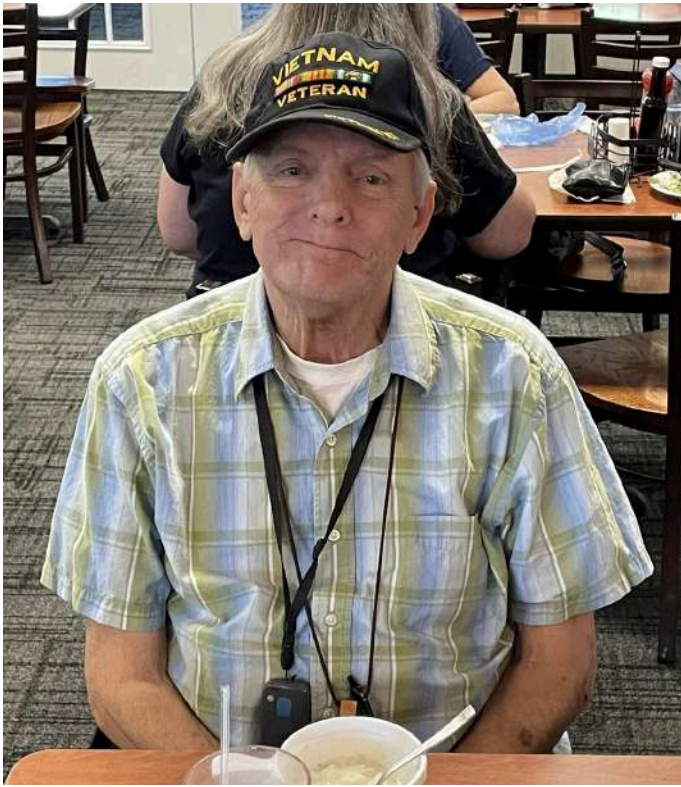
except for major holidays, such as Christmas. You are always welcome to join us at the Golden Corral on West River Road in Elyria at noon.













# Free Vertical Antenna



**Submitted by Bill Detmer, W8PKT**

One of my neighbors in Lakewood is looking for someone who's interested in a free vertical antenna:

About 16ft

3 horizontal elements -about 8ft each

RG-8 connector is clean/usable

Maybe 50-75ft of RG-8/U

**Contact Bill at [mike@detmar.org](mailto:mike@detmar.org) if you are interested.**

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members, or paid advertisers will be accepted. If your items sell, please notify the Log editors at [noarslog@noars.net](mailto: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.



# For Sale by Tom Porter, W8KYZ

Icom HM-14 Electret Condenser microphone 8 pin. \$25.00

23-foot 14-gauge 110V AC cord wind-up storage. Built in 10 amp circuit breaker. \$15.00

75-foot Craftsman 3-prong heavy duty 14/3 extension cord. \$40.00

Computer mic with hookup cord. \$4.00

Yaesu or Icom transceiver mobile or fixed station mounting bracket. \$10.00

American flag holder with adjustable bracket for home. NEW. \$5.00

5-gallon gas can with spout. \$10.00

Acco 3-hole paper punch. \$4.00

Regency model P109 13.8V 4A regulated power supply. \$10.00

Contact Tom at 440-320-5523 or tporter161@oh.rr.com.

of Electrical Noise by “Radio Today” Don Pinnock, G3HVA. 64 pages. \$15.00

ARRL Vertical Antenna Classics 120 pages. Edited by Robert Schetgen, KU7G. 1st edition. \$5.00

ARRL Handbook, 2010, including Handbook CD. New. \$15.00

ARRL Antenna Compendium, Volume 2. 210 pages. \$5.00

ARRL Pocket Reference. New. 864 pages. \$5.00

73 Dipole and Long Wire Antennas. Edward Noll, W3FQJ. 160 pages. \$5.00

ARRL Antenna Anthology. Reprint of QST Articles – Theory Presentations. 151 pages \$5.00

21 Things to do after you get your radio license. Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. 73 pages. \$5.00

**Contact Tom. 440-320-5523 or tporter161@oh.rr.com.**

# For Sale by Denny, WB8WAA

Standard dual band C528 HT with charger and belt clip. Needs a new battery. May need some work (electrolytic capacitors replacement). Looking for a new home and some TLC. High reviews even now. \$30 OBO.

**Text Denny at 216-409-0673**





**Chet Roberts**

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Included!**



# NOARS Information

## Members of the Board of Directors

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

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

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## Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

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Field Day: Carl, W8KRF

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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](http://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](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com), or call 216-337-4235 for more info or to register for a test. Walk-ins welcome.

## Net Control Stations

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