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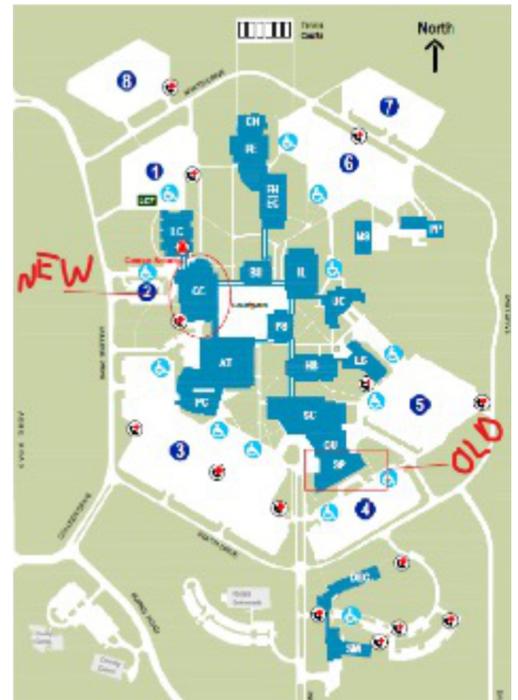
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Prez Sez

NOARS Winter Fest will be Sunday, March 8 at Lorain Community College in the College Center. This is a new building location because of construction. [A larger version of the map is on the last page of the newsletter, Ed]

The 'NEW' building location is CC in the red circle. You can see where it was held in the past 'SP' in the red square.

I had a little more time in the shack this month, which started with the shocking news that HamClock will stop functioning in June of this year. You can Google to find out why. I am not going into that in this writing. There are people looking at keeping



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NOARS Winter Hamfest

Sunday, March 8 at 9 AM to 12 PM at Lorain County Community College, College Center, Commons Area

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

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

March Program

Clear Node with Stephen Kinford, N8WB

ClearNode is a pre-configured device for amateur radio operators that allows use of a standard analog FM radio to talk to people worldwide using internet-based radio networks.

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: 892 2426 7318

Passcode: 123783



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the original going, but it uses a backend server to display the data in the panels you choose. Looking for a solution, I found one I liked - OpenHamclock. You can install it locally yourself, or share it with others if you wish, or use it directly from <https://openhamclock.com/>. If you install the local version the panel data is sourced from your device and internet connections. If you want to install it locally you can find instructions on the github site <https://github.com/accius/openhamclock/blob/main/README.md> It has multiple display options, including dockable, where you can choose the panels and what is displayed. If you are a fan of HamClock you should check out this one as well.

These are my panel choices and the information I want to display; it is customizable with more panels available.



I hope to see many of you at Winterfest. Come out and support the vendors and the club.

73'

John W8LYO

March 2026 Social Events

The March **Tuesday Lunch** will be on **March 3** at **noon** at **Royal Grill Sushi Buffet, 5234 Cobblestone Rd, Sheffield**. It has more than just sushi. All are welcome. We have reservations for the private room. They have us as a ham radio club. There will be tasty food and good company.

The March Weekend Lunch will be **Saturday, March 14** at **noon** at **Foundry Kitchen & Bar, 525 Broad St, Elyria**. All are welcome. We have reservations: Elaine Ham Radio.

Call Sign Changes for Steve Mabe and Son, Christopher Mabe

Steve and Christopher Mabe, of the POTA article later in this issue, applied for and received vanity call signs, which are takeoffs on their last name. Steve is WM4BE and Christopher is KM4BE. Clever. Congratulations to you!

Steve went back to Findley State Park Friday, February 27 in the afternoon and made 42 contacts. What a great way to start using his new call sign on a beautiful day!

MacGyver Needed a Code Key

Needing to do a little CW and not having a code key, he built one. Not MacGyver, but Bill Riley, N8JET. Bill claims it works.



March Birthdays

Alan Taylor, KF8PM
Bob Schneider, KF8DCV
Chuck Mehozonek, K8CVM
Connie Sheehan, K8CCS
Dane Johnson, WA8KMY
Dave Gulyas, W8DJG
Elaine Wilkinson, KC8FOS
Jeff Detmer, WB8PIY
Linda Fox, KM4GSF
Mark Hayden, K4OG

Paul Sultan, KE8WHG
Pete Sklenar, KE8NQK
Richard Slaght, KE8ZWE
Samson Fogo, K8DS
Tedd Mergliotta, KB8NW

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!



February 16, 2026 Membership Meeting Attendance

In Person

Ann, KA8ZEP
Bill, N8LXY
Bill, KE8WHP
Bill, K2WJS
Bob, AC7IT
Bob, W8OOT

Chuck, K8CVM
Connie, K8CCS
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Gordon, AI8Y
Jeany, KC3QND

Jeff, KF8FMI
Jim, KF8FIW
John, W8LYO
Ken, K8SCA
Pete, KE8NQK
Steve, K1SEM
Tom, N8FDY

Via Zoom

Bill, N8JET
Bob, KF8DCB
Bob, W8NNC
Ed, KA0MRD
Mark, KC8FQV
Yuri, W4YSW

Heard on the Nets in February

Ann, KA8ZEP
Bill, N8JET
Bill, KE8WHP
Bill, K2WJS
Bill, N8WS
Bob, W8OOT
Bryan, W8JMI
Carl, W8KRF
Charles, WB4AIZ
Chris, KE8MMY
Chuck, W8CGC

Dan, K8AGW
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Fred, N8AHS
Fred, KE8QFT
Gary, KF8ANR
Gordon, AI8Y
Janice, W8MTR
Jeany, KC3QND
Jim, KF8FIW

Jim, KD8OCW
John, W8LYO
Josh, KE8YUG
Ken, W8KH
Louis, KF8AHK
Mark, KC8FQV
Mike, W8TTF
Nick, KD8SLG
Paul, KE8WHG
Pete, KE8NQK
Rich, KE8YUP

Rick, KE8VRM
Scott, KE8VOX
Sergio, KB8QPT
Simpson, N8UZF
Steve, KF8DJA
Tim, KD8HAG
Tom, N8FDY
Tom, W8KYZ

March, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 NOARS Lunch noon. Royal Grill and Sushi 10 M Net 8 PM John, W8LYO	4 Food Group 7PM 2M Elaine, KC8FOS	5 2M Net 8 PM Eric, KE8VZA	6	7 License Test Fairview Park Library 10 AM. Register at hamstudy.org
8 NOARS Winter Hamfest LCCC 9-12. New location! College Center, Commons Area	9	10 10 M Net 8 PM Tom, W8KYZ	11 Food Group 7PM 2M Dan, K8AGW	12 2M Net 8 PM Tom, W8KYZ	13	14 Weekend Lunch Noon Foundry Elyria
15	16 NOARS Meeting 7 PM Program Clear Node by Stephen, N8WB	17 10 M Net 8 PM Elaine, KC8FOS	18 Food Group 7PM 2M Bill, N8JET	19 2M Net 8 PM John, W8LYO	20	21
22	23	24 10 M Net 8 PM Dan, W8AJF	25 Food Group 7PM 2M Elaine, KC8FOS	26 2M Net 8 PM Bill, N8JET	27	28
29	30	31 10 M Net 8 PM Pete, KE8NQK				

Father and Son POTA

Steve Mabe, K1SEM and his son Christopher, KF8EMX activated Findley State Park on Sunday, February 15th. They made 34 contacts each. 32 on 20 meters and 2 on 40 meters. The radio is a Yaesu FT-710; antenna is a Wolf River Coil with a 17' whip. Christopher (seated at the

table) lives in Miamisburg just south of Dayton. His family was in town for the weekend. Dave says, "We were fortunate to have a 60° partly sunny afternoon. It was a beautiful location for a POTA."



Toyota RAV4's Inaugural POTA with Dan and Ann

Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP introduced their recently-purchased 2018 Toyota RAV4 to POTA at Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area on Feb 9. Despite startup bugs, including antenna problems caused by a pinched

coax, they made 28 FT-8 contacts. What caused the pinched coax? The RAV4's doors, through which they had threaded the coax from the rig to the antenna, fit more closely than the doors on their Fords.



February Tuesday Lunch

The Tuesday Lunch on February 3 at Canary's in North Olmsted was well attended, with approximately 20 people. March's Tuesday Lunch will be on March 3rd at

Royal Grill Sushi Buffet, at noon. 5234 Cobblestone Rd, Sheffield. As always, all are welcome.







February Weekend Lunch

The photographer did not attend, so there are no photos.

There were 6 of us at the Weekend Lunch on February 7 at Wine Dive in Lakewood. Despite the small number, we had a good time socializing. The March Weekend Lunch will be on Saturday, March 14 at noon at Foundry Kitchen & Bar, 525 Broad St, Elyria. It goes without saying that all are welcome.

Coincidentally, the Wine Dive neon sign caught fire in the afternoon of the following day. Though one of the bartenders quickly reacted, some damage was done to the bar, necessitating a temporary closing for repairs. Wine Dive remains closed.

NOARS Membership Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026

Submitted by Secretary, Elaine, KC8FOS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by club president, John Dolinar, W8LYO.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Twenty-seven were in attendance, including 21 in person and 6 via Zoom.

A motion to accept the previous month's meeting minutes was made by Connie, K8CCS; seconded by Tom, W8KYZ. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report - Eric, KE8VZA. Previous month's income and expenditures reviewed and current balance announced. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Ann, KA8ZEP; seconded by Bob, W8OOT. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership – John, W8LYO. Carl, W8KRF absent. We currently have 134 members.

Winter Hamfest – Sunday March 8, 2026 at LCCC College Center. Volunteers are needed, especially to direct traffic to parking for the new venue.

Club Property – Elaine, KC8FOS. The RigExpert Antenna Analyzer has been returned. If you would like to borrow it or any of the other club's property, let us know.

Newsletter – Deadline for article submission is Feb 23.

Repeater – John, W8LYO. Carl, W8KRF absent. Windstream advised us we need to convert to fiber. Speed will increase from 5 Mbps to 300 Mbps.

Social Committee – Andrew, KE8WMS absent. No report.

Programs – Paul, KE8WHG absent. No report.

Sunshine – Tom, W8KYZ. Dave, KD8MXE SK was remembered.

Nets – Jeany, KC3QND. The nets are going well; no changes are needed.

VE Team – Elaine, KC8FOS. Steve Mabe, K1SEM, will start the process to become a VE and be a member of the NOARS VE Team. Session Manager training was held. Bob, W8OOT, will be Session Manager at the March 7 test.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pete, KE8NQK; seconded by Ken, K8SCA; the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:14

Presentation – Jeany, KC3QND. How to Set up an HF Station.



Miss Jeany, KC3QND, presenting the February program: How to Set up an HF Station. The program was well received, resulting in group discussion from the floor.

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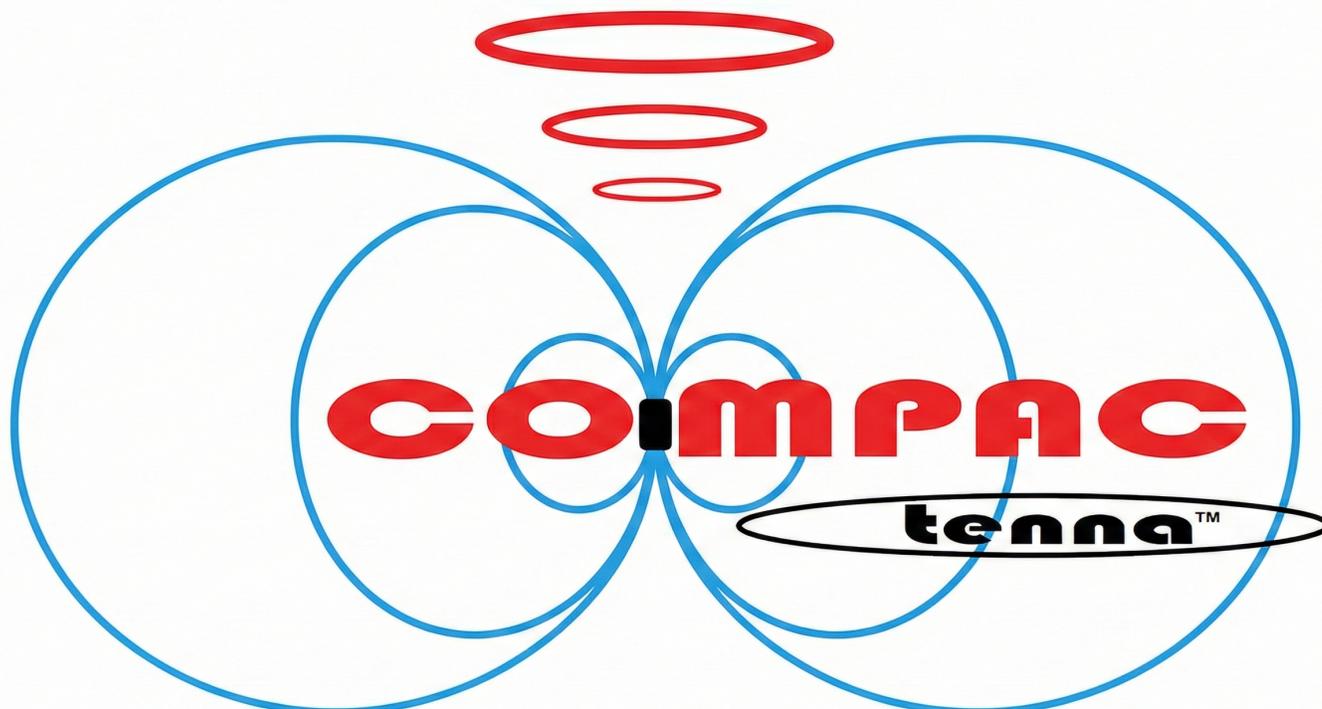
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NOARS Information

Members of the Board of Directors

President: John, W8LYO

Vice President: Andrew, KE8WMS

Secretary: Elaine, KC8FOS

Treasurer: Eric, KE8VZA

Others: Carl, W8KRF; Tom, N8FDY

Others

Net Manager: Jeany, KC3QND

Club Trustee for K8KRG: John, W8LYO

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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;

Public Relations Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS;

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 are welcome.

Net Control Stations

Jeany KC3QND
Eric, KE8VZA
Tom, W8KYZ
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
John, W8LYO
Josh, KE8YUG
Dan, K8AGW
Bill, N8JET

NOARS

Winter Hamfest

Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

Sunday, March 08, 2026

9 AM - 12 PM EDST



Lorain County Community College

College Center

Commons Area

1005 N. Abbe Rd.

Elyria, OH

===== TIME CHANGES to Daylight Savings at 2 AM Sunday =====

Setup at 7:30 AM EDST

Doors open at 9:00 AM EDST

Air-conditioned indoor vendor sales

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6 ft. indoor vendor tables - \$15.00

Vendor Discount: 20% discount for 6 or more tables Non-refundable Prepayment due by February 1, 2025

PRIZES

Hourly Prizes starting at 10 AM

Need not be present for Main Prizes but must be present for all other prizes.

Mobile check-ins and directions on **146.70- (PL 110.9) NOARS** repeater

For table reservation, contact:

John Dolinar W8LYO at (216) 276-8871 (before 9PM)

or

Email: winterhamfest@noars.net

To find out more, go to the NOARS website: http://www.NOARS.net/?page_id=1062

