



# NOARS Log



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## Prez Sez

Personally, it has been crazy for me this past month; juggling too many projects. I am very happy that we were able to connect with Fred, the President of NARS (Nashua Area Radio Society), at our membership meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. His presentation was full of good ideas on raising awareness of our club and hopefully, growing the membership to include more youth. Since then I have tried to modernize our website. There is now a Members Only area where you can view and download the Membership Roster and the Constitution and By-Laws. I've also included Posts to the website so members can post comments and questions or reply to such. There is

much more to do, but with your help and support, I think NOARS can grow and prosper.

There is a need right now for a few of you to pitch in and fill some vacancies. I have recently received notification that Bob, W8RET, is facing more serious health challenges and will not be able to fulfill his duties as Net Manager and NOARS Parliamentarian. It would certainly be helpful to NOARS if someone would step up and offer to assume this responsibility. Please contact me if you are willing to take on this challenge. The Net Manager

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## October Program

Join us on October 21 to see some amateur radio equipment built by Roger Fell, AB8IF. Roger's been building rigs for many years and his creations have been described as works of art.

### October Meeting

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

The doors will open at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Coffee and donuts will be available. North Ridgeville Public Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH. All are welcome to join us.

### Nets

NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 pm on 28.370 MHz, and Thursday nights at 8 pm on 146.700 MHz. All licensed amateurs are welcome. Participation is encouraged and appreciated.

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position requires that you keep records of the NCS and check-ins for the two weekly nets and send a report to the president and the NOARS Log editor of those individuals. The Parliamentarian should be familiar with the NOARS Constitution and By-Laws and assure that proper procedures are followed at the meetings and any

other business function of the membership and Board.

I am looking forward to the October meeting and the presentation by Roger Fell AB8IF regarding homebrewing. I am told he is the master of this subject.

Until next month, be safe and 73,

Carl W8KRF

## Vice President's Message

As we enter the fall season, many holidays loom ahead from Columbus Day through New Year's. But in the remaining nice days we must face the most important task any ham must face and accomplish in the nice-to-work-outside-days! We must erect/maintain/upgrade our antenna systems or we face a bleak and boring winter. (Burr... I realize this and am not sure I will accomplish this well or even in a mediocre

fashion. But I must try to get something erected, no matter how pitiful. I must do it during the weekdays as the Ohio State football games are required watching, as is the remainder of the Formula 1 season. Oh, woe is me! I hope all of you fair better. [GO BUCKEYES](#) and [MERCEDDES F1 / Louis Hamilton](#).

## Nominations in October

According to NOARS By-Laws, Article VII, at the October business meeting the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates running for office. Steve Kaplan, WA0DVY and Elaine Wilkinson, KC8FOS are the Nominating Committee. Candidates must have attended at least 4 meetings in the last 12 months and be in good standing. To quote Article VII, "Each

nominee must have given prior consent to run." So, Steve and Elaine will contact eligible members about running for office. When Steve or Elaine contacts you, please consider serving NOARS as an officer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the October meeting.

## Upcoming Ohio Section Hamfests

### 10/05/2019 | Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Hamfest

Location: Chillicothe, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

### 10/12/2019 | NWOARC Fall Hamfest

Location: Lima, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.nwoarc.com>

## Newsletter Submissions

Email submissions for the Log to [noarslog@noars.net](mailto:noarslog@noars.net). The deadline is seven days before the first of the month.

That gives us time to create and get the Log uploaded to the Website.

# Upcoming Social Events

## October

### NOARS Monthly Meal

**Tuesday, October 1 at noon.** Golden Corral in Elyria on West River Road.

## November

### NOARS Monthly Meal

**Tuesday, November 5 at noon.** Golden Corral in Elyria on West River Road.

## NOARS Holiday Banquet

Due to popular demand, the NOARS Holiday Banquet will once again be at Applebee's in Elyria. Join us on Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 PM for tasty food, good company, prizes and fun. We need to let the restaurant

know a final count of those attending by Monday, December 2. Mark your calendars now and watch for opportunities to RSVP.

## QLF OM?

### Forward

Just a few remarks concerning the cryptic title. QLF is an offshoot of a group of 65 codes which consisted of two letters preceded by a Q. The purpose was to reduce the time required to transmit a CW message. For example, "Who is calling me?" would be QRX in Q code. QSY is the Q code for "shifting frequency." Q codes were employed by the railroad telegraphy system, hams and later in international communications where two operators of different languages could communicate (QSO) for business purposes or ham contacts. Abbreviations were also employed for the identical purpose as the Q code. OM is the abbreviation for "old man" and refers to a male operator of any age, YL refers to a young lady regardless of age, and XYL refers to a married lady. Modern *ARRL Handbooks* do not contain a Q code list, but do contain an abbreviation list, while the old handbooks of

yesteryear did contain a partial Q code list.

It is reputed that the text that appears in the title of this article was the first message transmitted by a young Thomas Edison during his first day as a railroad telegrapher. The seasoned telegraphers were going to show this young upstart a thing or two about telegraphy and a high-speed operator began sending at a rate near the upper limit of the telegraph system. Being a perfectionist, Edison copied the text 100%; when the operator requested a reply, he responded with "QLF OM?," which inquired, "Are you sending with the left foot, old man?"

QLF was never an official Q code.

73

Joe, W8GWD

## Don't Forget the Food Group!

The Food Group is an informal net which meets every Wednesday at 7PM on 146.700. Elaine, KC8FOS and

Dave, KY8OSU are co – leaders. Food is part of what we talk about, but not the only thing. Join us!



# October Birthdays - Happy birthday!

Amy, K2KSU  
Jack, N8NDL  
Russ, WB8UPA



If your birthday doesn't appear here it's a good chance that it's not in our database. Please contact Carl, W8KRF so we can wish you a Happy Birthday!

## Membership Meeting Attendance September 16, 2019

Fred, N8AHS  
Dan, W8AJF  
Judi, WD8ASV  
Steve, WA0DVY  
Bill, AC8FD  
Tom, N8FDY

Elaine, KC8FOS  
Sallie, AB8GI  
Russ, KE8GNX  
Joe, W8GWD  
Harold, K8HRD  
Roger, AB8IF

Bryan, W8JMI  
Carl, W8KRF  
Tom, W8KYZ  
John, KE8MXX  
Bob, W8NNC  
Dave, KY8OSU

Tom, K1TRB  
Dennis, WB8WAA  
Bill, N8WS  
Tim, NC8X

## Thanks to September Net Controls

Tim, NC8X  
Carl, W8KRF  
Tom, W8KYZ

Elaine, KC8FOS  
Dave, KY8OSU

## Heard on the Nets in September

Dan, K8AGW  
Dan, W8AJF  
Ray, KA8BPU  
John, KE8CED  
Lee, WA8ERA  
Tom, N8FDY  
Elaine, KC8FOS  
Mark, KC8FQV

Jody, KE8GKO  
Dan, KE8GME  
Chris, KD8HCE  
Ben, KM4HEX  
Bryan, W8JMI  
Carl, W8KRF  
Sandy, W8KYS  
Tom, W8KYZ

Alex, KE8MQH  
Dave, KD8MXE  
John, KE8MXX  
Ron, N8OD  
Dave, KY8OSU  
Dave, WV8P  
Tom, W1PDI  
Alan, KF8PM

Mark, W8RET  
Russ, WB8UPA  
Dave, N8UUC  
Gary, KD8VIQ  
Bill, K2WJS  
Bill, N8WS  
George, WA8YVF

# October 2019

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>NOARS Monthly Meal 12 Noon 10M Net 8 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Food Group 7PM 2M BRTN 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>2M Net 8 PM NCS Elaine, KC8FOS</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10M Net 8 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Food Group 7PM 2M BRTN 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>2M Net 8 PM NCS Tom, W8KYZ</p>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10M Net 8 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Food Group 7PM 2M BRTN 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>2M Net 8 PM NCS Carl, W8KRF</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>LCARA Meeting 7 PM</p>	<b>19</b>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>VE Testing 12:50 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>NOARS Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10M Net 8 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Food Group 7PM 2M BRTN 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>2M Net 8 PM NCS Bob, W8RET</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10M Net 8 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Food Group 7PM 2M BRTN 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>2M Net 8 PM NCS Carl, W8KRF</p>		

# Trip to Amish Country



# Magnetic Loop Antennas at the Park

Frank, KC8VKA demonstrated some of his homebrew magnetic loop antennas at North Olmsted Park. Dave, WV8P was also demonstrating a magnetic loop antenna he built with the help of Frank. Bob, W8NNC, Don W8IDM, Stephen, N8WB and Tom, N8FDY also stopped by.



# September Meeting





# September 16, 2019 NOARS Membership Meeting Minutes

## **Submitted by Elaine Wilkinson, KC8FOS.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Club President, Carl, W8KRF. Twenty-two members and guests were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by roll call by call sign. John, KE8MXX, was welcomed, as this was his time attending the NOARS meeting. Since the August meeting was the annual picnic, there were no minutes to approve.

**Treasurer's Report** - Tom, W8KYZ. Tom reviewed the profit from July's NOARSfest (\$824), bank balance, income and expenditures, including annual payment of \$200 to the ARRL for insurance, July meeting refreshments, and repeater phone line. Sallie, AB8GI, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tom, K1TRB. The motion passed. Sallie is a new member as of tonight. She was warmly welcomed.

**Repeaters** - Carl, W8KRF. Working OK. Previous problem of the computer shutting down was caused by the CMOS battery. Echolink seems to be working. Restarting the computer seems to correct the problem with Echolink that we've had in the past.

**Website** - Carl. The website is up-to-date. Mail Chimp addition paid for.

**Membership** - We have 97 members.

**Social Committee** - Elaine, KC8FOS. Reviewed trip to Amish country. Meet at Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek. Go on from there. Monthly luncheons on Tuesday, October 1 and Tuesday, November 5 at noon at Golden Corral in Elyria. Tour of 911 Call Center may happen at the end of October. Holiday Banquet will be Saturday, December 7 at Applebee's in Elyria at 5 PM.

**Programs** - Elaine, KC8FOS. October program will be Roger, AB8IF, who will present radio equipment he has built, which have been described as works of art. In November Steve, K8NIA, will lead a forum presentation of getting involved with Scouts. Elaine asked the group if anyone would be interested in hearing about moon

bounce from Tom, N8FDY's cousin, Tony Emmanuel. Interest was expressed.

**Winter Hamfest** - Carl. Will be the first Sunday in March 2020. More details next month.

**Nominations next month.** Nominating Committee needed for next month. Two members asked for. Elaine, KC8FOS and Steve, WA0DVY volunteered.

Carl highlighted the success of the Nashua Area Radio Society, the President of which will share how they involved members in getting involved with the local schools.

**Nets** - Bob, W8RET, not in attendance. Carl said nets are going well, though more check-ins would be appreciated.

**VE Testing** - Tom, W8KYZ. Nobody came for testing on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Connection was made to presenter from NARS, presenting via Zoom. Fred, AB1OC, introduced himself.

**Newsletter** - Tom, N8FDY. September 25 is the deadline to submit items for the newsletter. Send in items for sale. If you've had items advertised for sale and sold them, please let Tom, N8FDY or Elaine, KC8FOS know. Send article or website to publish in the Log. Deadline hasn't been missed.

**Old Business** - 28 guests. Lot of fun and good food. Thanks to everyone who participated.

**New Business** - Steve Kaplan, WA0DVY suggests we wear name tags at our meetings. Materials are available. Box of nametags will be at meetings. Pick up yours when you arrive, then return it to the box after the meeting for the next time. Hopefully available next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom, K1TRB, seconded by Sallie, AB8GI. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57. PM.

Following the meeting, the 50/50 raffle was held and the evening's program presented.

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Inside the Summit Racing Retail Super Store  
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## Drake Twins for Sale

For sale Drake R4C and Drake T4XC pair for sale by Sandy, W8KYS. Very clean with money back guarantee, \$500.  
Call Sandy at 440-647-2255.



## For Sale by Dave, WV8P

Icom 703, QRP rig. Does not have six meters. 250 Mhz filter installed and a 500 Hz to install later.

Automatic tuner with an extra cable to use if installing it in a car.

Samlex power supply.

All items are in a hard case, ideal for travel. \$600

Contact Dave, WV8P at [wv8p@roadrunner.com](mailto:wv8p@roadrunner.com)

# CW OP Lapel Pins for Sale, Created by Chet, K8KIZ



They have been sent to multiple states, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia

CW OP Pins are \$5.75 each. US S/H is \$5.06 - International S/H\* is \$15.50

(\*The US Postal Service ships to most countries around the world.)

NOTE: This pricing includes shipping charges for up to 10 pins per envelope.

For Example:

1 pin + US 1st Class S/H ..... \$10.81

2 pins + US 1st Class S/H ..... \$16.56

3 pins + US 1st Class S/H ..... \$22.31

1 pin + International S/H ..... \$21.25

2 pins + International S/H ..... \$27.00

3 pins + International S/H ..... \$32.75

NOTE: This pricing includes shipping for up to 10 pins per envelope.

Envelopes are 5"x7" tan heavy paper with inside bubble padding.

Please send your order and full correct address with ZIP code to: [CWpins05@gmail.com](mailto:CWpins05@gmail.com)

Send your appropriate payment to:

[www.paypal.me/ANCRSundials](http://www.paypal.me/ANCRSundials)

Please advise me if you are using a different name with your payment (Example: a company name) so I can credit your email order.

Thank you! 73, Chet K8KIZ

## For Sale from the Estate of WA8MZB

Equipment was donated to NOARS by his Family

Two Motorola commercial speakers, with mounting brackets. \$10 each or both for \$15.

MFJ 948 Versa tuner II, HF antenna tuner, 300 watts, 1.8 – 30mhz. \$55.

Amprobe Digital AM -12 multimeter, with case, battery and test probes. \$10.

Heathkit GC-1107 digital alarm clock, with manual. \$10.

Heathkit HM-2140 watts meter, 1.8-30 MHz, with manual. \$40.

Contact Tom, W8KYZ, 440-320-5523

## Need a complete HF & VHF starter Amateur Radio Station?

List of Ham Radio Equipment for Sale: W8LE/Bee (Byrness Haworth)  
{Bee} in Elyria, Ph. 440-365-8188

- Kenwood TM 261 2 meter FM Tranceiver w/Mic, in good op cond.
  - Astron Power Supply - RS 5-10A 12 volt DC
  - ICOM-718 HF Tranceiver, 150k-30MHz w/condenser Mic. HM-36 100watt tx, clean & in good operating condition, with manuals
  - Astron Power Supply - RS-20A 12 volt DC, for ICOM-718
  - DAIWA SWR & Pwr Meter [with box, man., & 1ft coax] 1.8-150MHz
  - Vibroplex Keyer, S/N 69330, excellent condition (good value!)
  - (3) new 75 ft rolls, RG-8X (mini RG-8, low loss) 52 ohm coax cable
  - one 3 ft new RG-8X coax w/connectors
  - MFJ-860 SWR & Watt meter & 3 ft RG-8X coax cable
  - Two port DAIWA CS-201 Coaxial Antenna Switch
  - Recent 20th Ed. ARRL Antenna Book, dated 2005, new condition
- \$1125 for entire station (best offer will be considered)



# NOARS Information

## Members of the Board of Directors

President: Carl, W8KRF

Vice President: Dave, KY8OSU

Secretary: Elaine, KC8FOS

Treasurer: Tom, W8KYZ

Others: Tim, NC8X; Tom, N8FDY

## Others

Net Manager: Bob, W8RET

Club Trustee for K8KRG: Al, N8CX

NOARS Log Editors: Tom, N8FDY, and Elaine, KC8FOS

Volunteer Examiners: Tom, W8KYZ, and Joe, W8GWD

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in radio communication. Dues are: Full \$15, Associate (non-licensed) \$7, Family members of a full member are \$4 each. Membership forms are available at [www.noars.net](http://www.noars.net). Make checks payable to NOARS and mail them to: NOARS Membership Committee, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012.

## Meetings

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month, except August and December, at the North Ridgeville Branch of the Lorain County Public Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd, North Ridgeville, OH. The doors open at 6:00 PM for a social time with coffee and donuts.

Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

## Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Bob, W8RET.

Repeaters: Carl, W8KRF; Tim, NC8X

Field Day: Al, N8CX

Hamfest:

Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ (temp)

Membership: Carl, W8KRF

Club Property Committee: Tom, W1PDI

Program Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS; Joe, W8DYZ;  
Bob, W8NNC; Dave, KY8OSU

Social Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS; Dave, KY8OSU;  
Ann, KA8ZEP

Public Relations Committee:  
Dave, KY8OSU, Elaine, KC8FOS



## Nets

NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 pm on 28.370 MHz, and Thursday nights at 8 pm. on 146.700 MHz. All licensed amateurs are welcome.

## VE Testing

VE Testing is offered the third Sunday of every month.

2929 West River Road  
N. Elyria OH 44035,  
from 12:50-3 PM.

## Burning River Traffic Net

The Burning River Traffic Net uses the NOARS repeater (146.700 MHz) Wednesdays at 21:30.