



"Welcome to NOARS Country."

NOARS LOG

K 8 K R G

Amateur Radio Home of the **U.S.S. COD**

Club Repeaters

VHF: 144.550/145.150Mhz, 146.100/146.700Mhz

UHF: 449.800/444.800Mhz

Barf-80 Bulletin Board (216) 237-8208 300-28800Baud

Home of "**BART**" the DX ALERT

NETS

NOARS DX Net: Tedd KB8NW
145.150 Tuesday at 9:00PM

NOARS Net: John WD8IQJ
146.700 Wednesday at 9:00PM

NOARS Tech Net: Sandy W8KYS
146.700 Thursday at 7:00PM

December 1997

VOLUME 31

ISSUE 12

1998 EXECUTIVE COMMIT-

President: ~~Clark~~ Beckman N8PZD
Vice President: John Shaaf KC8AOX
Treasurer: Tom Porter W8KYZ
Secretary: Mike Willemin W8EU

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ARRL/VE: Dave Willemin N8DW
DXAC Member: Tedd Mirgliotta KB8NW
Membership: John Shaaf KC8AOX
Newsletter: Mike Willemin W8EU
Repeater: Glen Thome N8AKS
USS Cod: Bob Goff KA8YDS
Banquet: Gary Gargus N8DIU

*Happy
Holidays
to
everyone
!!!*

December Meeting Update

**There was no meeting in
December as this was our annual
Christmas Banquet.**

A Ham's Night Before Christmas

(Yet another corruption of Clement Clarke Moore's classic Christmas tale, this time distorted by Gary Pearce KN4AQ, and the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Raleigh, NC, December 2, 1996.)

Twas the night before Christmas, And all through two-meters, Not a signal was keying up Any repeaters. The antennas reached up from the tower, quite high, To catch the weak signals That bounced from the sky. The children, Tech-Pluses, Took their HT's to bed, And dreamed of the day They'd be Extras, instead. Mom put on her headphones, I plugged in the key, And we tuned 40 meters For that rare ZK3. When the meter was pegged by a signal with power. It smoked a small diode, and, I swear, shook the tower. Mom yanked off her phones, And with all she could muster Logged a spot of the signal On the DX PacketCluster, While I ran to the window And peered up at the sky, To see what could generate RF that high. It was way in the distance, But the moon made it gleam -A flying sleigh, with an Eight element beam, And a little old driver who looked slightly mean. So I thought for a moment, That it might be Wayne Green. But no, it was Santa The Santa of Hams. On a mission, this Christmas To clean up the bands. He circled the tower, Then stopped in his track, And he slid down the coax Right into the shack. While Mom and I hid Behind stacks of CQ, This Santa of hamming Knew just what to do. He cleared off the shack desk Of paper and parts, And filled out all my late QSLs For a start. He ran copper braid, Took a steel rod and pounded It into the earth, till The station was grounded. He tightened loose fittings, Resoldered connections, Cranked down modulation, Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes In my linear amp... (Never worked right before —Now it works like a champ). A new, low-pass filter Cleaned up the TV, He corrected the settings In my TNC. He repaired the computer That would not compute, And he backed up the hard drive And got it to boot. Then, he reached really deep In the bag that he brought, And he pulled out a big box, "A new rig?" I thought! "A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yaesu, for me?!" (If he thought I'd been bad it might be QRP!) Yes! The Ultimate Station! How could I deserve this? Could it be all those hours that I worked Public Service? He hooked it all up And in record time, quickly Worked 100 countries, All down on 160. I should have been happy, It was my call he sent, But the cards and the postage Will cost two month's rent! He made final adjustments, And left a card by the key: "To Gary, from Santa Claus. Seventy-Three." Then he grabbed his HT, Looked me straight in the eye, Punched a code on the pad, And was gone - no good bye. I ran back to the station, And the pile-up was big, But a card from St. Nick Would be worth my new rig. Oh, too late, for his final came over the air. It was copied all over. It was heard everywhere. The Ham's Santa exclaimed What a ham might expect, "Merry Christmas to all, And to all, good DX."

©1996 Gary Pearce KN4AQ Permission granted for any print or electronic reproduction.
kn4aq.gary@mms.net

NOARS NEWS

Christmas Banquet Award Winners

Clark N8PZD awarded 2 presidents awards this year the first went to Harry KA8ZDW for his help in acquiring some needed equipment so we could have power at the FD site. The second went to Tracy N8YPT for his help during FD and allowing us the use of his barn and property.

Tedd KB8NW awarded Mike W8EU the Dx'er of the year.

The NOARS ham of the year went to Ola WD8MOU, for her continuing efforts as a VE, giving tests at least once a month and for welcoming new hams into the hobby.

January Meeting Program

USS Cod. John Fakan KB8MU will give a talk about the submarine.

Pearl Harbor Day

December 7th, Clark N8PZD, Fred W8ADW, Dan N8OSM were down at the club station on board the USS COD during ceremonies to commemorate this historical event. They made contacts with veterans throughout the country and brought back alot of memories during those contacts.

Sunshine

Fred W8ADW's XYL was recently ill and is recovering at home nicely.

Christmas Banquet

The Annual NOARS Christmas Banquet was held on December 6th at Gargus Hall. The Banquet was small this year, but those in attendance had a nice time. Gary Gargus treated us once again to a fine dinner. We had music all evening and there were many people who went home with prizes.

Bird Wattmeter - Dan N8OSM Fairview Park.

50/50 Raffle - Don W8QKO Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Eveready Bunnys - KC5YSN Paul Windham and N8NDL Jack Nelson

Surprise packages - Dee Dee KA8VTS and Mike W8EU.

900 Mhz Cordless Phone - Rich KG8VU

HI FI 4 Head Magnavox VCR - Rosemary Shook KD8SC Boardman Ohio.

Sanyo 1.0 Cubic Foot Microwave - Pat Reese Lorain, Ohio.

further prizes were won by Dick Richards OM of AI8V and Harry Bates KA8ZDW each one a bottle of Spirits.

1998 HAMFEST CALENDAR

A service of the Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association

January 25 Dover, OH (I-77 exit 87) 146.73
February 1 NOARS WINTERFEST (Gargus Hall Lorain,
Ohio)
February 8 Mansfield, OH (Richland Co. Fairgrounds)
146.94
8 Latrobe, PA (American Legion) 145.15
22 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 147.27
22 Pittsburgh, PA (South Hills) 146.955
March 8 Conneaut, OH 147.39
27 Madison, OH 147.21
May 15-16-17 DAYTON !!!!
June 7 Butler, PA (Breezeshooters)
21 Macedonia, OH
July 18 NOARSFEST (Wellington, Ohio 146.70)
August 2 Randolph, OH
16 Warren, OH
Sept. 12 Wheeling, WV
27 Cleveland, OH (Hamfest Association of
Cleveland)
November 14-15 Fort Wayne, IN
Frequencies shown are Talk-In frequencies for directions.
Changes or additions should be directed to W8JV at this BBS
or @W3LIF.#WPA.PA.USA.NA



Elyria, Ohio 44035-0432
P.O. Box 432
NOARS

NOARS INFORMATION

The **NORTHERN OHIO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** is a Public Service Organization, with the purpose of education and furtherance of the art.

Meetings are held on the **Third Monday** at **Gargus Hall, 1969 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain, Ohio** at **8pm**. A **NOARS DX NET** is held on the **145.15** repeater in located in **N. Royalton, Ohio** on **Tuesday nights** at **9pm**. The **NOARS 2 METER NET** is held on the **146.70** repeater located in **Elyria, Ohio** on **Wednesday nights** at **9pm** . The **NOARS TECHNICAL NET** is held on **Thursday nights** at **7pm** on **146.70**. **NOARS** also encourages the use of **(BARF-80) B.B.S** 100% ham radio information and news. Full open access to all users **(216) 237-8208 24 hrs.** 300-14400 baud

The club's station is installed aboard the **WW II Submarine, U.S.S. COD** in the port of Cleveland from **Memorial Day** to **Labor Day**. The station is open to all members and their guests daily from 11am til 5pm.

If this is your first copy of the **NOARS LOG** why not become a member and receive it monthly? Membership is open to anyone interested in communications, whether a licensed amateur or not. Dues are 10 dollars per year for a licensed amateur (Full Membership) 2 dollars non licensed (Associate Member) 1 dollar per family member (whether licensed or not. Checks are to be made payable to NOARS (please include your call) and mailed to NOARS MEMBERSHIP P.O.BOX 432, Elyria, Ohio 44036-0432.

NOARS APPLICATION

Please Indicate NEW RENEWAL CHANGES

Name _____ CALLSIGN _____ CLASS _____ ARRL YES_ ARRL NO _____

Email Address _____

Address _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ PH(____) _____