

# NOARS LOG

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Welcome to *NOARS* Country

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## **Club FM Repeaters**

UHF: 449.800/444.800 Mhz

VHF: 146.100/146.700 Mhz

52.130/53.130 Mhz

144.550/145.150 Mhz

Home of BART the DX ALERT

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## **2001 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

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K8KRG

ON-THE-AIR NETS

**WD8IQJ – K8JWS**

NOARS Net Wednesday 9:00 P.M.

**K8WRS – KB8WOW**

NOARS Tech Net Thursday 8:00 P.M.

146.700 – 444.800 – 53.130

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## Messages from the front table - Summer 2001

### Upcoming events

**June 9/10 ARRL VHF Contest – try some VHF/UHF FM simplex contacts**

**June 10th – Goodyear Hamfest – Rich Kuster N8ZDQ**

Phone: 330-796-3951 (Work) or 330-688-3589 (Home)

**June 16th Kids Day – sharing the fun on-the-air**

**June 17th – CARS Hamfest – Rich James N8FIL**

Phone: 330-468-6021.

**June 23/24th – ARRL Field Day**

**Visit Lorain County Equestrian Center, Nickel Plate Diagonal Road**

**July 21st – NOARSFEST 2001 – John Schaaf K8JWS**

Phone: 216-696-5709

**July 22nd – Van Wert ARC – Bob Barnes WD8LPY**

Phone: 419-238-1877

**July 29th – Portage Hamfest – Joanne Solak KJ3O**

Phone: 330-274-8240

### ARRL Dues hike from \$34 to \$39 July 1st

Don't forget to renew your ARRL membership through NOARS. If you send your ARRL/QST renewal through the club, we will renew for you and the ARRL recognizes us as a Special Service Club. Just send it to NOARS a little early and we will make sure it gets to them on time. Make your check payable to NOARS, with a note about ARRL dues.

Make your comments heard, bring them to the next meeting, the whole club will benefit.

FCC's Hollingsworth told the crowd at Dayton Hamvention that amateur enforcement complaints are way down. With tongue only somewhat in cheek, he said "California" topped his list of enforcement issues that keep him awake at night. "If it weren't for California, amateur enforcement would be a one-day-a-week job," he said, "and we wouldn't need most of the rules." Hollingsworth also cited "stupidity" and unlicensed 10-meter operation as other factors that continue to provide grist for enforcement. He played taped excerpts of contentious on-air amateur discussions to demonstrate his point. "There was nothing illegal--nothing against our rules" on the tapes, he said. But, he continued, their content presents a poor image of the Amateur Service to anyone listening in--and that could include the media, decision makers and the general public.

Taken from Hamvention news

### May 21st Roll Call

Clark – N8PZD

John – K8JWS

Doug – WD8BJY

W8ADW - Fred

KC8BQO – Ken

KC8BXH – Joni

N8DIU – Gary

W8DJM - DJ

AB8GI - Sallie

K8WRS – Dave

WD8IQJ – John

N8MPC – James

WD8OFG – Harold

KD8SC – Rosemary

W8TAS – Ted

KA8VTS – DeeDee

KA8WMX – Ted

WD8SDP – Lyn

### GUEST LIST

## Minutes of the meeting May 16th, 2001

Meeting called to order at; 19:30 local time by , President Clark Beckman, N8PZD  
Roll call taken, 20 members.

Minutes printed in NOARS Log.

Treasurer's report not available, Tom W8KYZ was absent.

The standing committees, reports as follows;

Newsletter; more details requested regarding hamfest information.

DX; Tedd KB8NW was absent along with some other regular attendees recovering from the Dayton Hamvention activities.

Nets; John WD8IQJ and John K8JWS report Wed OK, Dave K8WRS reports Thur also OK – the input to 53.130 is weak due to antenna location, see repeater notes below.

Field Day; WD8IQJ will have a brief meeting after the NOARS meeting tonight. Free snacks, volleyball, drinks, horses and lots of room to camp and have fun. Tonight's program alternative power demonstrating wet cell construction using 8 lemons, copper and zinc inserts. This will be used during Field Day to demonstrate VHF emergency operation. Visit NOARS at the Lorain County Equestrian Center on Nickel Plate Diagonal Road in Carlisle Township, about 1 mile southwest from I-480 and rt 301 South, The entrance is the 3d entrance if you are coming from the north, Nickel Plate Diagonal road is 1/4 mile south of the I-480 and 301 SOUTH interchange, opposite the old fire station building on RT 301. At press time every band has equipment committed and tower brackets have been obtained, bring a friend to see this demonstration of hard work and fun blended into a radio event.

Banquet; The date will be Dec 1st, 2001 – a chairperson is needed for this fun event.

Contesting; June 9/10 ARRL VHF Contest – report grid square location (west of RT. 83 EN81 – east of RT. 83 EN91.

Hamfests; Dayton Hamvention rumors about relocating have been squelched by the Hamvention Committee. See page 2 upper left for other hamfest information.

NOARSFEST 2001– plan to help on Friday and enjoy dinner on NOARS, other help will be offered 807's Saturday.

USS Cod; N8PZD is helping with the mounting of a antenna on the superstructure, Fred W8ADW was there to help lower the 200 pound mounting bracket. July 21/22 memorial ship radio event. N8PZD attended a COD meeting and reports the COD will buy certificates and QSL cards and have a photo of the radio room circa 1945 from the national archives.

Sunshine; hospital admission \$25.00, cards for other admitted members and families.

Repeater Maintenance; 53.130 receiver substitute antenna has limited range, other linking parts are being built for the link to 145.150 repeater.

Old Business; Ken KC8BQO thanked everyone who helped out at the Lorain County Special Olympics, thanks to the great weather the rain date was not needed. The floor was opened for monkey business!

New Business; tonight's program building wet cells from lemons was aided by John WD8IQJ handiwork testing, more surface area will be needed to support the demands during field day activity. June program to be movie night, bring your popcorn – donuts and coffee is on NOARS.

Motion to adjourn at 20:30 by KA8WMX. 2nd by KC8BQO. The field day meeting followed while others browsed the lemon power demonstration – see you at field day!

## NOARSFEST 2001

**Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society** sponsors **ONE FUN HAMFEST** again for 2001 !!

*When* – table setup Friday July 20th – vendors may also setup after 5 PM until 10 PM (quiet time)  
Late arrivals into the night is fine (camping overnight Friday is permitted and encouraged), wake up, setup and enjoy! Breakfast, lunch and showers are available.

**Vendor Setup** gates open at 6 AM, public gates from 8 AM till 2 PM, at the fairgrounds there is generous free parking. Rest rooms, showers and gates close at 2:30 PM for this event.

**Where** – Lorain County Fairgrounds 1/2 mile west of Rt. 58 and Rt. 18 in Wellington, Ohio.

ADMISSION Cost is \$5 (five bucks) for all workers above 12 years of age.

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**THE Cost** for INDOOR 8 FOOT TABLES is \$15 (fifteen bucks) , not including admission.

**THE Cost** for FLEE MARKET Space is \$5 (five bucks) for 8 (eight) feet frontage, example 24 feet would cost \$15 (fifteen bucks) not including each worker admission cost.

Contact K8JWS, John Schaaf at 216-696-5709 – leave msg as needed or k8jws@arrl.net or write to

NOARSFEST  
P.O. Box 432  
Elyria, Ohio 44036-0432

HOURLY PRIZES – MOBILE CHECK IN – 50/50 RAFFLE – LADIES ACTIVITIES

VE SESSIONS – Sponsored by the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  
Visit <http://www.apk.net/noars/> for detailed driving directions and photos.

Dayton Hamvention notes;

Saturday morning's AMSAT forum included a telephone visit with "space tourist" Dennis Tito, KG6FZX. Tito told the gathering that Amateur Radio provided a great boost to his recent visit to the International Space Station. "The opportunity to do a phone patch five days in a row was a very important part of my flight, and I looked forward to it every day," he said.

A planned ham radio contact with the ISS crew from the Hamvention did not work out, however. In addition to handling the Tito interview, Roy Neal, K6DUE, of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program, also chatted with astronaut Janice Voss, KC5BTK.

Want more info about PSK31 ?? Check out the awards

Please pass the word to the PSK'ers in your group about our free Ø7Ø Club PSK award program... Info about the Ø7Ø Club can be found at our website, <http://hometown.aol.com/n3dqu/podxs.htm>

Tnx es 73 de Jay, N3DQU

### ALINCO SHIFTS NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTION, SERVICE TO OHIO FIRM

Amateur Radio manufacturer Alinco has closed its US branch in Torrance, California, and shifted its North American distribution to an Ohio firm. Alinco product distribution and customer service now are being handled by Atoc Amateur Distributing LLC in Covington, Ohio. The change was effective May 1. A news release posted on the Alinco Web site says that Alinco will continue to be "a very committed, viable player in the Amateur Radio marketplace" and that all Alinco warranties "will remain in force and continue to be honored through their term." Alinco will exhibit at Dayton Hamvention next week and will sponsor the W8BI special event station in the outdoor exhibits area as it has in past years. In addition to dealer distribution, the Atoc facility in Ohio is taking over customer support and out-of-warranty service of Alinco products and sales of Alinco parts. Parts sales have been temporarily suspended during the changeover, and service could be disrupted for a time as well. The announcement said Alinco will concentrate on designing and manufacturing products from its Japan headquarters in Osaka and factory in Toyama.

For more information, visit the Alinco Web site, <http://www.alinco.com> ,  
Or contact Atoc Distributing LLC, 23 S High St, Covington, OH 45318; 937-473-2840.

### **Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio.**

It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children.

Dates: June 16, 2001 Time: 1800 to 2400Z. No limit on operating time.

Suggested exchange: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested Frequencies: 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs. Share the fun with your neighborhood kids and relatives, it is like having a block party in your hamshack.

### **Proud of Parma On-Air!**

The Woodchuck Amateur Radio Club (KC8KLU) will operating an on-air special event station to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Parma. The station will operate from the Stearns Homestead on July 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM local time. Other hams, short-wave listeners, scanner enthusiasts may listen on the following frequencies: 145.310-, 442.125+, 28.435, and 14.310. Certificate will be available - Send QSL and SASE (9 x 12) to Jason Jodon KB8QQS, 15721 Madison Avenue Apt 1, Lakewood OH 44107.

Spread the word! We want everyone locally and world-wide to know we are Proud of Parma!

### SPACE STATIONS CONTACTS CONTINUE

2001--US Astronaut Susan Helms, KC7NHZ, took the microphone of NA1SS aboard the International Space Station May 31 to respond to questions from students at Daviess County High School in Owensboro, Kentucky. The contact marked the 15th Amateur Radio on the International Space Station QSO and the second with a Kentucky school.

"Welcome onboard Space Station Alpha. Go ahead with your questions," Helms invited. Eight students obliged with a dozen questions.

Helms said the ISS crew has not experienced any serious communication blackouts and has redundant communication systems. But if the station's communication systems were to fail, "we always have our ham radio, which we could use also to call people," she said. She told another questioner that she had been getting on the air from the ISS "on and off" depending on the crew's work schedule. She said she'd made a few contacts this morning. "I try to come to the ham radio and talk to people as much as I can," she said.

Taken from ARRL news

## **ANTENNA BILL INTRODUCED IN WISCONSIN**

Wisconsin amateurs are making another attempt at getting an Amateur Radio antenna bill through that state's legislature. Assembly Bill 368 was introduced May 3 by Rep Joan Wade, with sponsorship from 11 of her Assembly colleagues and cosponsorship from four members of the Wisconsin Senate.

Sen Fred Risser will shepherd the bill in the upper chamber. The bill will attempt to incorporate language from PRB-1--the FCC's doctrine of limited preemption of authority over Amateur Radio antenna structures--into Wisconsin state law.

Wisconsin Section Manager Don Michalski, W9IXG, credited ARRL Public Information Coordinator Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, and ARRL State Government Liaison Jim Lackore, AD9X, for spearheading the effort within the amateur community.

If approved, AB 368 would require that ordinances or resolutions affecting the placement, screening or height of Amateur Radio antennas or support structures have a "reasonable and clearly defined aesthetic, public health or safety objective." Such an ordinance or resolution also must represent "the minimum practical regulation" necessary to accomplish the locality's objectives and must reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication. The measure has been referred to the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs, and a hearing is set for May 15.

A copy of the proposed legislation is available on the Wisconsin Legislature Web site, <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2001/data/AB-368.pdf>.

More information is available on the Badger State Smoke Signals Web site, <http://www.bsos.org>.

A dozen states have incorporated PRB-1 language into their statutes.  
Bills also are pending in Nevada and New York.

## **NY Governor enrolled as ARRL member**

Antenna bill reassigned: ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, says the Assembly version of New York's Amateur Radio antenna bill, A 1565, has been reported out of the Local Government Committee and now is in the Ways and Means Committee.

The Senate version, S 2893, remains in the Senate Local Government Committee. Fallon says bill proponents have been encouraging club members around the Empire State to write letters in support of the measures. Fallon said he's "very optimistic" about the bill's chances this year. If approved by both chambers, the bill would go to Gov George Pataki, a former amateur (K2ZCZ) for his signature.

In an effort to get Gov Pataki back into ham radio, Fallon said, the governor has been presented with a two-year ARRL associate membership with the inscription, "We want to get you back into Amateur Radio. We hope that you will do for ham radio in the 21st century what Barry Goldwater did in the last century." Fallon said he's hoping to get the governor enrolled in a ham radio class and to have him visit a Field Day site next month. "It sure would be great to see a Yagi flying over the Capitol Building," he said.

The Hudson Division Web page <http://www.arrludson.org> has a copy of the bill and additional information.

## **QSL card postage to jump a penny**

It will cost another penny to mail a QSL card (sans envelope) after July 1. The US Postal Service has announced that it's raising the postcard rate by \$0.01. First-class domestic postage in the US increased to 34 cents on January 7.

Taken from ARRL newsletter

# Swap n Shop

*For Sale:* Vic Woconish N8TN – (440) 365-6672 – woconish@juno.com  
Tri-Band 10, 15, 20 meter driven element – good condition & \$80.00

15 meter driven element with omega and gamma match – good condition \$50.00

*For Sale;* Tedd KB8NW, 72 ft crank and tilt tower located in Independence, he loads – you transport. Get-on-the-air today! Asking \$1200.00 (440)237-8208

*For Sale;* N8HDE Bob has tower available with A4S antenna, other antennas may be salvageable from this project.

*For Sale;* Ted W8TAS (formerly WD8CRJ) (440) 365-8041 also on 146.700 repeater. KLM KT-34XA Tri-Band beam, 6 elements 10/15/20 Mtr New \$985.00, AES \$659.00 – Outperforms all other Tri-Banders, Ted's price \$300.00! On-the-ground – Let's talk!

*For Sale :* Richard Parfitt K8WHK 440-365-8754 Heathkit HW-101 SSB XCVR with Power Supply, Speaker, SWR-PWR meters, Includes replacement tubes, All Manuals – All Heathkit.

Excellent Condition – \$300.00

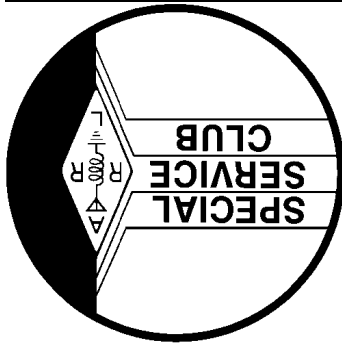
*For Sale:* Clark N8PZD (216)671-8795 – Compaq SLT286 Laptop unit with docking station and 13" VGA monochrome Compaq monitor MS-DOS 6.22, mapping software, Log EQF 8.2, Pro-Comm Plus, Paket 6.1, great at field day and portable operations. \$100.00 US – Best Offer

*For Sale:* Clark N8PZD (216)671-8795 – Kenwood 222 Mhz HT, 5/8 mag-mount, extra battery, manual and original box Asking \$200.00 US – Best Offer before Dayton 2001

*For Sale;* (440) 899-7662 From estate of Silent Key Gene Szabo WB8CJP – manuals for all Minolta X700 w/autowinder, 100-300 Zoom-lens, many filters, accessories – 600.00  
RCA Select Vision Video disk player – 200.00  
Archer 4 25 watt channel audio amp – 125.00  
Toshiba SA775 AM/FM Receiver – 75.00  
Sony Audio CD player – 100.00  
Yamaha KX W592 Cassette unit – 125.00  
Sony AM/FM Receiver Amp – 200.00  
Jefferson Marine mobile pack – 175.00  
Uniden 800 XLT desk scanner – 100.00  
Uniden 2510 10 Mtr mobile – 100.00  
Kenwood TR-751 2 Mtr All Mode – 350.00  
Mirage B108 10X80 amp – 125.00

SO YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING DURING ARRL FIELD DAY ???  
VISIT NOARS AT THE LORAIN COUNTY EQUESTRIAN CENTER LOCATED ON NICKEL PLATE DIAGONAL ROAD, BRING WHAT YOU WOULD EAT AT A PICNIC, NOARS WILL PROVIDE SOFT DRINK AND SNACKS AND OF COURSE FUN, TEAM UP ON THE VOLLEYBALL COURT OR RELAX LOGGING SOME INTERESTING CONTACTS ON VARIOUS RADIO BANDS – HAVE FUN WITH US !

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

Meetings are held on the Third Monday of each Month except December at **Gargus Catering Hall, 1969 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain, Ohio** at 7:30 P.M. The **NOARS 2 METER NET** is held each Wednesday at 9:00 P.M. on the **146.700/444.800/53.130** repeaters in Elyria, Ohio, both located atop the E.S.T. Bank Building. The **NOARS TECHNICAL NET** is held each Thursday at 7:00 P.M. on **146.700/444.800/53.130**. **NOARS** also operates a **BBS (BARF-80)** 100% Ham Radio information and news, full open access to all users at **(440) 237-8208 24 hr.** 300 - 33,600 baud. Visit **NOARS** on the Internet at <http://www.apk.net/noars/>

The **NOARS** club station donated by manufacturers 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 **NOARS** members and their guests daily from 11 AM until 5 PM.

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 \$10.00 US per year for a licensed amateur, \$5.00 for an associate member, and \$2.00 for family members. Checks are to be made payable to **NOARS** and mailed to **NOARS MEMBERSHIP, PO Box 432, Elyria, OH 44036-0432**, please include your call sign.

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