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The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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FEBRUARY 2009

NOARS Meetings Are Held at the
American Red Cross Building in Elyria
On The Third Monday
Every Month! @ 7:30 P.M.



V.E. Exam Schedule:
1 P.M. Third Sunday of each Month.
Elyria Red Cross 2929 W. River Rd. Elyria, Oh.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 NOARS Winter Hamfest	2	3	4 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: WD8ADE	5 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: WB3JVK	6	7
8	9	10	11 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: WD8OFG	12 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYZ	13	14
15 VE Testing 1PM	16* N.O.A.R.S. MEETING 7:30 P.M.	17	18 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: W8WFQ	19 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: W8KYS	20	21
22	23	24	25 NOARS NET 9 pm. NCS: W8KRF	26 Tech NET 8 pm. NCS: N8CX	27	28
Winter Hamfest Setup at 1PM on Saturday, Jan 31					*Feb 16 Meeting Program: LCCC Fab Lab Demo	

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The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society **K8KRG**



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Welcome To N.O.A.R.S 2009

Is it cold enough for all of you? This weather has tested my resolve, I'll tell you. As many of you know, we had two deaths in our family recently so we were out of town during the latest (as of this writing) arctic blast and returned to find our house at 32 degrees and just about every pipe frozen, as well as the olive oil on the kitchen counter. So far, we will have to replace two ceilings on the first floor.

But, do you do know what has brightened my day... week... month? The attendance at the January meeting. We had 25 members and guests attend. I am so delighted. It was my first meeting as the presiding officer for 2009, and it was such a good feeling to look out at all your cheery, possibly frost bitten, faces. Thank you for making NOARS one of the best amateur radio organizations on Northern Ohio.

We have a lot to accomplish this year. Most likely, by the time some of you read this, our 2009 Winter Hamfest will be history and, as I sit here now, I am confident that it will be a successful one at that. I hope you enjoyed the fellowship and, of course, the renown pancake and sausage breakfast. Those of you who prefer to read the newsletter on the website, will be doing so prior to the hamfest. We will be setting up at 1PM on Saturday, January 31, so if you can lend a hand come on out and assist us. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dee-Dee KA8VTS and Tom W8KYZ for their dedication to the success of this event. Since I am writing this pre-event, I do not know who all will come out to help with the setup and/or operation of the hamfest, however, I thank you and you will be recognized in a future edition of the NOARS Log.

So, we are off and running in 2009.

Best 73 and CUL..... *Carl*

Carl Rimmer – *W8KRF Acting Editor of the NOARSLOG*
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Who's who at NOARS?

2009 Elected Officials

President: *W8KRF Carl Rimmer*
Vice President: *N8CX Al Moriarty*
Treasurer: *W8KYZ Tom Porter*
Secretary: *KA8VTS Darlene Ohman*

K8KRG License Trustee

W8EU Mike Willemin

Committee Heads for 2009

Newsletter Production: *WD8IQJ John (Editor)*
W8KRF Carl (Asst Editor)
W8KYZ Tom (Producer)

A.R.R.L. V.E.: *W8KYZ Tom Porter*
W8KRF Carl Rimmer

Education Committee: *W8KYZ, W8KRF, KB8MIS, WA8UGC*

Property Manager: *WD8BJY Doug Krucinski*
DX Correspondent: *N8CX Al Moriarty*
Net operations Managers: *WD8IQJ John McKenna*
WD8OFG Harold Drake

Hamfest Crew: *KA8VTS Darlene Ohman*
N8PZD Clark Beckman
N8CX Al Moriarty

Web Master@www.noars.net: *K8JWS John Schaaf*
W8KRF Carl Rimmer

Sunshine Committee: *KD8SC Rosemary Shook*
Repeater Upkeep: *WB3JVK Stephen Robbins*
N8PZD Clark Beckman

Membership: *WD8IQJ John McKenna*
Elmer Corp. Representative: *W8ADV Ray Smith*

NOARS IS ON THE AIR!

Weekly Nets:

146.700 Wednesday Night Rag chews 9 pm local
NCS: *WD8OFG – WA8ADE – W8KRF – W8WFQ – KD8GXL*

146.700 Thursday Technical discussion net 8Pm Local time
NCS: *W8KYS – W8KYZ – WB3JVK*
All are welcome on NOARS nets!

Roll Call: January 19th Meeting:*25 members and guests in attendance*

KC8E Tex	W8FAN Mark	WB3JVK Steve	W8GWD Joe	AF8B Don
KD8JKE Frank	KC8VFE Dick	KD8REW Ralph	KC8TMZ Sylvia	KD8JBK Karen
WD8OFG Harold	KD8GXL Keith	N8RVE John	KD8JAN Dan	WD8ADE Julie
KC8BQO Ken	KC8BXH Joni	KD8SC Rosemary	W8TAS Ted	N8PZD Clark
W8KYZ Tom	KA8VTS Dee-Dee	W8KRF Carl	ANGELA	GARY (New Ham)

N.O.A.R.S. NEWS**Membership News**

Congratulations to **Gary Lasko** on passing his Technician license test on Sunday, January 18, 2009. His callsign is not known at this writing but I am sure we will be hearing him on the repeaters soon.

Note: This article was received in late December, 2008.

Legislative Action and the 111th Congress

As the New Year approaches so will the change in Washington. President elect Barack Obama will take office on January 20th. New Senators and members of the US House of Representatives also take office after the first of this year. Caucus totals are 233 Democrats and 202 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives and 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans and 2 Independents (who plan to caucus with Democrats) in the U.S. Senate.

With the changes in Congress and the House of Representatives we have our job cut out for us no matter how you look at it. With the changes in seat holders this means that a number of our LAAs will need to establish relations with the freshman Representatives or Senators or their aides who have taken over the offices. This will need to be done as soon as possible. The time is now to start making contact with these freshman Legislators and Congressman or their aides.

Incidentally, you are not expected to travel to Washington to perform your duties. Instead, the following discussion assumes your visits with Congressmen or their aides will occur "back home" in a local office.

Be aware that we often are unable to meet directly with a Congressman. Instead, we may meet with one of his/her aides. This is fine. The fact that you met and the legislative position you supported during your meeting will be forwarded to the Congressman. The support you show during your meeting will provide much assistance to the ARRL Legislative Advocate in Washington, DC. Your meeting will prove to the Congressman that voters back home are interested in the legislation. If you have the opportunity to drop in to meet your Congressman's aide in a local office, consider introducing yourself. Tell them that later on you will doubtlessly contact them to make an appointment to visit the Congressman while he/she is at home, or to visit him (the aide) to discuss legislation that relates to Amateur Radio. Leave your Legislative Action business card and, if possible, a brief introduction to what Amateur Radio is and how it benefits the public.

Before the day of any meeting that is to promote the ARRL/Amateur Radio legislative agenda try to read a bio on the Senator or Representative. This can be found on the Internet, so you'll know about as much as possible of his or her background and issues as well. Get a list of the committees he/she serves on or chairs so you can familiarize yourself with your senator's pet projects or work. Get with your partner and go over the packet you have received from me. Make sure you know what's in it and a little about it. Make a plan on who is going to be the main speaker for the two of you and don't contradict one another. Be professional about what you want to talk about and to the point. Write a brief summary of the issue you will discuss with the Senator.

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Minutes of the January 19, 2009 Meeting**Submitted by: Darlene Ohman, KA8VTS**

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m., 25 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, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was passed.
- **Education Committee:** Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, I have received a few emails and the opinion is to have a general class. There are no plans right now. We need to get instructors, equipment, and make arrangements for a location. I am hoping that by the end of February everything will be in place, and I will post it on the web site. Steve Robbins, WB3JVK gave the club an overhead projector for the classes.
- **Newsletter and Membership:** Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, is taking over the newsletter while John is in rehabilitation. Don't forget to renew your dues they official expire by the end of March, 2009. We would like to start emailing all the members the newsletter. If you don't have an email address the newsletter will be mailed to you. If you don't want your email address placed in the roster, I will honor that request.
- **Nets:** Harold Drake, WD8OFG, is taking over as Net Control Manager for John.
- **Sunshine:** Rosemary Shook, KD8SC, a planter was sent to Angela Lasko, who was in the hospital. A card was sent to John McKenna, WD8IQJ, who is in a rehabilitation facility. A card was sent to Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, who lost his mother on December 22. If anyone hears or knows of anyone who is sick or in the hospital, please let me or Tom Porter know so we can send them a card or a planter.
- **Web Site:** Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, is taking care of the web site, John Schaaf still has access to the web site.
- **DX:** Al Moriarty, N8CX, 80 and 75 meters has really opened up. The big thing that everyone is waiting for is LBK5, it will be operating between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2009.
- **Repeaters:** Steve Robbins, WB3JVK, all three repeaters are up and running. The 515 repeater has a problem and I will go and fix it next week.

Old Business:

- **Winter Hamfest:** The Hamfest will be on February 1, 2009 at Gargus Hall. Darlene, KA8VTS will be in charge. Doug Krucinski, WD8BJY will be in charge of the Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast. **He will need help in the kitchen. We need people to help setup tables.**
- **Charitable Contributions:** We received really nice letters from the Elyria Red Cross, the Elyria Salvation Army and Second Harvest Food Bank. We had donated \$125.00 to each one.
- **Noarsfest:** we will be held at the Lorain County Community College in the Spitzer Center. It will be held on the third Saturday in July 18, 2009. Darlene, KA8VTS will be in charge. Rosemary will not be doing bingo this year.

New Business:

We are trying to put together a program, John, N8RVE, has recommended getting the Fab Lab to come out and give us a talk about the CO2 laser.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

A Few Of The Callsigns Heard On The

NOARS Nets. Wednesday and Thursdays nights

On The 146.700 / 100 Repeater In Elyria

January 1 – January 29

**KD8JNK-K8PGA-W8KYS-N8RVE-W8KYZ-WB3JVK-WD8OFG-
KC8YYS-WA8PKC-W8FAN-W8KRF-KD8JJU-KD8JKE-
K8RWC-KB8BBZ-W8TAS-W8GWD-N8CX-K8WRS-KD8GXL-
KC8AGU-W8ADV-K8TV-W8BHJ-W8LGM-KD8JAN-KB8PEC-
KB8WUA-KB1LCS-KD8BBI**

146.700 Has Two NOARS Nets For You!**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: WD8ADE – WD8OFG – W8WFQ – W8KRF - KD8GXL

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 - W8KYZ - WB3JVK – N8CX

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

- **3W/XV, VIETNAM**
Mike, OM2DX (aka E4/OM2DX, Y19X..etc), is now in Hanoi, and is working for the Embassy of the Slovak Republic. He has obtained a license with the callsigns XV9DX and 3W1M. He is expected to be here the next 3 years and be active on all bands using CW, SSB and the Digi modes. QRNs shown that Mike has been on 40/20/17/15 meters CW this past week. QSL via OM3JW.
- **5X, UGANDA**
Peter, DL8SBQ, is now active as 5X4X from Arua until June. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB. Over the past week Peter was on 20/17/15 meters. He uses only 100 watts into a Spiderbeam for 20-10 meters and a Zepp antenna for 40 meters. PLEASE NOTE: Peter cannot operate after 2000z because the power is off in Arua. So, if you hear a station on after that time, it is a pirate. QSL via DF5GQ.
- **7X, ALGERIA**
Fred, ON6QR, will be active as 7X2ARA, the club callsign of "Amateur Radio Algerians", for only a few hours this week. He will be on the air starting at 2000z on January 17th, until early morning on the 18th. His aim is to make QSOs during the Hungarian DX Contest and will be pleased to put you in the log. His activity will be on both CW and SSB; bands will be used according to propagation. QSL via 7X2ARA.
- **A3, TONGA (EME DXpedition Report)**
Paul, A35RK, informs that he has been talking to Bob, ZL1RS (now signing as A35RS), on the phone because he was a little concerned about him due to some nasty weather and wind storms coming out of the NW. Bob is situated on the NW end of the island. Paul states, "Bob said that he has had some trouble keeping his antenna pointed, because of the wind, but he's fine and all his equipment is working OK. Bob said that he has made about 60 2m EME contacts so far."
- **ATTENTION 6M DXERS**
Justin, K9MU, has an interesting North American 50 MHz Beacon Map available at: <http://www.k9mu.com/map/>
Also, visit his VHF Web page at: <http://www.k9mu.com>
- **DXCC NEWS**
Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following is approved for DXCC credit:
T61AA - Afghanistan
PLEASE NOTE: The license for this operation has been updated. Anyone having this operation rejected recently can send an E-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.
E4, PALESTINE (Update)
The E44M operation is now QRT. For this operation you can either QSL direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (in reasonable time). An online log search is available at:
<http://www.hamradioweb.org/e44mlogsearch.html>
PLEASE NOTE:
The QSL Manager for BUREAU QSL CARDS is SP3DOI.
The QSL Manager for DIRECT QSL CARDS is IZ0BTV.

Please Note: This is only a SMALL part of: OPDX Bulletin #862 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.)

FEBRUARY'S CONTEST CORNER			MODE		
DATE	BANDS	NAME	PH	CW	DG
2/1	80-10	QRP Winter Fireside SSB Sprint	X		
2/3	80-10	Spartan Sprint		X	
2/7-2/8	10	Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party	X		
2/8	80-20	North American Sprint		X	
2/9	160-10, 6+	School Club Roundup	X	X	X
2/14-2/15	80-10	CQ WW RTTY WPX			X
2/14	80-10	FISTS CW Winter Sprint		X	
2/15	80-20	North American Sprint	X		
2/21-2/22	160-10	ARRL DX Contest		X	
2/28-3/1	80-10	North American QSO Party			X
2/28-3/1	160	CQ WW 160 Meter SSB	X		

Got 6?

Contributed By **N8OFS Andy**
VT QSOP

DATE1:FEB07 0000Z-FEB08 2400Z 2009
MODES:50.200USB+FM
EXCNG:CALL+RS+STATE
INLOG:CALL+RS+COUNTY
SPOTS:OK
LOGTO:SNAILMAIL
RULES:<http://w1bd.org/vermont-qso-party/>

MRAC FM

DATE1:FEB08 1930Z-2000Z 2009
MODES:52.53+52.55+52.57+52.59+50.30FM(HORZ)
EXCNG:CALL+GRID4
INLOG:BAND+TIMELOCAL+CALL+GRID4
BONUS:W9RH
SPOTS:YES!!!
LOGTO:n9ux@arrl.net
RULES:<http://www.w9rh.org/documents/FMCONTESTRUL>
[ES2009a.pdf](#)
FLYER:http://www.w9rh.org/documents/FM_SIM_Flier_2009.pdf

WANT MORE 6 ?

Log to: <http://www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt>

For Sale & Advertisement's Page

All Submissions must be sent to w8krf@noars.net or sent to: P.O. Box 35 Avon Lake, Oh. 44012

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 ads at our discretion.

WD8IQJ John (216) 544-5761 1/8

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W8TAS Ted (440) 365-8041 10/7

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Buddies in the Caribbean DXpedition

The "Buddies in the Caribbean" DX group which specializes in 100 watt or low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna system is off again to a new DXpedition site in the Caribbean Feb. 4-11. This time the group will be operating at different times from BOTH the French and Dutch side of St. Martin (French side)/Saint Martin (Dutch side) Island FS/PJ7. In addition, several DXpedition members may also operate from Saba Island, giving the IOTA (Islands on the Air) chasers something to listen for. No exact date during the Feb. 4-11 DXpedition has been set for the Saba operation. Announcements will be made by DXpedition team members as to the Saba Island operation beforehand. Various modes including phone, RTTY, and CW will be on the air, along with "golf cart mobile", or "bicycle mobile" both W3FF specialty operations and other unique operational situations. Each of the operators has extensive experience operating from "unique" locations or various DXCC entities.

In 2007, four of the eight operators on the 2009 DXpedition were part of the Montserrat VP2M Buddipole DXpedition. The DXpedition headquarters will be at Villa Ait Na Greine on the French side of the island. The headquarters (<http://villaaitnagreine.com>) is perched on top of a cliff overlooking the Caribbean with excellent take off angles toward North America and Europe. There will be other sites on the island, both on the French and Dutch sides, where operations will occur giving DXers a chance to work two separate DXCC countries. Watch your DX spotting networks and web pages for various stations. The DXpedition hopes to work 10-160, yes, 160m with a special Buddipole set up that has already been designed.

The group's goal will be to work stations from all over the world using Buddipole™ antennas and other newly-developed Buddipole™ antenna accessory products. The operation will be the week before the Orlando Hamfest and two weeks before the KP5 DXpedition. Operators will be using FS/home call and PJ7/homecall and plans call for contacts to be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, and an on-line log, depending on the quality of internet service at the DXpedition headquarters. Those wanting hard copy QSLs should send an S.A.E. and appropriate return postage or an SASE to the home calls of the operator(s) you've worked. All are listed at QRZ.com.

The "Buddies in the Caribbean" blog page will be <http://caribbeanbuddies.blogspot.com/>

February 2009 Word Search

N H B L K M R D T I Q G J T R
 O T D X N E S H F F E H Z W E
 I A N A I G B E A M A P C V V
 S P A N L N D F G U C O D S I
 S E B A N A K E I L D N I D E
 I T S L W R K P T T H H A T C
 M I S Y O H S Z G I W F Y A S
 S L O Z D N H G D P S M K W N
 N L R E H T W U A A C B J U A
 A E C R U Z E B Q T Y H E R R
 R T S E F M A H B H Y T J W T
 T A R A D I A T I N G N O N P
 I S M U L T I P H A S E E I X
 D D L N O K X E B T K L V J M
 T Y E S I O P R E T N U O C I

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HAMFEST	WEBSITE
DOWNLINK	SATELLITE
CROSSBAND	RADIATING
COUNTERPOISE	ANALYZER
TRANSMISSION	TRANSCEIVER
BEAM	MULTIPHASE
PATH	RANGE

MULTIPATH

**ARE THERE MORE?
 Want To See Your Word List
 Here? Send it in! I'll use it ASAP!**

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 the Elyria Red Cross facility, 2929 West River Rd. (just South of Detroit (Rt. 254)) in Elyria, OH.
- The meetings are open to the public. And all are welcome. Tune to the 9 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. Repeaters Can be heard at 146.700 (-) - 444.8 (-) in Elyria, OH. and 145.15 (-) In North Royalton OH..
- Regularly scheduled NOARS nets are every Wednesday night at 9 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 to participate. In fact all participation is encouraged and appreciated.
- 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 P.O. Box 35 Avon Lake, Oh. 44012

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Day of the meeting; dress appropriately; depending on where you live, where you'll be meeting with the Senator or Legislator will depend on what you should wear. If you were meeting them in their primary home office then a pair of dress slacks and dress shirt and maybe a tie would be appropriate. If it is in a town hall then a casual pair of slacks and shirt would fit the bill, however do not wear jeans, shorts, tee shirts or muscle shirts to these meeting be professional as you can be without going over board, if your everyday dress is a suit that is okay just don't out do your partner try and go as a team. Do not wear a ham radio name badge unless the meeting will occur at an Amateur Radio event. Arrive early to the location but don't go into the office until 5 to 10 minutes before your appointed time. Arriving early takes the guesswork out of making sure you're at the right place, that traffic wouldn't be a problem and that your nerves have a chance to calm down as these folks want to hear from you as you are the some of constituents that have put them there.

Deliver the program or subject you have practiced. Make sure they have your contact information. As a member of the ARRL legislative action team you will receive a legislative action business card with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. Be certain to thank the Congress member or aide for their time. It is also a good idea to send an e-mail "thank you" a day or two after your meeting.

73

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