



NOARSLOG

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Well this has been an exciting year for NOARS and the movement is forward after some bugs hit NOARS in 2016, the Winter Hamfest is growing and will be held March 4th 2018 at the LCCC campus where the NOARSFEST has been going strong now about 10 years and the members old and young will not be struggling to get vendor tables ready as we have so many times in the past – those good ole days... Let's be glad the idea came forward and let the shopping begin!

Field day turned out to be a ham enthusiast event where the fun level was good, the fraternity shared was great as rope throwers all tested the art of above-the-tree pitching over and over and checking the VSWR, then thanks to the members of LCARA who put on a amazing breakfast – this event came back in fun loving style better than buying a lottery ticket.

Now the practical presentations NOARS members have had at the meetings, this has been growing as members with QRP, digital add on parts and complete digital transceivers have shown us some new ideas although as we have seen this target is moving into the future, ham radio is a leader of innovations.

If you listen to NOARS repeaters they are going at all hours with travelers and regular operators, hosting the nets is getting easier as those who once were only check-in stations are now net control stations, myself I do not understand how some of this works but it would not happen without the upgrade to the dual-mode repeaters and the background work being done by those in the know.

So all-in-all 2017 was a good year for NOARS, by now you have all the effects of family and friends at Thanksgiving, the December Banquet idea ran out of gas but the other events were a lot of fun. I am looking forward to 2018 events and the smiles that we all share while helping our fellow hams.

Happy New Year 73... N8PZD

Prez Sez:

I realize this is a repeat, but this is what needs done

I really believe that we have a great group of members in NOARS. An intelligent and knowledge group. But, I also realize that only a FEW members actively participate in anything except the NETS. So I know that all members need to do as much as they can to help the club grow and prosper in the coming years.

My vision for the coming year is the following:

- #1 We need to have **MORE participation from ALL members.**
- #2 We need to **ACTIVELY RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.**
- #3 We need to **Share Their Knowledge** in all areas with other members, either as a group or in a **“one on one”** situation.
- #4 We need **Regular Attendance at Meetings and Events** from all members able to do so.

If we fail to do these things, NOARS will cease to exist as a viable organization and fade away, as it seems to be doing now

Happy & Prosperous New Year...73...KY8OSU...

“GO BUCKS”

HAMS PROVIDE 2017 LORAIN COUNTY ELECTION SUPPORT

Seven area HAMS provided support for the Lorain County Board of Elections on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Operators were stationed at five locations for receiving voting material from each “voting station” Through out the county.

**Participating were Tim NC8OS, Eric N8AUC, Chris KC8CAD
Matt K8VTX, Tom W8KYZ, Carl KB8VXE, and Andy K8ALG.
HT's were used o 220MHz Repeater.**

NOARS thanks these operators for providing this “pubic service.”

The minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2017

Submitted by Thomas N8CWF, Secretary

The meeting came to order at 7:02 PM with 28 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

President Clark N8PZD called for a motion to suspend the reading of the October minutes as published in the October NOARS log. The motion was made by Bob W8RET and seconded by Tom W8WLI and passed by the majority vote of the members that the minutes be accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Tom Porter W8KYZ, gave the treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report was made by Chet K8KIZ, seconded by Bob W8RET, and received majority vote. The motion carried and the report was approved as read.

President's Report:

President Clark N8PZD reported that there was some discussion about the Constitution and By-Laws, who believed that the issue had been resolved. The issue of a Quorum was addressed and resolved.

Standing Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Dave KY8OSU asked the membership if anyone was interested in taking over the Newsletter. New members Tom and Elaine N8FDY and KC8FOS respectively, made known their interest in co-authoring the Newsletter for the coming year.

Website: Carl W8KRF reported that he has been receiving several inquiries for information that are posted on the website.

Sunshine: Clark N8PZD mentioned that Dee Dee would have attended, but the cold weather was aggravating her condition which kept her home. Chet K8KIZ reported that Dave W8KFJ had fallen ill and needed to rest.

Tom W8KYZ reported that Bob KM4REO and his wife had been on their way to Florida and suffered a fatal car accident. His services were on Monday, and were well attended. He is survived by his wife, who is currently undergoing care to recover.

Repeater Report: Carl W8KRF reported that while the battery backup for the UHF repeater had been implemented and installed, the VHF side still needed some attention to add a system large enough to power the amplifier, as there was no pass-through in the event of a power failure. It was discussed that a solution to the pass-through should be investigated.

Net Report: Bob W8RET reported that while the 10m net had gained some popularity, the 2m net attendance has been wavering. He also asked if any would be interested in joining the Net Control team. Interested parties can contact Bob, one of the Board Members, or make your desire known during a net or meeting.

Old Business: President Clark N8PZD brought to the attention of the membership that there was a submission from the Constitution Committee with a proposed change to the Constitution and By-Laws which had been submitted for approval, as posted in the October Newsletter. There was a call for discussion, but there being none, a motion was made by Thomas N8CWF, seconded by Chet K8KIZ to accept the revisions as posted. A vote was called. Having no further objections, the revisions were accepted and will henceforth become the official Constitution and By-Laws of the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society. The final revision will be made available in the usual manner.

New Business: Clark N8PZD brought up that the Winter Ham Fest will be brought to the college this year. LCCC on Abbe Rd. Elyria, OH. Tom W8KYZ mentioned that Chet K8KIZ has also offered his programming services for this event. The doors will open for admission at 8 AM. The event will end at noon. Vendors will be allowed to come and set up at 7 AM. Clark N8PZD also wanted to know if there was enough participation for a Banquet. The requirement for Sugar Creek is 25 persons.

Announcements: There being no announcements, the meeting was called to Adjournment.

Tonight's Speaker: Chet K8KIZ made a wonderful presentation on SDR.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chet K8KIZ, seconded by Mark K8WON, and passed by majority vote to adjourn the meeting.

Time: 7:48 PM

2017 December Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	0
03	04	05 10M Net 8:00P.M	06 BRTN 9:30PM	07 2M Net 8:00P.M.	08	09
10	11	12 10M Net 8:00P.M	13 BRTN 9:30PM	14 2M Net 8:00P.M.	15 LCARA/ ARES Meeting 7:00PM	16
17 V E TESTING @RedCross	18	19 10M Net 8:00P.M	20 BRTN 9:30PM	21 2M Net 8:00P.M.	22	23
24	25	26 10M Net 8:00P.M.	27 BRTN 9:30PM	28 2M Net 8:00P.M.	29	30

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

NOARS Meeting List:

KY8OSU W8WLI K8AGV K8AGW
 KE8GNX N8CWF N8FDY KC8FOS KD8MUF K8HRD
 K8KIZ W8KRF W8NNC W8RET N8AHS W8KYZ NC8X
 KE8GXBW1AFC W8OOT WA0DUY W2WJS KD8VIQ N8PZD
 Mike Paoletta Allen Higgin

BIRTHDAY LIST:

KB8ZUN KD8VIQ KD8VTX W8KYZ
 KE8GXB WA8THF K8WON KE8EGZ NQ8T

Heard on the Nets:

KC8VKA	W8RET	KD8WON	W8KRF	K8WRS	KK8ZZ	K8AGV
W8KYZ	NC8X	KF8PM	WB8UPA	K8RWR	AC8TX	411ABN
K8CS	WA8UGC	KD2HCE	WA8ERA	K8IC	KD8AGG	KD8VIQ
NQ8T	K8IIT	WD8OSJ	KY8OSU	KY4CA	KD8RSU	KC8FOS
KD8VTX	KE8IDH	KC8FQV	W8WLI	KA8ZER	KB8O	N8FDY
N8CX	K8ALG	K8RWC	W8KYS	KD8ZRL	WA8LGM	KE8GKO
K8AGW	K2WJS	N8WS	W8GWD	W8BHJ	WA8CAC	WD8SCP
KA8BPU	W8OOT	K8KGX	KD8NGE	N8AHS	W8TZF	K2KSU

FOR SALE: Contact: Bob W8RET 440-365-6829

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Mosley MP-33 Tig Array

“ PRO-57-A HF antenna

Tail Twister T2X Rotator

US Tower Crank up

TESTING EQUIPMENT (FREE)

Hickok Model 533 Tube Tester

“ “ 800 “ “

“ “ 288X Signal Generator

“ “ 610A TV/FM alignment generator

“ “ 292X Microvolt signal generator

Triplett “ 630 Volt/Ohm ammeter

Philco “ 7001 Circuit tester/ohm meter

ARRL (FREE)

VINTAGE LOG BOOKS (FREE)

1977 ARRL Advanced Class License

AMECO LOG BOOK circa 1960

1977 “ Technician Q & A

DRAKE “ “ “ “

1977 “ Understanding Amateur Radio

COLLINS “ “ 1968

1978/1979 ARRL Repeater Directory

YASEU “ “ circa 1993

1982/1983 “ “ “

ARRL “ “ 1996

“ MOBILE LOG BOOK circa 1960

1982 Dick Bash - Advance Class License

SCAN (scanner radio) log book 1980

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Tower and Antennas available: Robert Hayes kw8n@aol.com>
I wanted to let you know of a woman, Mrs. Agnes Lukas at 5301 Main Avenue
in North Ridgeville, whose husband has died and who has a tower with a
tribander and VHF antennas on it. She is worried about them falling down
and is willing to give the tower and beams to whomever would take the tower
down for her.Perhaps there is someone in the NOARS club that would be
interested? Or perhaps even a club project where the tower and beam could
be used by NOARS in the future for things like Field Day or other operation
activities?Being a former NOARS member I thought of providing you folks
with the first opportunity.The best way to proceed is to contract her son, Bill
Lukas at (440) 225-4493. TNX 73, Bob Hayes KW8N

Patience In Checking Into Nets
(from Daryl Stout, WX1DER)

Patience is a virtue, but sometimes, I think that this is rare in amateur radio...especially in regard to checking into nets. I have been doing nets ever since I got into amateur radio over 26 years ago...so I have more than enough experience as a Net Control Operator...with regular traffic nets, special format nets, and even with severe weather emergency nets. Yet, there is seemingly ALWAYS a pile-up or rush to check -in -- whether on HF, VHF, UHF, Echolink, Packet, D-Star, D-Rats, etc.; as if certain ham radio operators feel that "It's the UNPARDONABLE SIN that will send them to Hell". There is such a sin, but missing checking into a net, not checking in early, or not in the first group of check-ins , is NOT that sin!!

Ham Radio is a HOBBY

-- it should NEVER take priority over church, family, health, job, or honey-do's -- in the latter case, you could LOSE that nice new rig that you have your eye on for Christmas...especially if your spouse or significant other has already said "What part of YOU ARE NOT GETTING A NEW HAM RADIO do you not understand??!!" (hi hi).

Not all nets do "pre-net" or "early check-ins". Some will do them 15 to 30 minutes before the net begins...and sometimes as much as 45 minutes beforehand. It is RARE to have a net start check-ins an hour or more before the net commences. Remember, the Net Control Station is devoting 1 to 3 hours of their time before, during, and after the net...so that everything is in order, for traffic, and logging. And, some Net Controls (like myself) are involved with nets on a nightly basis...either running them, or checking into them. Note that if the check-ins are PAUSED at a certain point during the net, stations need to abide by those instructions from Net Control...such as if an Emergency Traffic situation develops during the net (and I've been in those situations more than once as Net Control). If the check-ins are paused as the net starts, if you wait right up until that moment to check-in , your check-in has to WAIT, until the check-ins are resumed. In the cases of Emergency or Priority Traffic, the regular net schedule, format, etc. goes by the boards, until the Emergency Situation is resolved...and that could last a few minutes to several hours. Awhile back, a local club's regular traffic net was pre-empted by a Skywarn Severe Weather Net, and one ham "went ballistic" ...thinking that "rag chewing and net comments took priority over severe weather"!!

I suspect that he was always interfering with me when I got on the air, and that's one reason why I'm NOT a member of ANY Arkansas Ham Radio Club. Except for conducting selected area license exam sessions, all of my ham radio nets, involvement, etc. are OUTSIDE of Arkansas. Emergency or Priority Traffic can break into the net at any time...and these are LIFE OR DEATH URGENCY to those individuals involved, such as severe weather warnings...or for "significant weather advisories". Also, if and when Net Control is asking for announcements, this is for items such as ham radio license classes, exam sessions, hamfests, demos, special event stations, question pool updates, etc. The Emergency or Priority Traffic, or Announcements, does NOT include details on how your day went, and to invite others to nets. On some nets, you WILL be called down by Net Control, if you violate this...and may be banned from the net itself!!

It's as if some stations feel that "it's an Emergency if they don't get Priority to pass their traffic first". To me, if you are trying to check in early, just to see how many nets that you can check into in an evening (admittedly, several do meet at the same time)...or trying to see how many prizes, bonuses, awards, certificates that you can get for doing such, you are doing it for your ego, and are in ham radio for the wrong reason!!

While SOME nets do offer such a certificate, that is more the EXCEPTION than the rule. I am NOT going to make an exception for these (thankfully few) impatient amateur radio operators...it's as if trying to butt in line to a sporting event. Try that, and you could be seriously injured or killed by the anger of others. All of the other check-ins patiently wait their turn to pass traffic, make comments, etc. -- and to these, I say a hearty THANK YOU!!

If I personally can NOT run a net...be it for weather, health, internet, family, or other issues...I try to get a replacement. However, if that net is just "one where I check-in and make comments", if I have to miss that net for whatever reason, to me, IT'S NO BIG DEAL!! I'll just try again the next week.

So, please be patient on checking into a net...wait for the announcement from Net Control, no matter what band or mode...on the check-ins. If you cannot be patient in this regard...then you can either go to a net more to your liking...quit checking into nets entirely...or maybe you should sell your gear, turn in your license and find a new hobby.

[Again, there is far more to life than amateur radio, and checking into nets.](#)

It has been? Interesting? Doing the NOARS LOG, but now I have a greater respect for those who preceded me, and have a more difficult role ahead of me.

I EXPECT cooperation and most of all active participation from ALL NOARS MEMBERS!.....Dave KY8OSU