



# NOARS LOG

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The February meeting was very enlightening, as Nancy KC4IYD from NASA gave us a lot of insight of what happens in micro-gravity and the reactions with radio waves in outer space, She is also active managing other clubs for youth, did anyone notice if she blinked twice? With the Winter Hamfest almost scuttled, the sun came out to shine on the event and many people came to help out in one way or another, I was getting the kitchen running and after helping Deedee and Debbie get started with tickets Stephanie came in to put the flip into the pancakes, when I got a chance to glance out, I saw tables going up like helium was below them. I did not have time to see everyone who helped, but I want to say thanks to everyone who stepped up to get-er-done, tear down went well, as I was soaking the kitchen ware and drifted out for a minute and chat with those who remained. Chet had a nice showing for the keyers and I was surprised when he clocked me at 23wpm for awhile, I have not been on CW for couple years.

Field Day will be under our feet quickly, I have a lot of memories of when NOARS was hopping in the mid 90's with towers on all the bands, below 40 running 8A-OH setting records in OH, we recently lost a couple overnite operators that kept 80 and 40 running, partly because of the mosquitos we have had a hard time getting in the groove, 3 years ago we saw the fix to getting 80 alive but our site went underwater in 2015 and we slipped. At the March meeting we will build a bazooka for 10m, plans are online and I have used one on 15m for several years – these are light and easy to get on the air with. I just met N8JIW who has a 40m/80m model so I will scout out those plans, Carl W8KRF has a productive off center dipole on 40m – these plans are online, so lets ham it up. 73..... **Clark N8PZD**

## March Birthday List

KE8CWD JOHN PALAZZI  
K8JAD JEFF DETTMER  
W1AFC DAVID BLOOD  
KF8PM ALAN TAYLOR

AF8B DON NORMAN  
KB8NW TEDD MIRGLIOTTA  
W8DJG DAVE GULYAS

# February 20th, 2017 Secretary's Report

The minutes of the Meeting of February 20th,  
Submitted by Thomas N8CWF, Secretary

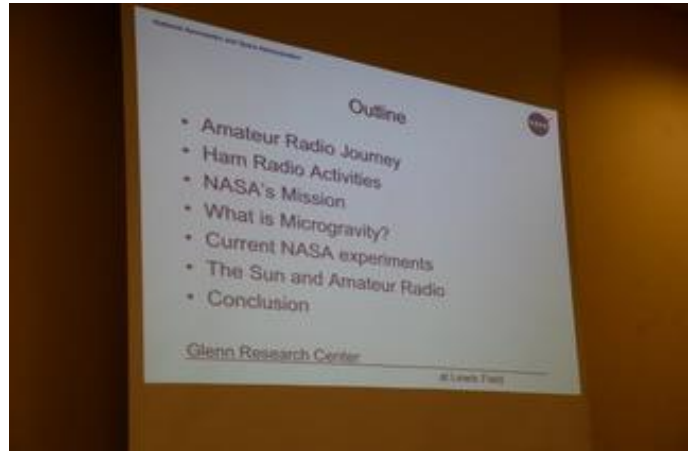
## Secretary's Report:

- The meeting came to order at 7:02 PM with 25 members and guests in attendance.
- President Clark N8PZD called for a motion to suspend the reading of the January minutes as published in the January NOARS log. The motion was made by Bob W8RET and seconded by Carl W8KRF and passed by the majority vote of the members that the minutes be accepted as published.
- Treasurer's Report:  
The Treasurer, Tom Porter W8KYZ was absent from the meeting, having other obligations. Therefore, a motion was made to suspend the reading of the Treasurer's Report by Chett K8KIZ, seconded by Dave W8KFJ and passed by a majority vote.
- President's Report: None

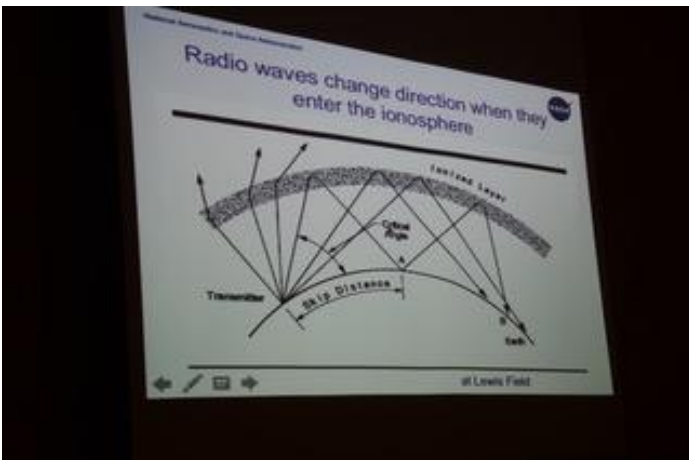
## Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership Report:  
March 5th is the final day to renew your membership. Beyond that date, if you are not current, your membership will be null and void.
- Picnic: None
- Repeater Report:  
Carl W8KRF reported that the repeater was operational and working fine.
- Net Report:  
Bob W8RET reported that the net was running like a roller coaster - the participation was going up and down. We are looking for a more consistent participation. If you are able, please check in! You don't have to stay, just give your name and call, and state that you have no comment. That is sufficient. Thank you for your help!
- Banquet: None
- Old Business: There being no old business, new business was called for.
- New Business: There being no new business, the meeting was called for adjournment. Adjournment: A motion was made by Carl W8KRF, seconded by W8KFJ, and passed by majority vote to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:14 PM
- Raffle: 50/50 – Jeff
- Announcements:\*\*\*Ham Fest - March 5th - Start work at 7 to open by 8:30 AM
- Tonight's Speaker: Nancy Hall, NASA GRC Speakers Bureau, spoke on the Topic: "How / Why Solar Events Affect Radio Transmissions" and about micro gravity

# February Meeting 02/20/2017



Presentation by Nancy Hall



## Members @ February Meeting

KY8OSU W8IMO K8KIZ W8RET K8HRD K8AGW W1AFC  
KB8WVA K8WON KB8ZUN K2WJS KE8FIQ KE8DIF W8KRF  
N8CWF W8KFJ KE8NN WA0DVY KD8QYN W8WCI  
N8NOA KD8TCZ KE8VTS

## CALL SIGNS SEEN IN NETS:

W8RET NC8X KD8VTX N8CX NQ8T K8AGW KD2HCE K8RWC  
KY8OSU K8WON N8WS KE8CWD WB8UPA N8CWF  
KD8VIQ KD8PHL KF8PM W8KRF K8KGX KC8FQV KE8ETO  
K8KIZ W8GWD KF6POE KA8BPU W8OOT KE8ZZ KD8QYN  
W8WLI

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## 2017 MARCH Calendar

			1 BRTN 9:30PM	2 2M Net 8:00P.M	3	4 ARES 8:00PM 146.625
5 SKY WARN 7:30PM 146.625	6	7 10M Net 8:00P.M.	8 BRTN 9:30PM	9 2M Net 8:00P.M	10	11 ARES 8:00PM 146.625
12 SKY WARN 7:30PM 146.625		14 10M Net 8:00P.M.	15 BRTN 9:30PM	16 2M Net 8:00P.M	17	18 ARES 8:00PM 146.625
19 SKY WARN 7:30PM 146.625	20 <b>NOARS Meeting 7:00PM</b>	21 10M Net 8:00P.M.	22 BRTN 9:30PM	23 2M Net 8:00P.M	24 LCARA & ARES 7:00P.M.	25 ARES 8:00PM 146.625
26 SKY WARN 7:30PM 146.625	27	28 10M Net 8:00P.M.				

“Russ and Johnny Show” / Every evening maybe? / from about 9P.M. or So ? Everyone Welcome

\*LCARA meets @ Red Cross(rear door)

### March 20, 2017: General Membership Meeting:

Held 7:00 P.M. sharp at the North Ridgeville Branch of the Lorain Public Library / 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Doors open 6:30 PM, coffee and doughnuts will be available, Program will follow the Meeting.

### YEARLY DUES:

Unless you have paid for multiple years in the past or you are a Life Member or you were given a complimentary membership for 2017, your 2017 Membership Dues are due. Your 2016 membership expired on December 31, 2016. If you have not paid your dues, you are no longer a member. Please send your check/money order with an application with your name and call in the memo/comment area to:

**NOARS Membership**

**161 Herrmann Drive**

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Clifford Industries Power  
Supply .3amp \$5.00

**Tom W8KYZ**  
**440.930.9115**

[The Bencher has been sold](#)

**Contest corner** – I know many of you use the cluster to take an imaginary sample of DX but I recently found a tablet application called -NCDXF- which monitors a band you choose and shows when the beacons are sending, this serves as a way for you to determine if the band is open from you to that area, this gives better hope to you because the cluster sender may be further into the grey line of propagation and you will be non productive getting a signal there.

*Some good radio time to be had here:*

AGCW YL-CW Party

1900Z-2100Z, Mar 7

South America 10 Meter Contest

1200Z, Mar 11 to 1200Z, Mar 12

North American Sprint, RTTY

0000Z-0400Z, Mar 12

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26

Missouri QSO Party

1400Z, Apr 1 to 0400Z, Apr 2 and

1400Z-2000Z, Apr 2

+ Mississippi QSO Party

1400Z, Apr 1 to 0200Z, Apr 2

North American SSB Sprint Contest

0000Z-0400Z, Apr 2

**NOARS MEMBERS:**

I was especially pleased with the turnout of help for our 2017 NOARS WHF yesterday. Enough manpower showed up early in the morning for set up and take down later in the day. Special recognition and appreciation goes to KA8VTS, Darlene and her daughter Debbie, for manning the ticket sales for admissions and table sales. K8KIZ, Chet, Vibroplex Clinic. N8PZD, Clark, for our pancake breakfast. **Nice job everyone.**

**WINNERS.....**

1st prize, KB8WNA, Dean, Elyria. \$75.00

2nd prize, N8VD, Monty, Ashland, \$50.00

3rd prize, Connie B. (XYL), Caldwell, Oh.\$25.00

\$50 ARRL Gift Certificate, K8RJH, Ron, Bedford.

\$25 ARRL Gift Certificate, Dale, Seville, Oh.

MFJ 24 hour clock, AA8H, Dave, South Shore, Ky.

MFJ 24 hour clock Tedd, KB8NW, Strongsville.

MFJ Digital LED Voltmeter (auto) Bob, WA8JBT, Galion.

MFJ 2 meter telescoping HT ant., Susan T., (XYL)

\$10 Gift Certificate, RF Adapter Guy, W8IH, Steve, Westlake.

Texas State Parks on the Air

1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9 and

1400Z-2000Z, Apr 9

+ New Mexico QSO Party

1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9

+ Georgia QSO Party

1800Z, Apr 8 to 0359Z, Apr 9 and

1400Z-2359Z, Apr 9

+ Yuri Gagarin International DX

Contest

2100Z, Apr 8 to 2100Z, Apr 9

+ International Vintage Contest HF

1300Z-1900Z, Apr 9

+ Hungarian Straight Key Contest

1500Z-1700Z, Apr 9

### **Some ham trivia from QSL net:**

What were the original call letters of the first commercial broadcasting station in the United States, issued license #1.

1. 8XJ
2. 3XJ
3. X8XK
4. 3XK

### **That's correct!**

8XK was first licensed as an amateur/experimental station to Dr. Frank Conrad, a Westinghouse Engineer. It later became the first commercially licensed broadcast station in the United States, license #1. It is now known as KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA.....Submitted by: K3SAM on 2003-06-26 18:09:13

AND this – KDKA (1020 kHz AM) is a Class A (clear channel) radio station, owned and operated by CBS Radio and licensed to Pittsburgh, PA.

Its studios are located at the combined CBS Radio, Pittsburgh facility in the Foster Plaza on Holiday Drive in Green Tree, and its transmitter site is at Allison Park. The station's programming is also carried over KDKA-FM's 93.7 HD2 digital sub channel., KDKA features a News/Talk format. Operating with a transmitter power output of 50,000 watts, the station can be heard during daylight hours throughout central and western Pennsylvania, along with portions of the adjacent states of Ohio, West Virginia and New York, plus the Canadian province of Ontario. Its nighttime signal covers much of Eastern North America. KDKA has described itself as the "Pioneer Broadcasting Station of the World", and traces its beginning — initially using the temporarily assigned "special amateur" call sign of 8ZZ — to its broadcast of the 1920 Harding-Cox presidential election results on the evening of November 2, 1920.

The grace period for renewing membership has expired. A MailChimp campaign was sent to all 2016 members. Please click on the link at the beginning of that notice and check the roster for your name and verify that all the information is correct and up to date. If you do not find your name then there is no record of the dues being paid for 2017. If you paid your dues and your name does not appear on the roster, please contact Tom Porter W8KYZ to confirm that your dues were received.

Of course, you can still pay dues and your membership will be reinstated. However, as of this date, all unpaid members will be removed from the roster and mailing lists.

As a reminder to those approaching Life Membership eligibility, if dues are not paid for 2017, a break in continuous membership will exist. There must be at least 5 years of continuous membership to be eligible for Life Membership at or after age 75.....