



# NOARS Log



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## K8KRG

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## Prez Sez

I want to start by saying I was saddened to learn of the passing of Earl, W8LYY (SK) on Christmas day. Earl was one of my first QSOs working from home during Covid, monitoring the local repeaters. I reached out while he was talking with his morning group at the time because his callsign was very close to mine. Earl immediately welcomed me into the group and we started to talk about how he also had his dad's original callsign, and we joked about how they must have taken the test together as back then there were not as many tests and very few, maybe only one test site. Earl became a supporter of NOARS, where you could find him at most of the events,

and you could hear him on the repeaters in the morning and afternoons.

Well, the holidays are behind us, at least Christmas, as I write this edition. I hope everyone had a great Holiday with family and friends and you did get something you wanted. Since I did have time away from work, I did get to do some projects. Unfortunately, most were not radio related, the biggest being the replacement of four faucets within my home. This is the one I was dreading as I really dislike plumbing and everything to do with it. So I was, as Janeen says, procrastinating. After a

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

**North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd. Coffee and donuts at 6:30 PM.**

Keith Cook, KD8GXL, Net Manager for the Burning River Traffic Net, a local training net on the National Traffic System, will present regarding Traffic Handling.

**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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few comments about when I would get to it, I woke up one morning and set out to tackle it. Although it took most of the day and one trip to Home Depot, it was completed successfully. I would imagine some may feel the same way about radio projects they are putting off, especially if it is a part of the hobby you are not entirely comfortable with, or have never done before. But, if you push through, watch a few YouTube videos, and get it done, you will learn something new and will be more comfortable tackling something similar in the future. I did get to do one radio project which I tackled as soon as the part arrived. I ordered an Anderson Powerpole distribution

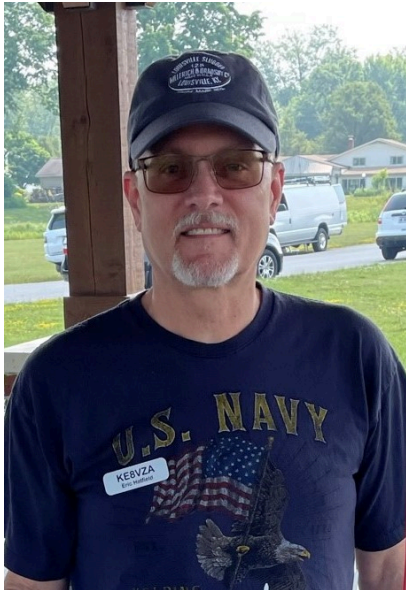
block so that I could easily power multiple devices from a single power source. That went in the shack easily and I can now switch between radios and power sources, like my Samlex power supply or a battery to test the remote rig. I also used Velcro to secure the block so that if needed, I can remove it and use on the go.

Looking forward to a New Year filled with Hamfests, POTA activations, Field Day, Fox Hunts, picnics, meetings, programs, and of course testing with many new licensed amateur radio operators.

73'

John, W8LYO

## Eric Hatfield, KE8VZA is NOARS Treasurer



After twenty-five years of service to NOARS as Treasurer, Tom Porter, W8KYZ has stepped down. Eric, KE8VZA assumed the duties of Treasurer, to begin in January 2024. Congratulations and thank you, Eric! Eric has been active in NOARS since he joined at the end of 2022, participating in Fox Hunts, POTA, and Antenna Day. He can be found helping at the Hamfests as well as supporting the club's social activities by being a member of the Social Committee. Send any correspondence for the Treasurer to him at 20246 Drake Rd., Strongsville. 44149.

## January 2024 Social Events

**Tuesday Lunch on January 2 at noon at the Golden Corral, 1519 West River Rd., Elyria.** If you like to talk and eat tasty food, the Monthly Lunches are for you. All are welcome.

**Weekend Lunch on Saturday, January 13 at 12:30 at Hooley House Pub and Grill, 24940 Sperry Dr., Westlake.**

# January Birthdays

Bill Gardner, KB8ZNR  
Bob Plow, W8NNC  
Dan Cox, KE8VYQ  
David Novotny, N8RRC  
Elijah Molseed, KE8NES  
Jane Reed, K8JGR  
Kenneth Golubski, W4CCZ  
Mark Rodgers, KE8TCE  
Russell Graham, KE8GNX  
Tom Southan, W8WLI  
William Adams, WD8OSJ  
William McKinney,  
KE8WUF

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 December

Andrew, KE8WMS  
Ann, KA8ZEP  
Bill, N8JET  
Bill, K2WJS  
Bill, N8WS  
Bob, W8OOT  
Bryan, W8JMI  
Carl, W8KRF  
Chris, KE8MMY  
Chuck, K8CVM  
Chuck, KB8LJ

Clark, N8PZD  
Dan, K8AGW  
Dan, W8AJF  
David, W8PJZ  
Dennis, KE8OQA  
Ed, WB8VOT  
Elaine, KC8FOS  
Eric, KE8VZA  
Fred, N8AHS  
Jeany, KC3QND  
John, W2JLS

John, W8LYO  
Josh, KE8YUG  
Ken, W8KH  
Mark, KC8FQV  
Mark, KG4SCK  
Mark, KE8TCE  
Matt, KC3WKU  
Michael, W8TTF  
Nick, KD8SLG  
Paul, KE8WHG  
Pete, KE8NQK

Rich, KE8YUP  
Ron, N8OD  
Sara, KC8KSU  
Scott, KE8VOX  
Simpson, N8UZF  
Tom, N8FDY  
Tom, WK8H  
Tom, W8KYZ

# January, 2024

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> NOARS Lunch at Noon 10M Net 8 PM W8LYO	<b>3</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KE8YUG	<b>4</b> 2M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> VE Testing 10:00 AM at the Fairview Park Library
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> LOTA 7 PM 10M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	<b>10</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC3QND	<b>11</b> 2M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Weekend Lunch 12:30 PM at Hooley House Pub and Grill
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NOARS Meeting 7 PM	<b>16</b> 10M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	<b>17</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC8KSU	<b>18</b> 2M Net 8 PM W8LYO	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10M Net 8 PM W8AJF	<b>24</b> Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	<b>25</b> 2M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	<b>31</b> KE8YUG			

# A Lot Happened in NOARS in 2023

**By Elaine, KC8FOS**

As you can see from the list, we are an active and vibrant club. We pretty much have something for everybody.

**January:** Online membership fee payment via PayPal took effect.

Connie Sheehan, K8CCS began duties as Secretary.

**March:** NOARS Winter Hamfest, very successful. Upgraded at VE Session to General: Chris Durkin, KE8MMY; Andrew Lent, KE8WMS; Harold Rankin, KE8WHM. Upgrades to Extra: Scott Emery, KE8VOX; John Lopez, KE8WHF  
Chris Durkin, KE8MMY became a member of the Board of Directors

**April:** First Fox Hunt of the season. The Fox Hunts happened monthly through October.

**May:** Fifth anniversary of the NOARS Monthly Tuesday Lunches.

New Program Committee members: Paul Sultan, KE8WHG and Bob Lipton, W8OOT.

POTA Party in Findley State Park. At least twenty attended.

**June:** Field Day at VFW Post 6273 in Oberlin. Antenna Day behind North Olmsted High School. Andrew Lent, KE8WMS suggested forming a Succession Committee. He is put in charge of forming and leading said committee.

**July:** First NOARS Weekend Lunch. Very successful, despite needing to vacate Dawg House Bar and Grill and find another restaurant, due to a massive water leak in the restaurant's kitchen. Restaurants used for the Weekend Lunches were Dawg House Bar and Grill (we went back another month and all was fine), Hooley House Pub and Kitchen, and Lone Tree Tavern.

Amateur Radio Meet and Greet Potluck. Planned by YLs from LEARA, Woodchucks, LCARA, and NOARS. Over twenty attended.

NOARSfest. Chris, KE8MMY passed the Extra Class exam.

**August:** Annual Picnic, which for the first time was totally potluck. Very successful. Approximately thirty attended.

**October:** Last Fox Hunt of the season

**December:** Holiday Banquet at Houlihan's in Westlake. Andrew, KE8WMS took reservations and payment, offering, for the first time ever, digital payment through Venmo, as well as cash. Twenty-nine attended.

**VE sessions:** Five held in 2023. Sixty tests administered. Forty successful new or upgraded licenses.

**New VEs** Bill, N8JET; Ed, KA0MRD.

**New Net Control Stations in 2023:** Eric, KE8VZA; Josh, KE8YUG; John, W8LYO; Sara, KC8KSU

**POTA:** Will, KE8WHM had first POTA contact; Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP activated fourteen parks; Scott, KE8VOX received the Glandularia Tampensis Award or activating and/or contacting two thousand unique parks.  
POTA Party in May.

## Programs

January: Everything You've Wanted to Know About CW but Were Afraid to Ask, by Bob Plow, W8NNC

February: The Basics of the NOARS Repeater, by Carl, W8KRF

March: Introduction to the NanoVNA, a handheld Vector Network Analyzer by Chuck, K8CVM

April: POTA: Parks On The Air: What is it? How Does it Work? How do I do it? Presented by Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP

May: Field Day, by Carl, W8KRF and Mike, KE8ETO

June: QRP, by Bob Plow, W8NNC

July: Baluns: What are they? Do I need one? Included construction of a 4:1 matching balun for an Off-Center-Fed antenna, by Chet, K8KIZ

September: Feedlines and Connectors by Paul, KE8WHG

October: Digital Multimeters for Ham Radio and Electronics Projects by Tom, N8FDY

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November: Cuyahoga County ARES – Amateur Radio  
Emergency Services by Chuck, K8CVM

### New members in 2023

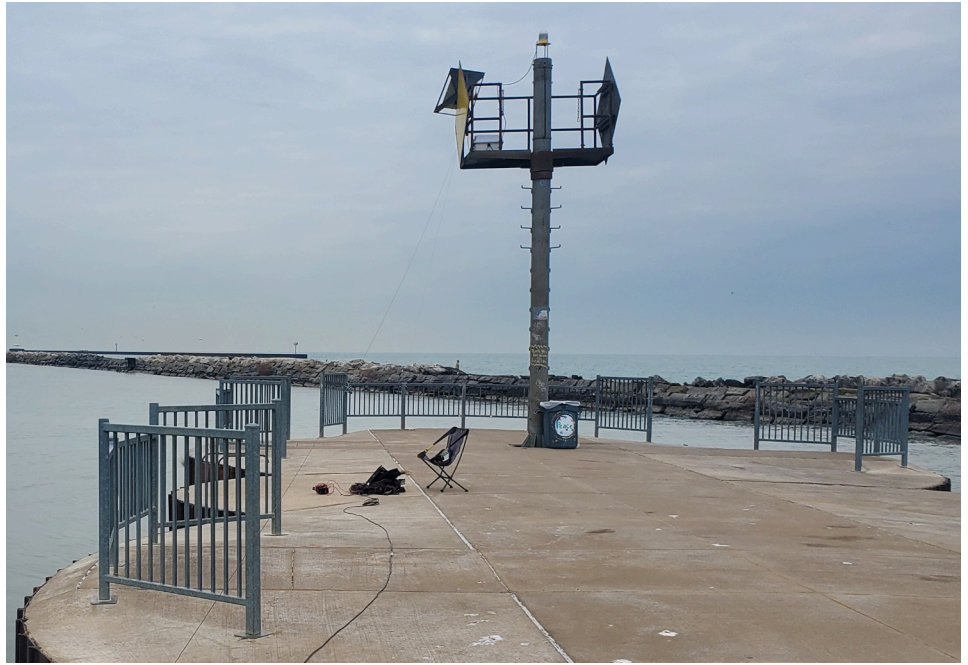
Eric Hatfield, KE8VZA of Strongsville  
John Lopez, KE8WHF of North Olmsted  
Paul Sultan, KE8WHG of Olmsted Falls  
Harold Rankin, KE8WHM of Elyria  
Bill Keppler, KE8WHP of Columbia Station  
Elijah Shepherd, KE8WUE  
William McKinney, KE8WUF

Erich Papesch, KE8WUS;  
Martin Patton, KE8UTX of Liberty Center  
Ronald Rummel, Jr., KE8SGK of Avon Lake  
Andrew Lent, KE8WMS of Westlake  
Kevin Sears, KD8BTZ and Zachary Sears, W8OSS of  
Elyria  
Jeana Eldridge, KE8VSQ and Dwayne Eldridge, WO8U  
of Wellington  
Mike Tyson, N8KMO and Mary Tyson, of Amherst  
Ryan Wilkins, AD2Q from North Ridgeville  
Richard M Gerbracht, K8EKE from Bay Village  
Daniel Lode, KI7RRP from Millersburg  
Josh Obergas, KE8YUG from Avon Lake  
Rich Whisler, KE8YUP from Parma  
Edwin Gale, KA0MRD from North Ridgeville



# Will Rankin on the Mile Long Pier on a Cold Day

You know how Will, KE8WHM throws an antenna into a tree for portable operation? You may have seen him do that at the POTA party, Fox Hunt, or Antenna Day. This time he threw a 40m end-fed-half-wave antenna over the pier's light support and grounded it to the pier itself. He used a Yaesu FT-891 on battery power with 100w. Apparently, fishermen and walkers gave him funny looks and a few asked what he was doing. The wind was extremely chilling so he could only get nine contacts on 20m before he had to call it quits.



# Ann, KA8ZEP and Dan, W8AJF Squeeze in Even More POTA in 2023

Ann and Dan ventured out to Wayne County to activate the Shreve Wildlife Area and the Johnson Woods Wildlife Area the last week of December. Ann made her 30th activation on the trip. Mr. and Mrs. POTA activated fourteen parks in 2023. Ann says doing POTA gets her

and Dan out of the house for time together, they talk about ham radio with folks who ask questions, and they see parks they would never have seen otherwise. If you are looking for good reasons to go out to a park to do POTA, these are some very good ones.





# Scott Emery, KE8VOX, POTA Activator and Hunter Extraordinaire

Scott made his first POTA contact Jan 2, 2023. Since then, he has earned twenty-nine awards and seventy-four endorsements. His most recent is the Glandularia Tampensis Award: work/activate two thousand unique parks. The two thousandth contact was made on December 25, 2023, with Sarah Facemyer, KW4BGY at

park K- 6936: Pisgah State Game Land, North Carolina. Merry Christmas! Scott's main antennas used for his POTA work were a seventy-one foot EFHW, hamstick on a pizza pan, and homebrew 10m. The photos are from the POTA Party, one of which is his hamstick on a pizza pan set-up.



# Connie, Andrew, and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Look who volunteers at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad! Connie, K8CCS is an elf on the train during the Holidays, and Andrew, KE8WMS is a trainman year-round.

With Connie in the photo, is a fellow elf who happens to be her sister, Michele. They have been elves on the CVSR for five years. They serve hot chocolate and cookies to everyone in their car on the North Pole Adventure train. Connie loves to tell jokes, some of which are for the parents and grandparents. They lead the train in holiday songs - the Twelve Days of Christmas is a

favorite. The kids have a pajama parade down the center aisle. The train travels to the North Pole which is decorated with lights, and other elves are outside waving to the kids in the train. And of course, the highlight of the ride is a visit from Santa.

Andrew has volunteered as a trainman with the CVSR since August of 2022. As a trainman he sees to the safety of the passengers, including loading and unloading, and he points out areas of interest along the ride. And of course, he gets to wear a most awesome hat.



# NOARS Holiday Banquet 2023

Twenty-nine partygoers gathered at the NOARS Holiday Banquet at Houlihan's in Westlake. We enjoyed tasty food, good fellowship, and conversation. There was also

a rousing voluntary white elephant gift exchange, during which there was strategic stealing of coveted gifts. We look forward to similar fun next year.











# Certificates Awarded at NOARS 2024 Holiday Banquet

No, these are not mug shots of dangerous felons. They are of club members who received recognition: Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP for Parks on the Air; Eric,

KE8VZA for New Ham of the Year; Sara, KC8KSU for New Net Control 2023; Will, KE8WHM for Young Ham of the Year.







# December Tuesday Lunch

Seventeen of us enjoyed each other's company at the NOARS Tuesday Lunch in December. The January

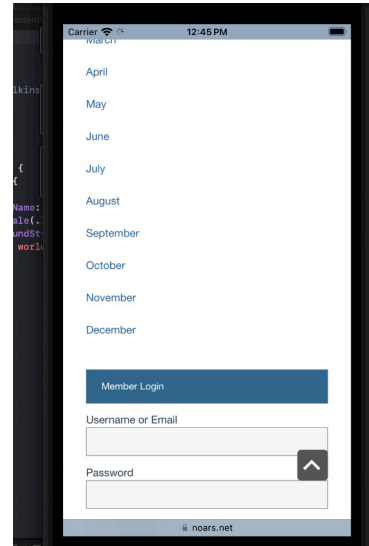
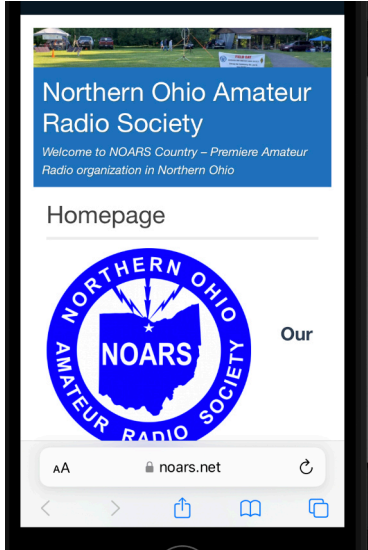
Lunch will be on the 2nd, same time, same place. Golden Corral in Elyria at noon. See you there!



# How to Access the NOARS Log on a Phone

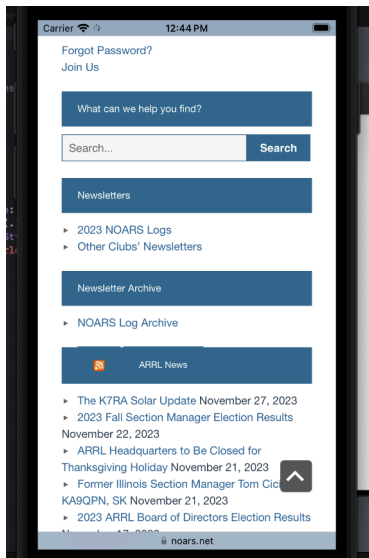
Open the phone's browser and go to noars.net. **You do not need to log in to access the newsletters.**

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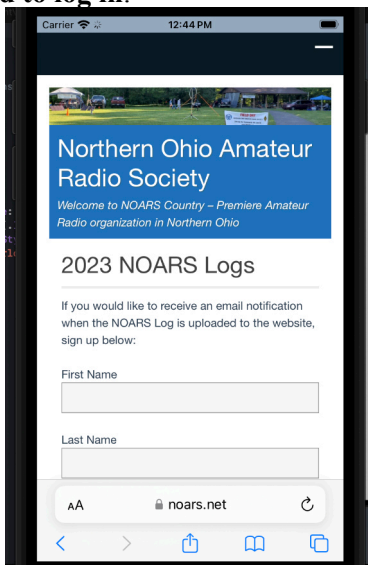


Voila! Happy reading.

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## For Sale by Tom, W8KYZ

E. F. Johnson semi-automatic telegraph key, model 114-501, with chrome base. \$40.00

Sanyo NiCad/Ni-MH AA and AAA battery charger. \$5.00

ARRL Handbook, 2010 edition with CD. \$10.00

ARRL Repeater Directory, 2009/2010 edition. \$3.00

Eight feet replacement electric cord, 6 gauge 3 conductor, new. \$3.00

Four-drawer mini chest with wheels. 27" high, 12" wide, 16" deep. Ideal for supplies, files, organization. \$10.00

Radio Shack omnidirectional outdoor FM antenna. \$10.00

One gallon plastic gas can. \$5.00

Contact Tom, 440-320-5523 or [tporter161@oh.rr.com](mailto:tporter161@oh.rr.com)

# For Sale by Bill, KB8FU

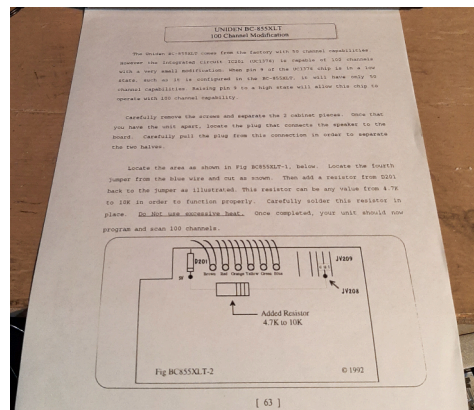
Icom F-221 128 channel, 45 watt, 440-490 MHz mobile transceiver, FCC Part 90 approved for narrow (11k0F3E) and wideband (16k0F3E). FCC ID: AFJ 262301 (<https://fcc.id/AFJ262301>) Includes programming cable, CS-F100 software. \$225.



Icom IC-4AT, 70 centimeters HT with Comm Spec CTCSS encoder. Includes desktop charger, speaker mic, RadioShack VOX module, battery extender with belt clip and various NiCd batteries. \$50



Uniden BC-855XLT desktop scanner with 100 channel modification. 29-54, 108-137 (AM), 137-174, 406-512, 806-956 MHz. \$45



Most of the parts needed to convert a Hustler 4BTV or 5BTV to a 6BTV.

These were salvaged from my old 6BTV which was purchased and used before moving back to Ohio. A previous owner shortened the 10 meter element by over 2 feet for some reason. \$10

Contact Bill at 440-281-8105

# For Sale by Pete Sklenar KE8NQQ S/K sale for Lenny N8XLQ

Yaesu FT847 Earth Station. Includes Landliner Patch. \$850.00 OBO

Yaesu FT DX 101 MP Radio, 50 MHz with FPS 101 Power Supply, Astatic Golden Eagle Mic \$3500.00 OBO

Yaesu Ft Dx 1200 Radio. \$675.00 OBO

Yaesu M-1 Mic. \$450.00 OBO

Yaesu DX1200 50MHz with Landliner Patch and monitor. \$775.00 OBO

Astatic D104 Silver Eagle mic. \$225.00 OBO

Three Astatic D104 microphones with standard base \$75.00 each. Two gray bases and one Silver.

MFJ Versa Tuner II Model MFJ 969. \$200.00

MACO M105 HV 11 meter horizontal beam antenna with vertical additional hardware for 10 Meters.  
Antenna is tuned for 11 meters. \$350.00

Cushcraft A449-11 70 Centimeter FM Yagi Antenna. \$100.00

Three MFJ 891 Cross Needle SWR/ Power meters. \$115.00 each

Two Yaesu FT101E Vintage radios. Not tested. Condition unknown. \$350.00

HY GAIN Model SPT-500 Super Penetrator 10/12 Meter Vertical antenna. \$125.00 OBO

Two Comet Vertical Antennas, Model CHA-250HD HF antennas. \$350.00 each

PowerMax AC to DC Converter Charger, Model PM3-100LKX. \$150.00 OBO

MFJ Professional Antenna Analyzer, Model MFJ-269D Pro with case and shoulder strap. \$300.00 OBO

Magnetic mount mobile antenna, 2m/70 cm. \$45.00 OBO

Pyramid Switching Power Supply, model PSV 500. (Has bad USB charging port). \$95.00 OBO

**Contact Pete at 440-281-4486**

# For Sale by Ron West, N8OD

Yaesu FT710 HF & 6 transceiver (like new). \$700

Rig Expert Zoom 55 antenna analyzer. \$200

Astron RS 35 M power supply. \$100

Wolf River Coils with 102" and 217" whips. \$125

MFJ model 939 auto antenna tuner (like new). \$150

MFJ model 962 manual antenna tuner. \$100

MFJ model 949E manual antenna tuner. \$100

MFJ model 849 200 watt swr/watt meter, 1.6 to 60 Mhz. New in box. \$100

Contact Ron West at 440-865-5845 or [ronwest47@gmail.com](mailto:ronwest47@gmail.com)

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**Chet Roberts**

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How would you like a CW OP label for a coffee mug, car window, or whatever? Get 3 of these 3" durable, waterproof and dishwasher safe labels by sending \$5 WITH a self-addressed AND self-stamped envelope to: Chet Roberts K8KIZ, 173 Fredericksburg Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012. 73!



# 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  
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W8LYO; Dave, KD8MXE; Steve, K8NIA; Bob,  
W8OOT; Bill, N8JET; Bill, K2WJS; Ed, KA0MRD

## Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY  
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Pete, KE8QNK; Bryan N8OOF  
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Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ  
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Jeany KC3QND; Bob W8OOT, Paul KE8WHG  
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Andrew, KE8WMS; Will, KE8WHM  
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, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012.



## Meetings

The third Monday of each month at the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd. at 7 PM. Coffee and donuts at 6:30. 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) for more info or register for a test. Walk-ins welcome. The next test will be Jan 6 at the Fairview Park Library.

## Net Control Stations

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