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The Newsletter of:

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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Welcome to NOARS country!

FEBRUARY 2007

NOARS meetings are held at:
GARGUS HALL
1965 N. Ridge Rd. Sheffield Oh.



V.E. Exam Schedule:
1 P.M. Third Sunday of each Month.
Elyria Red Cross 2929 W.River Rd. Elyria, Oh.
(Across from old Midway Mall)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
NOARS WINTER*HAM*FEST*2007				1 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYS	2	3
4 Winter Ham Fest See page 6	5	6	7 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: W8KYZ	8 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYS	9	10
11 Mansfield Hamfest Richland Co. Fairgrounds	12	13	14 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: WD8OFG	15 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYS	16	17
18 VE Exams	19 NOARS MEETING 7:30 pm.	20	21 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: WD8IQJ	22 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYS	23	24
25	26	27	28 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: N8CX	<u>NOARS nets are open to ALL!</u> Tune 146.70 VHF or 444.800 UHF		

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The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society K8KRG

February, 2007 Volume 43 Issue 2



Welcome To
N.O.A.R.S

Fellow NOARS members

First off I want to say to all of you a very best wishes from all at the front desk in the beginning of this new year. Don't worry I won't be including my 2007 opening address in this column. I've included that with the photo page insertion.

I want to mention and say congratulations to the new crop of special life members inducted this year. So a big huzza to:

- W8ADV Ray Smith
- W8GWD Joseph Cebula
- K8VJG Ronald Borkey
- N8TN Vic Woconish
- WD8CSP Linwood Shaw

Many thanks from all of us for these members, rewarded for their long time service and dedication making NOARS a better club for you and me.

Also at the last meeting I was privileged to present the following members with the recognition they well deserve:

- W8KRF Carl Rimmer – Ham Of The Year
- W8KYZ Tom Porter – Special Ham Of The Year
- K8JWS John Schaaf – Presidents Special Service Award

This is just the tip of the iceberg. There are a lot out there who work very hard and very long, keeping this club running smoothly. Many thanks to all of you.

Once again it's that time, time to start planning and getting ready for the year ahead. Field day, Noarsfest, Picnic and the Xmas party! It just goes on and on.

We need to perk up the membership drive and get some new ideas rolling in to keep NOARS on the move. Does a ham live down the block from you? Invite them to the March meeting. Bring them to the winter hamfest. The old saying the more the merrier could not be truer. Along those lines I've been hearing a few good ideas, to bring in the interest. With the code requirements now history, we need to attract those that are interested in this the greatest of all hobbies.

Best 73 and CUL.... John

John McKenna – WD8IQJ President NOARS

P.O. BOX 432

Elyria, OH. 44036-0432

Or: E-Mail me at: wd8iqj@noars.net

Who's Who at NOARS?

2007 Elected Officials

President: *WD8IQJ* John McKenna
Vice President *N8CX* Alan Moriarty
Treasurer *W8KYZ* Tom Porter
Secretary *KA8VTS* Darlene Ohman

K8KRG License Trustee

W8EU Mike Willemin

Committee Heads for 2006

News Letter Production: *WD8IQJ* John (*Editor*)
W8KYZ Tom (*Producer*)

A.R.R.L. V.E.: *W8KYZ* Tom Porter

Banquet:

Property Manager: *WD8BJY* Doug Krucinski
DX Correspondent: *N8CX* Al Moriarty
USS COD Coordinators: *KA8WMX* Ted Jones
Net operations Manager: *WD8IQJ* John McKenna
Hamfest Crew : *W8KYZ* Tom Porter
N8PZD Clark Beckman
N8CX Al Moriarty

Web Master@www.noars.net: *K8JWS* John Schaaf

Sunshine Committee: *KD8SC* Rosemary Shook

Repeater Upkeep: *N8PZD* Clark Beckman

Membership: *WD8IQJ* John McKenna

Contact the above people using the appropriate information in your copy of the NOARS roster

Did I leave anyone out? Let me know I'll fix it ASAP!

NOARS IS ON THE AIR!

Weekly Nets:

146.700 Wednesday Night Rag chew 9 pm local

NCS: *WD8IQJ* – *W8KYZ* – *WD8OFG* – *N8CX* – *WA8Q*

146.700 Thursday Technical discussion net 8 Pm

Local time

NCS: *W8KYS*

All are welcome on NOARS nets!

Roll Call January 15th Meeting

<i>21 Members Or Guests Present</i>				
W8KRF-Carl				W8TAS-Ted
KC8BQO-Ken	KC8BXH-Joni		WD8OFG-Harold	WA8Q-John
KC8POL-Bob	K8RWR-John	KB8MIS-Rich	W8ADV-Ray	N8PZD-Clark
N8DIU-Gary	WD8BJY-Doug	K8JWS-John	W8KYZ-Tom	KA8VTS-Dee
WD8IQJ-John	WD8KIC-Al	KD8SC-Rosemary	N8CX-Al	WA8UGC-Jim

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Solution To Puzzle 0107

Upcoming events

Have your event posted here!
 Send copy to: NOARS newsletter editor. PO BOX 432
 Elyria, OH. 44036-0432
 Or Email wd8iqj@yahoo.com - deadline is third Tuesday
 of each month for the following months publication

February 4th 2007

NOARS WINTER * HAM * FEST

An  Approved Event !!

(See Page 6 For Detail)

Contact For:

Table Reservations : Al N8CX
 Call (216) 221-3682 Email:
 n8cx@mindspring.com
 General Information: Tom W8KYZ
 Call: (440) 930-9115 Email: tporter161@oh.rr.com

February 11th

Mid-Winter Hamfest - InterCity ARC

http://www.iarc.ws
Talk-In: 146.940 (PL 71.9) Mansfield, OH
 Richland County
Contact: Dean Wrasse, KB8MG Fairgrounds
 1094 Beal Road Mansfield, OH 750 North Home Rd
 44905
 Phone: 419-589-2415

March 15th

Is The Deadline For You To Be Included In The "March
 Update Of The Roster"

N.O.A.R.S. NEWS

Echo Link Returns!

Echo Link Returns to 146.70! And is a big hit! Net members on January 17th were treated to a check in from K3LOW Hank in Texas calling in via the K8JWS/r Echo-link node also joined by WD8JJA Rick a NOARS member in the past. Now living in Indiana. And a little later on by KC9KLX Jeff a brand new ham In Illinois. Every one had a good time.

K8JWS/r operated by John K8JWS although scheduled to be linked to 146.70 only during the nets for the time being, will be expanded to a 24/7 linking in the near future.

Net Attendance Surges!

Both the Rag chew (Wed. 9pm.) and Tech (Thurs. 8pm.) nets are enjoying a surge in attendance. The number of calls heard are up substantially over the same period last year. And we can't blame it on bad weather! It just looks like people have discovered the friendly bunch that hang out there. Come join us! Now with Echo-link you can!

Help Wanted !

Net Control Station for the Thursday night tech net. No experience necessary. Give Sandy W8KYS a break. Split the load! Take every other week!
 Contact John WD8IOJ or Sandy W8KYS if you want to join in the fun

Membership News

Congratulations! And welcome back! To the following members who have renewed there memberships at the last meeting
WB8SIQ – WD8IPU – NEJET – KC8AIG – KC8CUJ – KC8REM – WA8TGS – WD8OFG – KC8TMZ – WA8Q
 These hams know a good thing when they got it!

Minutes of the January 15, 2006 Meeting
Submitted by: Darlene Ohman, KA8VTS

The meeting began at 7:40 p.m. with 21 members and guests present.

Treasurers Report: Tom Porter, W8KYZ was read and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was passed.

Secretaries Report: Darlene Ohman, KA8VTS, there were no minutes for the month of December because of the Banquet.

Presidents Speech: John McKenna, WD8IQJ, gave a speech which is printed in this newsletter. He presented three awards: Ham of the Year Award was presented to Carl Rimmer, W8KRF. Presidents Award was presented to John Schaaf, K8JWS. Special Ham of the Year was presented to Tom Porter, W8KYZ. Five Special Life Memberships Awards were given and/or sent out.

Newsletter and Membership: John McKenna, WD8IQJ, everything is going well. Dues were due by December 31, 2006.

Nets: John McKenna, WD8IQJ, the nets are going along really well.

Sunshine: Rosemary Shook, KD8SC, a card was sent to Chick, W8QSF, he was in the hospital. A planter was sent to Al, N8CX, during his stay in the hospital.

Repeater: Clark Beckman, N8PZD, nothing new to report.

DX: Al Moriarty, N8CX, Sierra 21, Bangladesh is on the air.

Old Business: Nothing to be discussed.

New Business: There are scholarships for college available, contact Tom Porter, W8KYZ, if you are interested. There was a discussion regarding starting ham radio classes. We need people to teach these classes and a place to hold these classes. Some people volunteered to look into these things and present a report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Say Happy Birthday (Send 'em ARL#46) This Month To:

(Sorry if I've missed your birthday! It's likely that I don't know what it is! Please let me know. What is your birth date? ..Ed.)

K8RWR – K8US – WB8SIQ – WA8ZPF – KA8WCS – KC8ATO

A Few Of The Callsigns Heard On The
NOARS Nets Wednesday and Thursdays nights
On The 146.700/100 Repeater In Elyria

December 27th ~ January 18th

WD8IQJ W8KYS W8KYZ WA8Q N8MPC WD8OFG W8QXF
 WA8PKC KC8VCM W8KRF W8TAS K8JWS KC8TYB N8ABD
 WD8ADG K8AGW W8ADV KC8VFE KB8BBZ K8AD WD8KIC
 KE8UV KD8EPC KD8CES W8EDS N8MXU W8DJM KC8BQO
 W8JMF K8WRS KC8AKF KB8MIS K3LOW* WD8JJA* KC9KLX*

(*Via Echo-Link)

146.700 TWO NOARS NETS FOR YOU 146.700

The 9:00 Pm Wednesday Night Rag Chew Net

One of the longest running two meter nets in northern Ohio! You all are welcome to this informal friendly net.

Hosted by: WD8IQJ – W8KYZ - WD8OFG – N8CX – K8JWS

The 8:00 Pm Thursday Technical Discussion Net.

You don't have to be a techno-geek to enjoy this friendly net slanted toward the technical side of the hobby.

Hosted by: W8KYS

Where's the DX?Taken From **KB8NW Tedd's OPDX Bulletin.**NOTE! This is but a very small part of the complete OPDX Bulletin that can be found at www.papays.com/

The Ohio/Penn DX bulletin now has a new FAX number

Contributors can send DX information to: 1-419-828-7791 **FAX only!**

IOTA NEWS - NA-246. A team of XEs and Ws will activate **Larga Island**, February 23-25th. The callsign was not mentioned. However, they plan to operate around 48+ hours with 3 stations, CW and SSB. QSL via N6AWD. **OC-212.** Nick, VK1AA, will be active as VK1AA/2 from **Broughton Island**, February 25-28th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters, CW and Phone. QSL via PO BOX 900, Spit Junction 2088 NSW, Australia.

LX, LUXEMBURG (Special Event) - Members of the Réseau Luxembourgeois des Amateurs d'Ondes Courtes (RL - Luxemburg Amateur Radio Society) will activate three special event stations during the year of 2007. Activity is to celebrate Luxemburg being the European's Capital of Culture this year. Look for the following stations to be activated by several operators: LX2007L (district Luxemburg), LX2007G (district Grevenmacher) and LX2007D

QSL INFO AND NEWS - 6I2YBG via XE2YBG - HS0ZCY via AA4XR - A62ER direct - XU7ADF via AA4XR - CN8WW direct Graham, M5AAV, informs OPDX - that he is no longer the QSL Manager for **G6PZ, GX6PZ or GB6MD**, effective immediately.

VK1AA QSL EXCHANGE SERVICE: "Part of the enjoyment of contacting other amateurs is the final courtesy of the QSO - the QSL card. In addition to the necessity of verification of contacts for awards, many amateurs enjoy collecting QSL cards. VK1AA QSL Exchange Service is a QSL service for those who would like to have a better return rate than through an existing QSL bureau.

V2, ANTIGUA - Ed, N2ED, will be active as V26G during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op entry. He will be there between February 10-21st. Look for activity on all the HF bands including the WARC bands before and after the contest. QSL V26G Via N2ED

VP2V, BRITISH - VIRGIN ISLANDS (NA-023) - Look for Steve/AKOM and his XYL Sandy/KCORD to be active as VP2V/homecall from the Island of Anegada, February 12-18th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, possibly some 80m operations if the antenna situation permits. Their emphasis will be on 40/30/17 meters, also 12m if the band is open. Operations will be primarily on CW, but with some possible SSB. Look for activity to be sporadic since this is a holiday style operation, but they do plan to be on the air at least 2-3 hours a day. Some limited time of participation, possibly 6-12 hours, and are expected in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18th), as a QRP entry. Their operating locations will vary between portable locations including the beach and from their living accommodations.

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (VU2RG News) - * Plenty of activity is on the air from the VU7RG teams on all four islands. * Depending in what IARU Region you are in, there are three different QSL routes for this operation. They are: IARU Region 1: (Europe, Africa, Middle East and Northern Asia)- QSL to the German DX Foundation: GDXF, Blumenstr. 25, 50126 Bergheim, Germany. IARU Region 2: (The Americas) - QSL to Bob Schenck, N2OO: Bob Schenck, REGION 2 QSL MANAGER FOR VU7RG, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345 USA

YW0, AVES ISLAND (Update) - The 4M5DX Group recently announced that a team of 15 experienced operators lead by Alex, YV5SSB, will be active as

Contest Corner

Excerpted from arrl.org

February 3 - 6

North American Sprint -- SSB, sponsored by the *National Contest Journal* from 0000Z-0400Z Feb 4. (CW is Feb 11) Frequencies (MHz): 3.850, 7.225, 14.275

Ten-Ten International Winter Phone QSO Party -- sponsored by Ten-Ten International from 0001Z Feb 3-2359Z Feb 4, 10 meters only.

XE International RTTY Contest, sponsored by FMRE from 1800Z Feb 3 to 1759Z Feb 4. Frequencies: 80-10 meters

QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint, sponsored by the QRP ARCI from 2000Z-2359Z Feb 4. Frequencies (MHz): 3.865, 7.285, 14.285, 21.385, 28.385

FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) Winter QRP Field Day -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the AZ ScQRPs from 1600Z-2400Z Feb 3. Use QRP calling frequencies on HF bands

February 10-14

North American Sprint -- CW, from 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11 (see Feb 4). Frequencies (MHz): 3.540, 7.040, 14.040.

CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest -- sponsored by *CQ Magazine* from 0000Z Feb 10 to 2400Z Feb 11. Frequencies: 80-10 meters.

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest -- CW, sponsored by RSGB from 2100Z Feb 10-0100Z Feb 11. Frequencies (MHz): 1.820-1.870

FISTS CW Winter Sprint -- CW, sponsored by FISTS International CW Club from 1700Z until 2100Z Feb 10. Frequencies: 80-10 meters

February 17 - 18

ARRL International DX Contest, CW, 0000Z Feb 17-2400Z Feb 18

AM QSO Party -- sponsored by the Antique Wireless Association from 0000Z Feb 17-0000Z Feb 18. Frequencies (MHz): 3.835-3.890, 7.280-7.295, 14.275-14.295

February 24-25

CQ WW 160-meter SSB Contest, 0000Z Feb 24-2400Z Feb 25

EU EME Contest -- Digital, sponsored by DUBUS and REF from 0000Z Feb 24-2400Z Feb 25. Frequencies (MHz): 50, 144, 432, 1296.

High Speed CW Contest -- sponsored by High-Speed CW Club from 0900Z-1100Z and 1500Z-1700Z Feb 25. Frequencies: 80-10 meters

North American QSO Party-RTTY, sponsored by the *National Contest Journal* from 1800Z Feb 24-0600Z Feb 25. Frequencies: 80-10 meters

Only a very small list of the contests scheduled this month check into www.arrl.org for the complete listing...ed

YW0DX from Aves Island (**NA-020**) beginning the second week of February 2007, for 10 days. Conrad, IT9DAA, the team's QSL Manager, reports that the last agreement with the Venezuelan Military Navy was to board for Aves Island February 7th (with operations beginning February 8th). Their departure day is still undetermined (the date could vary, between February 15-18th). The team has now put a survey (poll) on their Web site for band and mode needs. To participate, go to: <http://yw0dx.4m5dx.org/poll.html>

ZL, NEW ZEALAND - Bill, ZL3NB, will be active during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via the LoTW or the Bureau.

ZP, PARAGUAY (Also HH) - Dale, N3BNA, will be active from here between January 23rd and February 6th. Activity will be from ZP6 and possibly ZP9 land, so look for him to sign ZP6/N3BNA and ZP9/N3BNA. Dale mentions that he has never worked a JA station on 160 and 80 meters, and would really like to work them. Also, look for Dale from Haiti as HH7/N3BNA between February 11-24th. Dale states, "In Paraguay, I will have a big station with power...In Haiti, it will be low-profile station with 100 watts or less...so not much chance to work JA from HH7...Maybe on 40m or 80m." Please QSL ZP6/N3BNA, ZP9/N3BNA and HH7/N3BNA via KA2AEV.

Please Note: This is only a **SMALL** part of:**OPDX Bulletin #794 LOG TO: WWW.papays.com for the rest**

(Only the parts relative to the time of distribution of the N.O.A.R.S. log were included here.)

NOTICE!

Al N8CX is our DX correspondent if you have any juicy DX tidbits you want to share let Al know so he can announce them here and at the regular meetings.

For Sale & Advertisement's Page

All Submissions must be sent to wd8iqj@yahoo.com or sent to: PO BOX 432 Elyria, OH. 44036 Deadline for submissions is the Third Tuesday of each month. All must include Asking price, sellers name, call sign and phone number. Ad's from current NOARS members (or paying advertisers) only will be accepted! Notice! All ad's will be removed after three months (as space is needed) unless updated! NOARS reserves the right to refuse ad's at our discretion.

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MFJ4035MV Power Supply 30A.
 continuous, Variable voltage output
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N8KZI Elmer-(sk) Estate is offering an
ICOM IC4-AT for the best offer.....
 contact:
 Marge (440) 988 4521 for details

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 • **TS-440S** Kenwood Transceiver
 • Matching **PS-50** Powers Supply
 • Matching **SP30** Ext. Speaker
 All in "excellent" condition!
\$450.00

W8QWI Al (SK) 6/6
 liquidating his station equipment many
 items are "best offer" some are "free"
 all are good deals!
 Contact **N8MPC** Jim (440) 774-1275 for
 details

NOTICE TO ALL

Its time to let me know if your ads are still
 valid and the information is accurate

**All Ads Not Confirmed By 3/1/07
 Will Be Removed**

N8MPC Jim (440) 774-1275 11/5
BK model 2160 Oscilloscope 60Mhz.
 Dual trace and time base
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 Asking \$250

W4IDW Doug (440) 864-9942 2/7
 Needs Help With: **Heathkit** SB220 Amp.
 Wired 4 220v. Needs Rewired 4 110v
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 • **Heathkit** HW9 W/ Ps, Spkr, Meter.
 Make Offer Sell Or Trade
 ▶ Other Items As Well Call! ◀

Your ad belongs here!
 Send me your copy!

W8TAS Ted (440) 365-8041 1/6
KLM KT-34-A six element beam
 10-15-20 36' boom one of a
 kind (big gun) \$300 (bring
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CUSHCRAFT A-4-S Four element
 beam 10-15-20 18' boom
 used. \$100

CUSHCRAFT A-148-10s eleven
 element 2 meter beams (2)
 \$30 each.

DIAMOND DJ-130J Super discone
 antenna \$40

CUSHCRAFT ATB-34 Triband
 Beams (10-15-20) Meter

WILSON MA550 (rb61b) Tower
 Crank up and lay down.
 Rotor is in the base.



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Mission Statement.

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Is a public service organization with the purpose and goal to enhance the Amateur Radio Service through education and fellowship.

- Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. sharp on the third Monday of every month at:
GARGUS Catering Hall - 1969 North Ridge Road Lorain, Ohio.
- The meeting are open to the public. And all are welcome. Tune to the 9:00 pm. Wednesday night NOARS net on the 146.700/444.8 Mhz. repeaters on the E.S.T. bank Building in Elyria, Ohio for changes or updates in this schedule. Also the 146.700/444.8 repeater hosts the technical discussion net on Thursday Night at 8:00 pm.
- N.O.A.R.S. Repeater Can be found at 146.700 (-) - 444.8 (-) in Elyria, OH. and 145.15 (-) In North Royalton OH.. (although the 5.15 is down for maintenance at this printing)
- Regularly scheduled NOARS nets are every Wednesday night at 9:00 pm on 146.700 for the rag-chew net and every Thursday night at 8:pm for the technical discussion net. All licensed amateurs are welcome. NOARS membership is not necessary
- NOARS can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.noars.net>
- Noars Hosts two hamfest/computer shows annually. The winter hamfest in early February and the summer classic NOARSFEST hamfest and computer show in mid July.

.If this is your first copy of the NOARS log. Why not become a member and receive it on a monthly basis? Membership is open to anyone interested in communications. The dues schedule is: Full \$10, Associate \$5 (non licensed), Family members of a full member are only \$2 ea. make checks payable to NOARS and mail them to :

NOARS Membership Committee PO box 432 Elyria, OH. 44036-0432.

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Membership application

Please submit a separate form for each membership.

WARNING: Some of this data will appear in the roster. So please mark all information you want to be private!

Please indicate if this is a: New: Renewal: Changes: application. ***Please print!***

Call Sign _____ Class _____ License Expires ____ / ____ / ____ Birthday ____ / ____ / ____

Name First _____ Init. ____ Last _____

Membership type: Full (\$10/yr) Associate (\$5/yr) Family* (\$2/yr) Charter

Membership expiration date 12 / 31 / ARRL Y/N _____ ? Amount paid \$ _____

Street Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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* _____ Call Sign of family member with full NOARS membership

**Mailings = Monthly newsletter, Roster and/or Roster updates

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The Presidents Address At The January 15, 2007 Meeting

Fellow NOARS members, I usually do my editorials in the news letter but since this is the beginning of my third term as your chief cook and bottle washer. So I thought I might find a few things to talk about. Not being a speech writer or maker for that matter I'll do my best to keep it to the bare minimum.---- But since you've had the bad taste not to replace me I guess you have one coming.

We got a lot done in the last couple of years as far as the nuts and bolts of keeping one of Ohio's major ham radio associations moving. We got the Special life membership program off the ground. We worked hard to meet the challenges presented at the last minute and make field day 2006 one of the best that I and a lot of others can remember. Winter fest got a make over and noarsfest was far more successful than 2005. Membership is up! And in spite of itself we did have a successful Christmas party. Noars was recertified by the league as a special service club (show document) we were further recognized by the league as "spotlight club of the month" in their Ohio section news (April 2006). In fact we were the first club to be so recognized. Net activity is up in attendance thanks to the tireless efforts of all those involved. Amateur radio Newsline has been added to our list of attractions. As well as the restoration of UHF and the links to 146.70. Echo link although initially an experiment. Is just right around the corner as a full time resident as well. The website is looking better and better every day and our webmaster seems to always come up with new and exciting projects. A generous donation of equipment has started the Club/memorial station project rolling. All in all the indices all are showing a positive trend for noars.

A few things were left undone. Such as improved directors and trustee insurance coverage. A comprehensive membership drive is still ongoing. But plans for a noars sponsored ham school seem to have been side tracked. And a few other issues went to the back burner! Bit by bit I'm sure with the great staff of officers and other advisers. These ongoing projects will soon be making progress.

I'm not going to orate about the turn of affairs regarding CW. Because what's to be said has been said! And one more station heard from on that issue is just so much more QRM. What I will say is that I see it as a great opportunity for us to reap the harvest. This may well be our last Chance! With competition presented from cell phones and the www leading the communications revolution. Both offering the very things that we've all worked hard and long for. We are going to be very I repeat VERY hard pressed to keep our hobby viable. With the average age in this club slightly less than the national average. How many of us are still able to shinny up them poles at field day? How many of us are still up to lugging the towers out to the site? We need to harvest the no-coders! We need new and younger members! With the dropping of the code requirements we need to charm those people who are still attracted to this hobby... say what you want! A person willing to invest the time to get a ticket and then invest the expense to put together a station. (You all know what it costs) will be an asset to the hobby. Much more so than the grumpy old fart who refuses to accept the fact that the "the times are changing"

I want to take a moment to remember a few of our members and friends who went silent in the last few years. I'll mention the calls WA8OBA - W8ADW - W8YHT - N6FL - K8JK - WD8ADH - W8QWI - WA8KVU ----- lets remember them as we continue on with this great adventure called ham radio.

Now looking to the future. Who knows? The sky is the limit. I've said it before and I'll say it again YOU are the very talented orchestra and us at the front table are just the conductors. Your talent is what makes the marks on the paper into the music. Once again I thank you for the opportunity to sit up here. But I do have to say this..... After two years at this job (four in total) I'm really not the best person for this position. Noars needs new ideas up here. Noars needs new directions. I'm just running out of ideas and finding it harder and harder to come up with new things to keep us from stagnating. So right here and now I'm going to announce that I will not seek nor accept this post in 2008. Period! So thanks for your support in advance.

Now I get to best part of the job.And finally end this sermon. I get to recognize a few of you for the great job you've done to make all the things I've talked about happen. I'm sad that I just can't give out awards to everybody this year all I can do is recognize just the tip of the iceberg. The list of movers and shakers in this club is long. And as much as I would like to take all the credit I can't.

I want to recognize one of our members as one who's contributed much to the club behind the scenes. But yet when you look around at all the events and all the noars projects you see this guy quietly doing his thing supporting others and making what ever part he takes a no brain-er for me.: The ham of the year W8KRF Carl Rimmer. One of our newer members but an asset indeed! (I said ASSET!!!)

Last summer at Noarsfest your club secretary and I thought of another guy who's my right hand and in many cases the guy that keeps me on the straight and narrow. He grounds station WD8IQJ when it needs it. He works tirelessly in the background. And is one of the shapers of noars today. Anytime noars needs a tune-up he's the guy that you go to. The special 2006 ham of the year W8KYZ Tom Porter. Not only does he do all of the above, he keeps me from spending you're inheritance. Thanks dude! From us all!

Then there's that guy! --- You all know who. You see him at all the doings! His hands and ideas have contributed more to this club than you might think. His work for your club will be on the books for a very long time. The recipient of my special award for service. K8JWS John Schaaf.

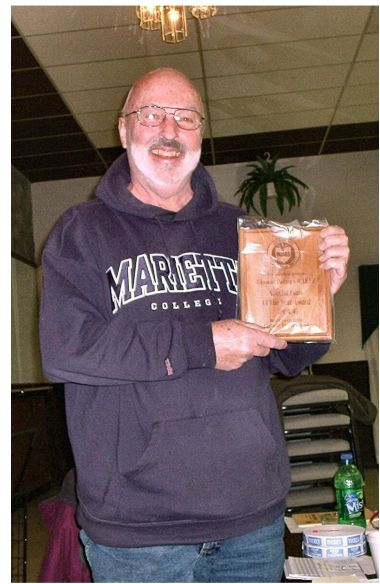
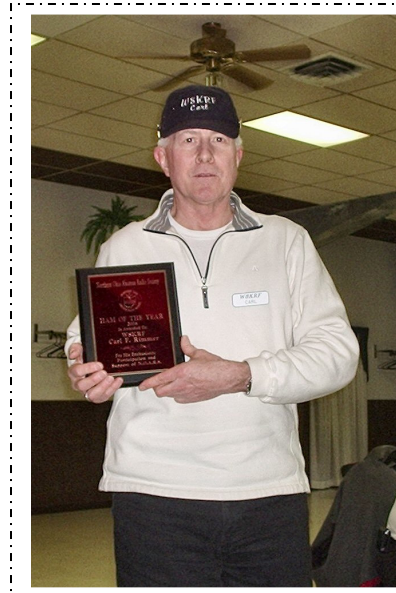
Unfortunately the awards are just a small way we can show our gratitude so let's just give it up for these individuals who do a heck of a lot with no thought of reward and accolade. Thanks to all of you.

Most importantly let me close with my thanks to you all as far as I'm concerned you all deserve awards for putting up with me for the last 2 years... Thanks

John WD8IQJ



The January 15, 2007 Meeting Attendees



Awardees 2006
 Ham Of The Year - President's Special Service-Special Ham of the year
 W8KRF Carl K8JWS John W8KYZ Tom

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