# Welcome to NOARS Country!

## March 2012

NOARS Meetings Are Held at:
Gander Mountain (Gander Lodge Room)
On The Third Monday
Every Month! @ 7:00 P.M.

V.E. Exam Schedule:
1 P.M. Third Sunday of each Month.
Elyria Red Cross, 2929 W. River Rd N. Elyria, OH

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**Warning!**
Membership Roster is being finalized.
Your Annual Dues Must Be Recorded By March 1st to appear in the roster.

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Who’s who at NOARS? (and how to contact them)

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W8KRF Carl Rimmer
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N8QL Alex Pasini
K8IC Bill Eisenberg

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Net Operations Manager: W8SIQJ John McKenna
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Repeater Upkeep: WB3JVK Stephen Robbins
Elmer: W8ADV Ray Smith
Parliamentarian: K8WRS Dave Semanik

NOARS IS ON THE AIR!
Weekly Nets:
28.370 MHz Tuesday Night 10 Meter Net 8pm local time
NCS: NC8X
146.700 Wednesday Night Rag Chew Net 9pm local time
NCS: WD8OFG – WA8ADE – WD8IQJ
146.700 Thursday Technical Discussion Net 8pm Local time
NCS: W8KYZ – WB3JVK – W8SIQJ – K8WRS
All are welcome on NOARS nets!

Welcome To NOARS Country

Well, the winter hamfest is out of the way now and I want to say thanks to everybody who helped out. It was smaller but even so it required arms and bodies to put the tables and chairs where they needed to go. We got lucky from the weather as the sunshine pulled many visitors out of the winter doledrums to eat, drink and smile with friends. Although I spent much of the time on Sunday in the pancake flipping corner, I still had a chance to talk to those who had repeater questions that could not get answered at the January meeting and the idea of a oversight committee was born to get this topic on track. Thanks to K8IC, NC8X, W8KYZ, WD8IQJ, WB3JVK, K8FPM, W8KRF, KD8GXL and K8RWC.

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Repeater Oversight Committee Announced!

President N8PZD Clark, announced at the February 20th meeting, the forming of a repeater oversight committee. Its mission is to establish and implement the clubs goals in the operation and maintenance of the NOARS repeater system. Meeting of this ad hoc committee will be 1/2 hr before the start of the regular monthly business meeting or as deemed necessary.

In related news, results of an informal poll on the linking subject indicated that the membership favors full time linking of ALL the repeaters with linking controlled by designated system operators. Implementation date for this was set for before Field Day 2012.

Any one with interest in the operations of this committee should contact Clark N8PZD.

Trivia Spot!
What is Morse Code For The Ampersat Symbol? (The @ sign)?
(answer hidden in this newsletter)

NODIG NEWS

Jeff Evans, KB8ZUN
If your county has, or is planning to install, D-STAR equipment in a hospital, EMA office, Red Cross chapter or NWS office please let us know. NODIG is in the process of the next phase of reflector build outs. The information you provide will be used to determine the placement of the next data center and port allocations.

The information needed is office, hospital or chapter name, city and county. As with all NODIG projects we do not manage activities for these agencies, simply provide the ability to securely and reliably link on a local, state, regional or global level.

A review of the current reflector allocations housed in hardened data centers is outlined below. All within the state or surrounding states are welcome to use the assets on a first come first serve basis with the exception of REF038C which is for Dayton Hamvention only one week before, during and one week after Dayton.

• REF038A The "Ohio Reflector" for daily state wide linking
• REF038B NODIG P almonds
• REF038C Dayton Hamvention / Hamfests
• REF038D TBA
• REF038E Testing
• REF039A State Wide ARES
• REF039B State Wide EMA Offices
• REF039C State Wide Skywarn / Sever Weather
• REF039D State Wide Red Cross Chapters
• REF039E Testing

Our X-Reflector allocations mirror the list above.

Rant Department

Want to have some fun on the air? (stupid question #1 – any time you’re on the air it’s fun)! Well let’s just say. Would you like to make new friends and contribute to the greater ham-radio community? (stupid question #2 Isn’t that what we are here to do anyway?) OK OK!! Let say it this way! Want to make your ham-radio time more fun and contribute to the ham-radio world even more? …Sure you do!

Think about joining a “net”! NOARS has an abundance of “nets”!! Tech nets, ragchew, digital discussion, and even a band specific net (10m).

Something of interest for everyone. Or is there? What about a DX net? Traffic handling? Boat anchor maintaining? Whatever! The possibilities are endless.

Think about becoming a Net Control Station (NCS). Wait, wait! Before you go off screaming about responsibility, time commitment and all that practical stuff. If we were all that practical would we be spending kilobucks on all this stuff just to do what any sap with internet connection could do for next to free? Right! So what does a NCS do? He is the conductor of a group of hams. All interested in communicating their thoughts and ideas on a given subject in a coherent manner. You are the traffic cop and set the pace of the net. You take names and direct the band. You are the center hub around which the wheel turns. And for a short time someone actually pays attention to YOU!

Time commitment pituiti! Most nets are over in about an hour and your commitment is what you make it of! Once a week, month or year! Its up to you entirely! You spend that much time on the front porch scratching n spitting! So give it a try I know you will like it in spite of yourselves!

Rave Department

First off, I need to apologize for last months issue of the LOG it was at best (in my words) “aaakkkkkaaanbbbbbaakkkkkkkaaa”! It was from an intrinsic standpoint “Poor”. Having said that I’ve taken steps to insure that future issues are up to the high standards that you’ve come to expect from the newsletter of the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society! ” Nuff said!”

BOAT ANCHOR CORNER

The Heathkit company began in Michigan around 1926. , by marketing an airplane in kit form. In fact, founder Edwin Heath died in a crash. Heath got into electronics with a low-cost oscilloscope kit using military surplus parts. Heath had two ham lines, one aimed at neophytes, and one for the seasoned veterans looking for a good rig at a good price. The beginner’s gear was rudimentary, used few tubes, and typically cost relatively nothing even in the 50s and 60s money. Any kid could get on the air with these things! And a lot of them did just that. Just about everybody has a “green machine” around somewhere.

In the mid 60s, Heath modernized its look, with the DX-60 transmitter and a matching receiver. Plus some big rigs named after Indian tribes. The Apache was a popular boat anchor. And was followed by the more advanced (and tougher to build) Marauder. There were the linears, the Chippewa & Warrior, the later SB- series turns up at hamfests all the time. These look a lot like the Collins S-line, but with green panels and chrome knobs (And about one-fifth the workmanship) A couple of linears, the SB-200 and SB-220, are still very popular. Interesting little transceivers, the Tener, Sixer and Twoer. These AM monobanders were also called the “Benton Harbor Lunch Boxes,” which gives a pretty good idea of their size and shape Heath sold an ton lot of these/ Heath was bought by Daystrom in the 50s, followed in the 60s by a complex arrangement after Zenith bought the company Today leaves Heathkit Educational Systems as the surviving entity. It’s still in Benton Harbor, with a few Heathkit employees left.
A Few Of The Call-Signs 😊

Heard On The NOARS Nets.

Wednesday and Thursdays nights
On The 146.700 & 444.800 MHz Repeaters In Elyria

1/25 ~ 2/23

NOARS Has Three Nets For You!

On: 146.700 & 444.800 MHz Repeaters, and 28.370MHZ

The 8:00 PM Tuesday Night 10 M Net
Join Tim, NC8X for this ever growing net.

The 9:00 PM Wednesday Night Rag Chew Net
One of the longest running two meter nets in northern Ohio! You all are welcome to this informal friendly net. Hosted by: WD8ADE – KD8GXL – KD8IQJ

The 8:00 PM Thursday Technical Discussion Net.
You don’t have to be a techno-geek to enjoy this friendly net slanted toward the technical side of the hobby. Hosted by: WB3JVK – W8KYZ – KD8JNK – W8ADV – K8WRS

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Roll Call: February 20th 2012 Meeting:

19 members and guests in attendance

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Where’s the DX?
Taken From KB8NW Tedd’s OPDX Bulletin.

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- A2, BOTSWANA (DXpedition Update) - Operators Frosty/K5LBU (A25CF), Keith/ VE7MID (A52KW), Don/VE7DS (A25DS) and Joel/N5JR (A25JR) will be active from the Lotsane Safari Lodge between March 18-27th. The group plans to be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as A25HQ. They will have about 3 rigs and a log periodic plus wire antenna covering 16Ø meters and up. It was also mentioned that they would use an inverted L with amp and a beverage antenna. Look for more details to be forthcoming

- HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ~ Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CC, Franky/HI3TT, Ezequiel/H3EPR and Yukon John/KL7JR will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as H3K (March 3-4th) as a Multi-Single entry from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's H3CCP station): http://www.lomadeltoro.com QSL via KB2MS. See (QRZ.com) for details.

- IOTA NEWS ~NA-1Ø9. (Update to OPDX #1Ø48) A team of 10 operators, from the Aguas- calientes Amateur Radio Club, will be active as XF1AA from Isabel Island (in the Jalisco/Nayarit IOTA group) between March 16-21st. Activity will be on 16Ø-1Ø meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators mentioned are Enrique/XE2AA, Ben/XE2AU, Ismael/XE1AY, Jorge/XE2AMS, Armando/XE2AMZ, Vertiz/ XE2AY, David/XE2AUD, Juan/XE2AI, Fidel/XE2ARM and Ramiro/XE2ARV. QSL via IT7EJW

- J3, GRENADA ~ Harry, AC8G, will use the J37K callsign during a visit to the island between March 1-4th. After some repairs to the beam, he should be on by mid day on the 1st. Since he will be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest during the weekend, he plans to work non-USA/Canadian stations on March 1st and 2nd. QSL to AC8G direct with SASE. Logs will be put in LoTW shortly after his return to stateside.

- J7, DOMINICA ~ Brian, K1LI, will be active as J7Y from Dominica (NA-1Ø1) between February 25th and March 13th. Activity will mainly be focused on the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 3-4th). QSL via his home callsign.

- P4, ARUBA (Update) ~ Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as P4/DF7ZS from Aruba (SA-036) from P4ØV’s QTH between March 21-27th. Activity will be casual, but main operations will be during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) using the callsign P41P. QSL P4/DF7ZS via DF7ZS. QSL P41P via W3HNK.

- OA, PERU ~ Fred, DL1NL, is once again active as OA4/DL1NL from Lima, Peru, until early March. Activity will be during his spare time on 16Ø-1Ø meters CW, with some SSB, from the Radio Club Peruano station (OA4O). QSL via DL1NL, by the Bureau or direct. No LoTW or eQSL.

Please Note: This is only a SMALL part of: OPDX Bulletin #1Ø5Ø LOG onto: www.papays.com for the rest (Space permitting, only the parts relative to the time of distribution of The N.O.A.R.S. Log were Included Here)

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Got 6?

MARCH 1Ø 19ØØØZ
Idaho QSO Party
MODES:USB+FM

MARCH 17 13ØØØZ
Oklahoma QSO Party
FREQ. - MODES: 5Ø.13Ø - USB+FM

MARCH 17 14ØØØZ
Virginia QSO Party
MODES:5Ø.13ØUSB+FM

WANT MORE Got 6?
Go to: http://www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt

Check for updates, additional contests, and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arrl.org/contests.
For Sale & Advertisement’s Page

All Submissions must be sent to noarslog(at)noars.net or to: NOARS Log, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH. 44012
Deadline for submissions is the Third Tuesday of each month. All must include Asking price, sellers name, call sign and phone number. Ad’s from current NOARS members (or paying advertisers) only will be accepted! Notice! All ad’s will be removed after three months (as space is needed) unless updated! NOARS reserves the right to refuse ads at our discretion.

The following items are from the estate of W8AJZ, SK, Ernie Scherban

MAKE OFFERS TO TOM, W8KYZ ph (440) 930-9115

RADIO EQUIPMENT:

- HALLICRAFTERS S-12Ø, $30.00
- VERTRONICS SHORTWAVE RCVR. $20.00

MORSE CODE KEYS:

- NYE VIKING SPEED X $15.00
- BRITISH ARMY KEY $30.00
- LIONEL J-38 $20.00

MISC.:

- 1 ROLL COAX SEAL $1.00
- DIGITAL METER (SE MM2003) $10.00
- BIRD 43 ANALOG REPLACEMENT METER $50.00
- GROUNDING BAR (HARGER MFG.) $25.00
- 5" B/W TV (AM/FM) $5.00
- 50' STRANDED ANTENNA WIRE $15.00
- BIRD 43 WATTMETER REPLACEMENT. $40.00

COAX:

- 10' RG 8/U $10.00
- 20' RG 58 $10.00
- 50' RG 58 $15.00

!!!FREE !!!!

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N8KJG Ken (440) 452-9765 or N8KJG(at)ARRL.net

- Hammarlund Hq-17Ø Receiver. Re-Tubed And Works, But Needs Tweaking. $150.00
- Hammarlund Hq-15Ø. Works. Some New Tubes, Could Be Tuned. $150.00

Items for sale from the estate of Dave Williams W8DTW

Please contact Dee Darin, KA8SUB at 440-315-1633 after 4 pm
M-F or 8 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. If I do not answer, please leave a message with your name and telephone number and I will get back to you.

FOR SALE:

- 1 - Yeasu FT-95Ø asking $1200.00
- 1 - Yeasu MD-100 Mike asking $115.00
- 1 - HyGain Patriot AV-64Ø antenna asking $300.00
- 1 - Astron RS-35M Power Supply asking 160.00
- ICOM IC 70A with AA pack and speaker mike asking $250.00

Please note - all the items for sale were purchased brand new in 2011. Unfortunately, Dave only got to enjoy them for a short time before his passing.

K8RWC Rich 1-440-787-7371

- I-COM ICAT 50Ø Auto tuner have all cables and manual can put 4 ant to and wire works perfectly also this will work on any low band radio very nice shape asking 175.00
Mission Statement:
The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
is a public service organization with the purpose and goal to enhance the Amateur Radio Service
through education and fellowship.

- Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. sharp on the third Monday of every month at Gander Mountain’s “Gander Lodge” room!
  It is located at 5244 Cobblestone Rd. Sheffield Village, Oh. 44035. The meetings are open to the public. And all are
  welcome. Tune to the 9 pm Wednesday night NOARS net on the 146.700/444.800 MHz repeaters located on the
  E.S.T. bank Building in Elyria, Ohio for changes or updates in this schedule. Also the 146.700/444.8 repeater hosts
  the technical discussion net on Thursday Night at 8:00 pm.
- N.O.A.R.S. Repeaters can be heard at 146.700 (-) PL 110.9 & 444.800 (-) PL 131.8 in Elyria, OH, as well as,
  145.150 (-) PL 110.9 in North Royalton, OH.
- Regularly scheduled NOARS nets are every Tuesday night at 8 pm on 28.370 MHz, Wednesday night at 9 pm. for
  the rag-chew net and every Thursday night at 8 pm. for the technical discussion net on 146.700/444.800. All
  licensed amateurs are welcome. NOARS membership is not necessary to participate. In fact all participation is
  encouraged and appreciated.
- NOARS can be found on the World Wide Web at: http://www.nodig.us
- NOARS Hosts two hamfest/computer shows annually. The winter hamfest in early February and the summer classic
  NOARSFEST hamfest and computer show in mid July.

If this is your first copy of the NOARS log. Why not become a member and receive it on a monthly basis? Membership is
open to anyone interested in communications. The dues schedule is: Full $10, Associate $5 (non -licensed), Family members
of a full member are only $2 ea. Make checks payable to NOARS and mail them to:

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