



# NOARS Log



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## K8KRG

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## Prez Sez

I hope you all had as good a time as I did during our virtual Christmas Gathering. I am so delighted that so many of you joined us. We had 32 participants. At our "in person" banquets, we did not get to chat with very many people. It was so nice to hear from everyone during the Introductions portion of the meeting. I loved hearing how each of you became interested in ham radio. There was a common thread in most of the stories. Crystal radios seemed to be how many of us were introduced to radio.

Elaine, KC8FOS, was a very effective Zoom NCS during Introductions and made that part of the meeting a great success. Thank you, Elaine.

Congratulations to everyone who received awards. You are the members that keep us moving forward. I won't elaborate as I am sure Elaine and Tom will have the details included in this issue of the *Log*.

We will be entering 2021 with lingering uncertainties but there appears to be light at the end of this horribly long and dark tunnel. Vaccines are beginning to be delivered. Healthcare professionals are saying that it may be another 6 months before we can return to a more normal lifestyle. Our Winter Hamfest is definitely being cancelled, and the

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## Zoom Membership Meeting, January 18 at 7:00 PM

### Reverse Beacon Network by Bob Plow, W8NNC

## Dues are Past Due

For those of you who may not have renewed your membership for 2021, you can now do so using Zelle. Send your payment to dues@noars.net. Dues are: Full \$15, Associate (non-licensed) \$7, Family

members of a full member are \$4 each. Otherwise you can send a check, payable to NOARS and mail it to: NOARS Membership Committee, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012.



## 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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NOARSfest is a possibility if we can sense that there will be a reasonable interest and attendance. We'll be looking for feedback on that early next year.

I am working on a video of our Christmas Zoom Gathering and will send out an announcement when it is available on the website. Also, I need to reiterate that you need to renew your membership, if you haven't

already done so, before 12/31/2020. There will be no grace period this year so if you are not current by then, you will be dropped from the roster.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year. Stay safe, wear a mask and maintain physical distancing until our trusted officials tell us it is safe without them.

73,

Carl W8KRF



## Vice President's Message

Well, reflecting on the past miserable year, most of us have survived. I hope you have a more positive outlook than I seem to at times. One can only hope 2021 is a year of healing and getting back to some semblance of normality. But, the pundits say it is going to get much worse before it gets any better, even with the vaccine. Well, I hope they are just blowing hot air and are mostly incorrect. I would like to see us start having meetings by April, have our Hamfest in late March/April, Field Day as scheduled, summer Hamfest in July, and our summer picnic in August.

However, I have hopes of Fox Hunting by April as planned. I have prepared a file of information on this. Send your email address to me ([kv8osu@yahoo.com](mailto:kv8osu@yahoo.com)) and I will send you this

info. There is more than you may need or want. Just use it as required, only print what you need.

Also, Tom, W8KYZ and I talked about starting a net to just chat and keep in touch with each other. We don't know if there is interest in this. The weekday chat would be 3-5 days a week on 146.700. Maybe 10 or 11AM for an hour, max. Also, we are open for suggestions if you have any. It may have one of us as NCS, just to keep the confusion down but would be very casual about anything on our minds that you want to bring up. Let me or Tom know if you are interested. If enough interest exists, it will start in late January. [kv8osu@yahoo.com](mailto:kv8osu@yahoo.com) or 440-387-7301 (Voice Mail)

Dave, KY8OSU

# Upcoming Social Events

## January

### Virtual NOARS Lunch Tuesday, January 5

Join us on **Zoom at noon** for our Virtual NOARS lunch.

## Weekly CW Slow Speed contest

### Submitted by Tom, W1PDI.

What's that, you say? A place for people who need CW at slower speeds? Yes!

From the K1USN web site:

For those who prefer a more leisurely CW pace or are new CW operators or testers, this just might be what you're looking for! Several members of the K1USN Radio Club, who are also members of the CW Operators'

Club (CWops), have started a new one-hour slow speed CW "contest," the SST.

19:00-20:00 EST Sundays, which is 7-8pm Eastern Standard Time

For complete information about the SST, go to <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

Thank you, Tom, for submitting this!

## New Net!

Dave, KY8OSU and Tom, W8KYZ are considering starting a casual daytime morning net for folks to keep in touch with each other. The weekday net would be 3-5 days a week on 146.700, maybe at 10 or 11AM for an hour, max. They are open for suggestions. Let Dave or Tom

know if you are interested. If enough interest exists, it will start in late January. Dave: [ky8osu@yahoo.com](mailto:ky8osu@yahoo.com) or 440-387-7301 (Voice Mail). Tom: 440-320-5523 or [tporter161@oh.rr.com](mailto:tporter161@oh.rr.com).

## Food Group Net

The Food Group is held every Wednesday evening on the 146.700 repeater at 7 PM. The conversation is not just about food – we talk about many things, including

amateur radio issues, books, tales from our childhoods, current projects, family happenings, and more. We hope you can join us.

## Help Make the Log Great

The NOARS Log editors greatly appreciate submissions received over the years. However, we could always use more. These could include an article you've read or would like to write, an upcoming event you've heard of, information about a project you're working on or other

hobbies you have. How about photos you would like others to see? In short, please send us information about things you find interesting. You can also let us know about the sorts of things you'd like to see in the Log. Send them to [noarslog@noars.net](mailto:noarslog@noars.net).

# January Birthdays

Elijah Molseed, KE8NES  
Bill Hole, AC8FD  
David Novotny, N8RRC  
Jane Reed, K8JGR  
William Gardner, KB6ZNR  
Russell Graham, KE8GNX  
William Adams, WD8OSJ  
Bob Plow, W8NNC  
Tom Southam, W8WLI

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!

## Being a Net Control Station

Being an NCS is a perfect way to serve the amateur radio community. NOARS has two nets, perfect for cutting your teeth as an NCS: Tuesday night at 8:00 on

28.370 and Wednesday night's Food Group at 7:00 on 146.700. If you would like to serve as an NCS, let any NOARS officer know and we will get you started.

## Heard on the Nets in December

Dan, K8AGW

Dan, KD8JAN

Tom, W1PDI

Bill, K2WJS

Fred, N8AHS

Bryan, W8JMI

Alan, KF8PM

Tom, W8WLI

Dan, W8AJF

Carl, W8KRF

Tom, K8PPZ

George, WA8YVF

Rick, WA8CAC

Tom, W8KYZ

Clark, N8PZD

Ann, KA8ZEP

Tom, N8FDY

Pete, KE8NQK

Jeany, KC3QND

Jeff, KB8ZUN

Elaine, KC8FOS

Jim, KD8OCW

Ralph, KD8REW

Jody, KE8GKO

Tony, K#8OOE

David, KD8TJD

Chris, KD2HCE

Bob, W8OOT

Russ, KB8UPA

Roger, AB8IF

Dave, KY8OSU

Matt, KD8VTX

# January 2021

**Sun**

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**Tue**

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**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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# NOARS Zoom Christmas Gathering 2020

Thirty-two people attended the Zoom Holiday Banquet, orchestrated by club president, Carl, W8KRF. Each person told us a bit about themselves, including their name, call sign, what inspired them to get into ham radio, and their favorite modes. It was interesting and fun to hear how we got involved with this great hobby.

Certificates for service to NOARS and ham radio were awarded to Tom, W8KYZ; Chet, K8KIZ; Dr. Jack, N8NDL; Bob, W8NNC; Al, N8CX; Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS. Perfect attendance was recognized for Bob, W8NNC; Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS. Chet, K8KIZ, received the

Ham of the Year Award. President's Award was given to Tom, N8FDY, and Elaine, KC8FOS.

The drawing for a 2m/440 CompacTenna, related to meeting attendance, was won by Robert, WA8JBT. The antenna was donated by Dr. Jack, N8NDL, owner of CompacTenna. The winner of a Yaesu FT-70DR HT, drawn from those attending the Christmas Gathering, was Jeany, KC3QND. The Christmas Gathering has been uploaded to the NOARS website, as all Zoom Membership Meetings have been.



## Winter Field Day January 30 and 31, 2021

**By Tom, W1PDI**

For those of you who will participate in Winter Field Day, please note the scoring changes:

Covid 19 Pandemic scoring changes for Clubs/Groups: These changes apply ONLY to groups who, due to the Pandemic, won't/can't be congregating to compete this year. If your group wishes, you may have a "group/club" score tallied by having individual members fill in the "CLUB:" line in their Cabrillo log file (above). Individual members would send in a log under their own callsign (operating under their own privileges) with the name or callsign of the group noted on the "CLUB:" line. If a simple callsign is used in the "club" line, it cannot be one used in the contest or on another member's entry log (it'll confuse the scoring software). If your group uses a club name, be sure to advise everyone in your group to use the exact same unique name. Choose

wisely Grasshopper! There are dozens of clubs with the same abbreviation (as in LARC, PARC, etc), but it's unlikely there's more than one Livonia ARC, or Lincoln ARC. Club scores will be the aggregate of the individual members' scores, regardless of how they operated and will be posted as distinct "Club/Group" scores once tallied. Your individual members' logs and scores will be tallied and posted as well (each under their own call), the same as any other entrant. It might be a good idea to have someone in your club/group collect members' logs and check them to ensure the logs are correct before sending them in. It'll save us time and you, aggravation. "Club/Group" scores will likely be the last to be posted as we can't be sure all the individual logs are in until the actual log deadline.

For complete rules and regulations, go to <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>



# Contest Corner



**by Tom, W1PDI**

Each month I will list some of the upcoming contests which may be of interest to NOARS members. Usually, amateur radio contests and on-air events generate a good deal of activity on the bands and present opportunities to make quick contacts. So, if you are working towards a Worked All States (WAS), Worked All Continents (WAC) awards or for those who are state, county or grid hunting, making these contacts during a contest is ideal.

Many contests present their own awards, providing you submit an electronic log and some will still accept a paper or spreadsheet log. I'll touch on logging and logging software in a future NOARS log.

Each month QST and CQ Magazine list contests for the upcoming month but they don't list all contests. On average there are about 100 different contests and events every month including some being sponsored by different countries. One of the better resources for contests and probably the most complete contest schedule is WA7BNM Contest Calendar: <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

There are contests just on HF bands, while there are other contests focusing on the VHF, UHF, and microwave frequencies. And there are QRP-only contests and activities too. Some contests go on for an entire 48-hour weekend, some just 24 hours while others, called sprints, can last an hour or two. Some contests are SSB or CW only, while some allow all modes, so there's something for every amateur radio operator.

Participating in contests offers many benefits. Ability to contact rare DX and island expedition teams, QRP contacts and the state QSO parties can be fun. In fact, every state, with the exception of Alaska, has its own QSO party on the annual contest schedule. Plus, an added benefit to contesting is that it will help hone your operating

skills. Consider operating on a band you don't often operate and experience the challenge of contesting, not only against other amateur radio operators, but challenging yourself.

Here is a list of a few of the scheduled contests and activities in January. To find out all the particulars about a contest, i.e. rules, date(s), time, bands, suggested frequencies and more, google each contest, as each will have their own web page to answer any questions you have.

ARRL Straight Key Night (SKN) Dec 31: Not a contest but a fun way to make CW contacts-Check out the website: <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

QRP Fox Hunt Jan 1, 6, 8, 13,15, 20, 22, 27 & 29: <http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/>

Original QRP Contest for those QRP operators: Jan 2-3 <http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/oqrpr.html>

North American QSO Party (CW) Jan 9-10: <https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest Jan 13: <https://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/>

North American QSO Party (SSB) Jan 16-17: <https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

ARRL January VHF Contest Jan 16-18: <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

CQ 160 Meter Contest (CW) Jan 29-31: <https://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>

Winter Field Day Jan 30-31: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Also, if you participate in a contest, let the NOARS Log editors know which one you participated in, how many contacts you made, any unusual stations worked, and your feedback on how you did so we can share your contest experiences with fellow NOARS members. Email [noarslog@noars.net](mailto:noarslog@noars.net).

Good Luck in your next contest!

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- Only the person who purchased the item may pick up the order.

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## **Books For Sale by Tom, W8KYZ**

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ARRL Vertical Antenna Classics 120 pages. Edited by Robert Schetgen, KU7G. 1<sup>st</sup> edition. \$5.00

ARRL Handbook, 2010, including Handbook CD. New. \$15.00

ARRL Antenna Compendium, Volume 2. 210 pages. \$5.00

ARRL Pocket Reference. New. 864 pages. \$5.00

73 Dipole and Long Wire Antennas. Edward Noll, W3FQJ. 160 pages. \$5.00

ARRL Antenna Anthology. Reprint of QST Articles – Theory Presentations. 151 pages \$5.00

21 Things to do after you get your radio license. Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. 73 pages. \$5.00

**Contact Tom. 440-320-5523 or tporter161@oh.rr.com.**

## **Equipment for Sale from Dave, WV8P**

Heathkit SWR meter: HM 2140. In good shape. \$45.00.

Daiwa CNW419 antenna tuner. 500 watts. In good shape. \$55.00.

Heathkit RF oscillator. IG- 5280. New. 10.00.

Olson SWR & field strength meter. In good shape. \$10.00.

Heathkit code Oscillator. HD1416A. In good shape. \$12.00.

**Contact Dave, WV8P, at (440) 799-3202. (Leave message)**

# 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: CWp-ins05@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

 **Chet Roberts** 22h

How would you like a CW OP label for a coffee mug, car window, or whatever? Get 3 of these 3" durable, waterproof and dishwasher safe labels by sending \$5 WITH a self-addressed AND self-stamped envelope to: Chet Roberts K8KIZ, 173 Fredericksburg Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012. 73!



# NOARS Information

## Members of the Board of Directors

President: Carl, W8KRF

Vice President: Dave, KY8OSU

Secretary: Elaine, KC8FOS

Treasurer: Tom, W8KYZ

Others: Bob, W8NNC, Tim, NC8X; Tom, N8FDY

## Others

Net Manager: Elaine, KC8FOS

Club Trustee for K8KRG: Al, N8CX

NOARS Log Editors: Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS

Volunteer Examiners: Tom, W8KYZ; Joe, W8GWD;  
John, KC8KI; Dave, K8WRS; Sallie, AB8GI

## 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

During the Covid-19 pandemic, in-person meetings have been cancelled. They will resume as soon as it is safe to once again meet in large groups.

## Nets

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## Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

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

## VE Testing

Due to COVID-19, there will be no VE testing until further notice.

## Net Control Stations

Elaine, KC8FOS

Carl, W8KRF

Tom, W8KYZ

Dave, KY8OSU

Dan, W8AJF

George, WA8YVF