

# NOARS Log



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**K8KRG**

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## Prez Sez

A New Year is upon us. Where does the time go? As this new year starts, we can all look forward to what it brings and hope this one will be better than the last. I am sure there will be plenty of radio activities in the coming year for all to do. Which reminds me that we are a few months away from Winter Hamfest and I will need to start planning that.

December was cold and didn't allow for much time in the shack. There was the NOARS Holiday party which is always a lot of fun and good food. Thanks everyone who attended, but I wish there were more that would have shown up. I got to be Net Control for the rag chew net that fell on Christmas

night. I had a decent number of check-ins, and it was a good net. I am glad those that joined spent part of their Christmas with NOARS. If Gemini and ChatGPT are correct the last time Christmas was on a Thursday was 2014 and the next time will be 2036. Let's all make 2026 another great year for you and the club. I can't wait to see what we accomplish in the coming year.

73'

John, W8LYO

**The Membership Meeting will be Monday, January 19 at 7:00 PM.**

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

**January Program**

**Paul, KE8WHG will review various HT antennas.**

## 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.

## NOARS Meeting via Zoom

Meeting ID: 847 5848 9829

Passcode: 555074



# January 2026 Social Events

**Tuesday Lunch** will be on **January 6 at noon** at **Blue Sky** in **Elyria, 802 Cleveland Street**. All are welcome!

**Weekend Lunch at noon** on **Saturday, January 10** at **Foundry Kitchen and Bar, 525 Broad St., Elyria**. All are welcome!

## New Member

Ron Phillips, N8UKB has joined NOARS. He comes to us from Vermilion. Welcome, Ron!

## Tuesday Lunch Survey Results

As they said on Family Feud, “And the survey said!” The most popular restaurants for the Tuesday Lunch were Royal Grill and Sushi in Sheffield, Blue Sky in Elyria, and Canary’s in North Olmsted. The rotation began in December at Royal Grill. We will meet for lunch on

Tuesday, January 6 at Blue Sky, 802 Cleveland St., Elyria at noon. Is there a restaurant new to the group that you want to suggest? Contact Andrew, KE8WMS at [ke8wms@icloud.com](mailto:ke8wms@icloud.com) and it will be added to the rotation.



# January Birthdays

Bill Adams, WD8OSJ

Bill Detmar, W8PKT

Bill Gardner, KB6ZNR

Bob Plow, W8NNC

Dan Cox, KE8VYQ

David Novotny, N8RRC

Jane Reed, K8JGR

Janice Dean, W8MTR

Lorenz Holzauer, F8EWL

Mark Rodgers, KE8TCE

Rich Whisler, KE8YUP

Russell Graham, KE8GNX

Ryan Wilkins, AD2Q

Tom Southam, W8WLI

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

Ann, KA8ZEP

Bill, N8JET

Bill, K2WJS

Bill, N8WS

Bob, W8OOT

Bryan, W8JMI

Carl, W8KRF

Chris, KE8MMY

Chuck, W8CGC

Chuck, KB8LJ

Dan, K8AGW

Dan, W8AJF

Elaine, KC8FOS

Eric, KF8DLX

Eric, KE8VZA

Fred, N8AHS

Gary, KF8ANR

Gordon, AI8Y

Jeany, KC3QND

Josh, KE8YUG

Ken, W8KH

Marie, KF8ANS

Mark, KC8FLY

Mark, KC8FQV

Michael, KF8BNF

Nick, KD8SLG

Paul, KE8WHG

Pete, KE8NQK

Rich, KE8YUP

Scott, KE8VOX

Steve, KF8DJA

Timothy, KD8HAG

Tom, N8FDY

Tom, W8KYZ

# January, 2026

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

				<b>1</b> 2M Net 8 PM Eric, KE8VZA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> VE test. 10 AM Fairview Park Library
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> NOARS Lunch noon. Blue Sky in Elyria 10 M Net 8 PM John, W8LYO	<b>7</b> Food Group 7PM 2M Josh, KE8YUG	<b>8</b> 2M Net 8 PM Bill, N8JET	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Weekend Lunch Noon Foundry in Elyria
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 M Net 8 PM Tom, W8KYZ	<b>14</b> Food Group 7PM 2M Dan, K8AGW	<b>15</b> 2M Net 8 PM Tom, W8KYZ	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> NOARS Meeting 7 PM Program: Some HT Antennas	<b>20</b> 10 M Net 8 PM Elaine, KC8FOS	<b>21</b> Food Group 7PM 2M Bill, N8JET	<b>22</b> 2M Net 8 PM John, W8LYO	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 M Net 8 PM Dan, W8AJF	<b>28</b> Food Group 7PM 2M Elaine, KC8FOS	<b>29</b> 2M Net 8 PM Eric, KE8VZA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# NOARS 2025 Year in Review

## January

- Meeting Program: Tom, N8FDY and Elaine, KC8FOS presented Emergency Preparedness.
- Andrew, KE8WMS began as Chair of Social Committee.
- VE Team meeting. VEs decided to begin using ExamTools at the March test.

## February

- Meeting Program: David Vest, K8DV of DX Engineering, presented Getting the Most Out of Your HF Radio.
- John, W8LYO trained the NOARS VE team on using ExamTools. John has trained other clubs' VE Teams, as well.
- NOARS VE team begins ExamTools practice sessions in preparation for the March test.

## March

- Meeting Program: Eric, KE8VZA presented NetLogger.
- Will, KE8WHM assigned as member of the board.
- First testing session using ExamTools. VEs were John, W8LYO (Session Manager); Glenn, AF8C; Elaine, KC8FOS; Bill, N8JET; Bob, W8OOT. Greeter was Paul, KE8WHG.
- Cuyahoga County ARES Emergency Coordinator, Chuck Mehozenek, K8CVM was interviewed by Spectrum News. [www.spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2025/03/22/ohio-severe-weather-storms-emergency](http://www.spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2025/03/22/ohio-severe-weather-storms-emergency).
- Mark, KC8FLY was presented with the First Contact Award by Tom, W8KYZ, who was Mark's first on-air contact.
- NOARS Winter Hamfest: 201 in attendance.

## April

- Meeting Program: Andrew, KE8WMS presented Skywarn.
- Mother Nature rained out the Fox Hunt.
- Golden Corral in Elyria closes, caused Tuesday Lunches to find another restaurant. Suggestions for places to try were submitted. Those restaurants became the Restaurant Tour.

## May

- Meeting Program: Bill, N4NZZ presented Batteries.
- Hamvention and Antenna Day.
- NOARS Parks On The Air Party at Tinker's Creek Liberty Park in Streetsboro turned out to be a well-attended, fun, and chilly affair.
- Tuesday Lunches Restaurant Tour began this month.
- Carl, W8KRF and Jamie welcomed a new family member, Hope – a black Labrador Retriever.

## June

- June Program: John, W8LYO presented Field Day with LCARA
- Joint Field Day with LCARA.
- Jeany, KC3QND became ARES Certified.
- Mother Nature was up to her tricks and once again rained out the Fox Hunt.
- Michael, KF8BNF joined the Social Committee.

## July

- Meeting Program: Patrick Bolen, KJ7ZSU presented about Geochron.

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- NOARSfest had 139 admissions. Dr. Jack, N8NDL of CompacTenna donated a 2M/440 antenna as a prize.
- Plans began to dispose of the NOARS defunct North Royalton repeater which hadn't been used for years. Another area club is interested in it for parts.

### August

- Fox Hunt. Mother Nature behaved herself.
- Annual Picnic
- Pete, KE8NQQ and Jeany, KC3QND were married on August 24.
- Chuck, K8CVM; Tom, W8KYZ; Eric, N8AUC; Bill, K2WJS and Fred, N8AHS provided communications during Bike MS: Pedal to the Point.
- Carl, W8KRF turned maintaining club property over to Tom, N8FDY and Elaine, KC8FOS.

### September

- Meeting Program: Tom, N8FDY presented 3D Printing for Ham Radio.
- POTA Party held at Mohican State Park.

### October

- Meeting Program: Rob Dunham, KE8OKO presented Winlink.
- Paul, KE8WHG and Michael, KF8BNF were appointed as the Nominations Selection Committee for the annual elections of officers next month.
- A decision will need to be made about having NOARSfest in July 2026, or not, at LCCC as construction will negatively impact the event.
- Last Fox Hunt of the season.

### November

- Meeting Program: Rich, KE8YUP presented Building his Battery Box.
- John, W8LYO presented the 2026 Budget.
- Elections results: John, W8LYO and Eric, KE8VZA remain as President and Treasurer, respectively. Andrew, KE8WMS maintains his position as Vice President. Elaine, KC8FOS will fill the Secretary position vacated by Connie, K8CCS. Thanks for your good work over the years, Connie!
- Tom, W8KYZ and his wife, Pat welcomed Walker, a seven-year-old Boston Terrier, as a new member of the Porter family.

### December

- No monthly meeting due to the Holiday Banquet.
- Holiday Banquet had fewer attending than was hoped. Wanting to make the Holiday Banquet better, the Social Committee sent a survey to those who attended this year's or previous years' banquets. If you have never attended but would like to receive the survey, let a member of the Social Committee know. Members are Andrew, KE8WMS; Ann, KA8ZEP; Eric, KE8VZA; Michael, KF8BNF; Elaine, KC8FOS.

Members of the Board in 2025: John, W8LYO; Andrew, KE8WMS; Connie, K8CCS; Eric, KE8VZA; Carl, W8KRF; Tom, N8FDY; Will; KE8WHM.

NOARS 2025 VE Team: John, W8LYO; Bill, N8JET; Glenn, AF8C; Bob, W8OOT; Ed, KA0MRD; Scott, KE8VOX; Mark, KC8FLY; Chuck, W8CGC; Elaine, KC8FOS.

Members activating POTA parks in 2025: Chuck, W8CGC; Bill, KB8FU; Will, KE8WHM; Andrew, KE8WMS; Ann, KA8ZEP; Dan, W8AJF; Connie, K8CCS; Bill, K2WJS; Pete, KE8NQQ; Jeany, KC3QND; Michael, KF8BNF; Janice, W8MTR.

# Holiday Banquet, 2025

Eighteen of us gathered at Houlihan's in Westlake and enjoyed conversation, tasty food, and fellowship. The Social Committee is already planning the Annual Holiday

Banquet, 2026. If you have suggestions for next year's banquet, let a member of the Social Committee know. We'd love to hear your ideas.









# Christmas Season POTA for Dan and Ann

On December 18 Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP took advantage of the warmer weather and activated Findley State Park.



# December Tuesday Lunch

Though the weather was frightful, the company was delightful at the December Tuesday Lunch. Twenty of us gathered at Royal Grill and Sushi and enjoyed the great variety of good food and conversation. The January

Tuesday Lunch will be at Blue Sky in Elyria, 802 Cleveland Street at noon. All are welcome. We hope you can join us.





# December Weekend Lunch

The cold biting wind and forecast for more of the same didn't deter the 14 hardy souls who made it to Texas Roadhouse, where a good time was had by all. We hope you can make it to the January Weekend Lunch on January 10 at noon at the Foundry Kitchen and Bar, 525 Broad St., Elyria. All are welcome!





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## Meshtastic Antennas for Sale by Bill Beckman, N8LXY

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Contact Bill at [wrbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrbeck@sbcglobal.net)

## Ad Submission Guidelines

Electronic ads may be emailed to [noarslog@noars.net](mailto: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

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# For Sale by Pete, KE8NQK

Yaseu FT-847 Earth Station. \$600.00 OBO

Yaseu FT-950 Transceiver HF/50MHZ. \$550.00 OBO

Kenwood TS-940S, parts only with an extra bag of parts. \$275.00 OBO

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Autek Research MK-1 programmable keyer. Includes manual. \$45.00 OBO

Cushcraft MA160V vertical antenna. \$275.00 OBO

MFJ 20, 40, 80 meter vertical antenna \$175.00 OBO

Dentron MLA-2500 Linear Amplifier. 2,000 watts, with manual. 220 volts, untested. As is. \$1,000.00 OBO

**Contact Pete, KE8NQK, 440-281-4486 or [PSKle22383@live.com](mailto:PSKle22383@live.com)**



# For Sale by Bill Beckman, N8LXY, from the Estate of Clark Beckman, N8PZD SK

Five 10-foot sections of Rohn 45 G

One 9-foot Rohn 45 AG top section

The tower was never erected

\$1150.00

Needed hardware, NOT included. Buyer will need to buy:

6 each per section: 3/8" and 5/16" x 2" bolts with 1 inch shoulder, split lock washer and nut. All hardware should be hot dipped galvanized.

Bill, N8LXY can provide consulting, project management and tower erection equipment.

**Contact Bill at [wrbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrbeck@sbcglobal.net)**

# COMPACTenna PERFECT CB & PERFECT 10

Paul from Texas sent a photo of his easy installation and writes:

“I simply affixed the L-bracket of a standard mobile CB antenna mirror mount on the end of my roof gutter with a standard vice grip.

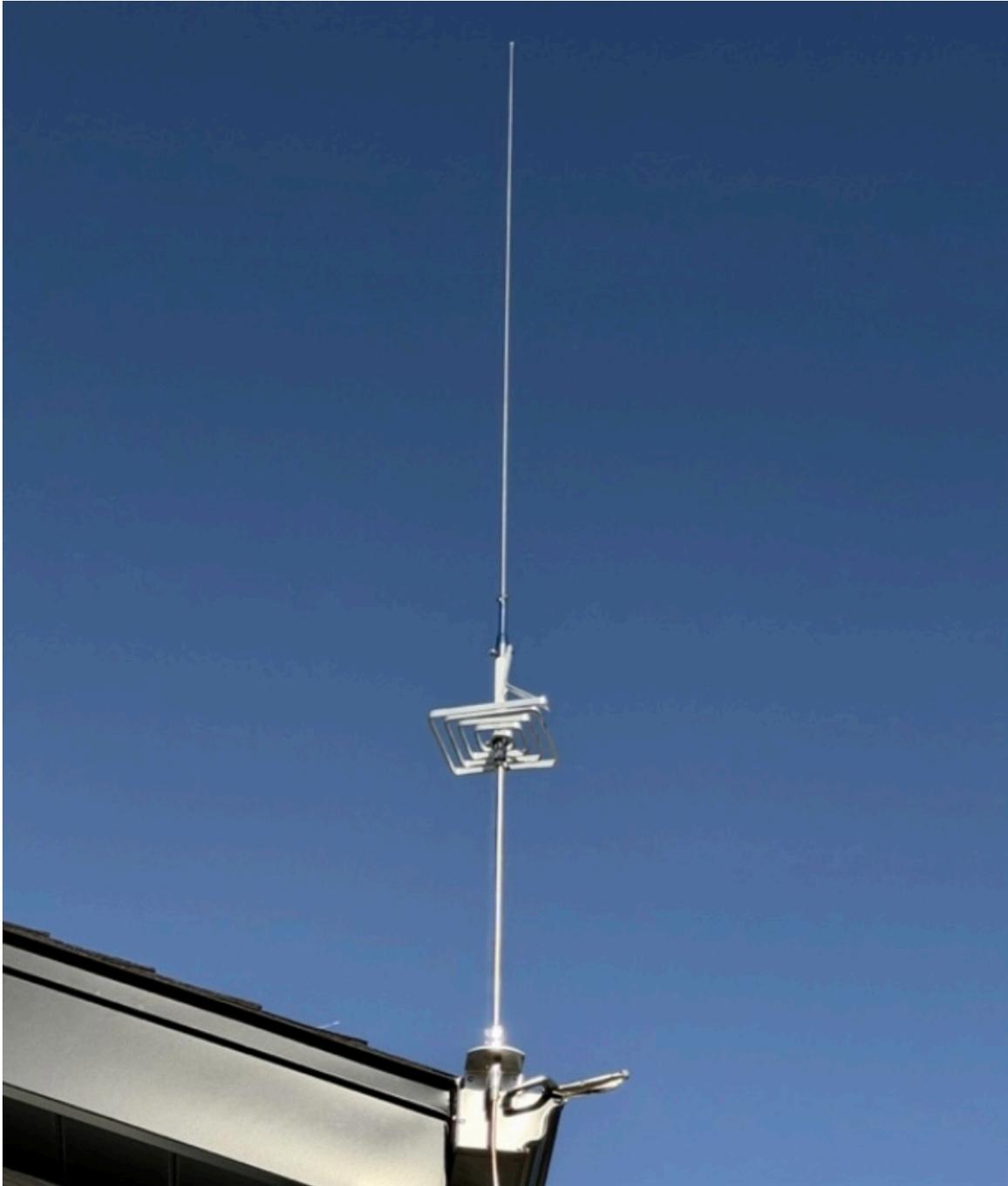
This is the stealthy look and performance that I was looking for.

It’s working great!

SWRs are 1:1 to 1:4 across 11 meters.

With my antenna mount on the gutter only about 10 feet above the ground, I am talking with area locals 45+ miles away! And I’ve been able to do DX as well all over the country.

Thank you!”



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**Chet Roberts**

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Not  
Included!**



# NOARS Information

## Members of the Board of Directors

President: John, W8LYO

Vice President: Andrew, KE8WMS

Secretary: Elaine, KC8FOS

Treasurer: Eric, KE8VZA

Others: Carl, W8KRF; Will, KE8WHM;  
Tom, N8FDY

## Others

Net Manager: Jeany, KC3QND

Club Trustee for K8KRG: John, W8LYO

NOARS Log Editors: Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS

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John, W8LYO; Bob, W8OOT; Bill, N8JET; Ed,  
KA0MRD; Scott, KE8VOX; Mark, KC8FLY

## Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

Repeaters: Carl, W8KRF; John, W8LYO;  
Pete, KE8QNK; Bryan N8OOF

Field Day: Carl, W8KRF

Hamfest: John, W8LYO

Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ

Membership: Carl, W8KRF

Club Property Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS

Programs Committee: Paul, KE8WHG Chair;

Pete, KE8NQK; Jeany KC3QND; Scott, KE8VOX

Social Committee: Andrew, KE8WMS;

Elaine, KC8FOS; Eric, KE8VZA;

Will, KE8WHM; Ann, KA8ZEP; Michael, KF8BNF

Public Relations Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS;

Michael, KF8BNF

## 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 are welcome.

## Net Control Stations

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