



NOARS Log



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Prez Sez

October was cyber security awareness month, so I want to remind everyone to be safe online. If you don't know, I give at least one talk a month to community groups on staying safe on the internet. For our hobby we often download software from the internet which may not have authors who understand the best security practices. This means the software can come with vulnerabilities or have even been replaced with malicious code. Especially if it was some type of open-source software. I would suggest you drop anything you download in virustotal.com before running it. I know sometimes to find a piece of software that meets a need, we may

turn to Google to find it or simply because it is too hard to remember the website of the author that made the software. In your Google search you may now see something that says sponsored link. This may look like your best option especially since Google sponsored it. They must know what links are best, right? Not exactly. All that sponsored link means is that someone paid to get their version of a link up to the top of the search result and plopped down enough for Google to put a sponsored tag on it. Who do you think has the money to take advantage of this new technique from all the people they scammed? Of

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The Membership Meeting will be Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM.

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd. Coffee and donuts at 6:30 PM.

Cuyahoga County ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Services presented by Chuck, K8CVM

NOARS will send Zoom meeting information via email.

Nets

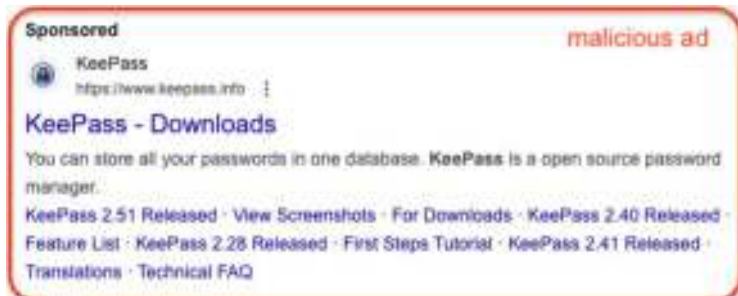
NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 PM on 28.370 MHz, Wednesday nights at 7 PM on 146.700 MHz, PL 110.9, and Thursday nights at 8 PM on 146.700 MHz, PL 110.9. All licensed amateurs are welcome. Participation is encouraged and appreciated.



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course, this is an awesome way for the bad actors to get you to trust them and run their software when you think it is something trustworthy.

The newest way they are using these sponsored ads is to encode the link that displays in Punycode. If you put in a search for keepass, a very popular password manager, you may see something like this:



Although it looks legit the link shown, <https://www.Keepass.info>, is a Puny code link that is actually xn--

eePass-vbb[.]info which displays as keepass.info but with a . (period) under the K. Luckily, the browser converts the Punycode to something more readable for you. If you were to click the link, you would be taken to a fake site that looks similar to the real site. It is very little effort for the scammers to duplicate a site to make you feel even more comfortable once you get there. Make sure you know where you are going and if you have to, type the link in the browser yourself.



73'

John W8LYO

The internet doesn't have to be as scary as a haunted house or horror movie is to a kid on Halloween if you think about what you are doing before you do it. Download all the treats you want. Just make sure there is nothing in the candy before you eat it.

November 2023 Social Events

NOARS November Tuesday Lunch

Tuesday, October 7 at noon at the **Golden Corral, 1519 West River Rd., Elyria**. If you like to talk and eat tasty food, the Monthly Lunches are for you. All are welcome.

Weekend Lunch

Saturday, November 11, 12:30, Hooley Pub & Kitchen, 24940 Sperry Dr. Westlake. All are welcome.

New Members

Bill, N8JET; Ed, KA0MRD. Welcome!

Becoming a VE

Most folks become VEs to give back to the hobby. If you, too, would like to be a member of the VE team, here's what you need to do. Be an Extra. Go to <https://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve> and follow the directions.

There is an open-book "test" which is simply to make sure you've read and understand the manual. After the review and submitting the necessary forms, you will receive a certificate and badge. You are good to go!

Holiday Party Special Prize

Jack Nilsson, N8NDL, owner of Compactenna, is donating a complete COMPACTenna Base Station System as a prize for the Holiday Banquet. The system consists of a 2M/440+ antenna and CompacCounterpoise. Besides

good food and company, you may go home with an antenna system. The only cost will be the \$30.00 reservation for the banquet.

NOARS Holiday Party

December 2 at Houlihan's in Westlake from 5- 8pm. The price for dinner is \$30 per person.

Food will be:

- Choice of house or Caesar salad
- Fresh baked rolls
- Grilled Rosemary Chicken
- Down Home Pot Roast
- Mashed Potatoes
- French Cut Green Beans

Coffee, iced tea, and soda are included

Alcoholic beverages, dessert, etc., are available to purchase off the regular menu.

Payment:

\$30 per person MUST be paid to Andrew (KE8WMS) by November 30. Andrew will take cash, credit card (3% fee), and Venmo. If payment isn't made to Andrew on time, you can't hang out with the cool kids at the NOARS party, but you're welcome to go get a table on your own.

We will have a voluntary white elephant gift exchange, price limit \$20. You may participate in the gift exchange only if you bring a gift. The gift must be wrapped.



Andrew Lent

@Andrew-Lent-37



venmo

Scan this code to pay



November Birthdays

Dennis Hildebrant, WB8WAA
 Nicholas Niehaus, KM6LOX
 Carl Rimmer, W8KRF
 Sandi Valois, W7SLV

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!



October 16, 2023 Membership Meeting Attendance

IN PERSON

Andrew	KE8WMS	Chris	KE8MMY	Jeany	KC3QND	Tom	W8KYZ
Ann	KA8ZEP	Connie	K8CCS	John	W8LYO	VIA ZOOM	
Bill	K2WJS	Dan	W8AJF	Joshua	KE8YUG	Bob	W8NNC
Bill	KE8WHP	Dave	K8VBV	Marie		Carl	W8KRF
Bob	W8OOT	Earl	W8LYY	Paul	KE8WHG	Chuck	K8CVM
Bryan	W8JMI	Ed	KA0MRD	Pete	KE8NQK	Dave	KY8OSU
Bryan	N8OOF	Elaine	KC8FOS	Rich	KE8YUP	Jim	KB8OCW
		Eric	KE8VZA	Tom	N8FDY	Tom	K1TRB

Heard on the Nets in October

Andrew, KE8WMS	Clark, N8PZD	Fred, N8AHS	Michael, KC3QFC
Ann, KA8ZEP	Connie, K8CCS	Gary, AA8CS	Nick, KD8SLG
Anthony, KB8TK	Craig, KE8WXH	Jeany, KC3QND	Paul, KE8WHG
Bill, N8JET	Dan, K8AGW	John, W8LYO	Pete, KE8NQK
Bill, K2WJS	Dan, W8AJF	Josh, KE8YUG	Rich, WA8CAC
Bill, N8WS	Dan, W2DLB	Kay, KE2BZX	Rich, KE8YUP
Bob, W8OOT	Dan, KE8VYQ	Ken, W8KH	Ron, N8OD
Bryan, W8JMI	Dustin, KD8EPC	Lynn, KD8NGE	Scott, KE8VOX
Bryan, N8OOF	Dwayne, WO8U	Mark, KC8FQV	Simpson, N8UZF
Carl, W8KRF	Earl, W8LYY	Mark, KE8TCE	Tom, N8UAZ
Chris, KE8MMY	Elaine, KC8FOS	Mary Ann, K8BLY	Tom, N8FDY
Chuck, K8CVM	Eric, KE8VZA	Matt, KC3WKU	Tom, W8KYZ

November, 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	2 2M Net 8 PM KC3QND	3	4 VE Testing Fairview Park Library 10 AM
5	6	7 NOARS Lunch at Noon 10M Net 8 PM KC3QND	8 Food Group 7PM 2M KE8YUG	9 2M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	10	11 NOARS Weekend Lunch 12:30 Hooley House Westlake
12	13	14 LOTA 7 PM 10M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	15 Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	16 2M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	17	18
19	20 NOARS Meeting 7 PM	21 10M Net 8 PM W8LYO	22 Food Group 7PM 2M KC8KSU	23 2M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	24	25
26	27	28 10M Net 8 PM W8AJF	29 Food Group 7PM 2M KE8VZA	30 2M Net 8 PM KC3QND		

October Fox Hunt

Twenty-one folks and one huge dog attended the October Fox Hunt. Mike, N8IUP and Jack, NI8N came from Huron and Milan to join the fun. Mark, KF4SCK, who has come to the Saturday Lunches with the SARA crowd,

also joined us. Bryan, N8OOF and Sara, KC8KSU did an awesome job of hiding the foxes – a challenge, but doable. This was the last fox hunt of 2023. See you all this coming spring.







October Weekend Lunch

Twenty-people attended the Weekend Lunch Saturday, October 7 at Hooley Pub and Kitchen in Westlake. It was a good time for all. The November Weekend Lunch will

be at the same place on the 11th at 12:30. We hope to see you there.



October Tuesday Lunch

As usual, those attending the Tuesday Lunch in October had a good time. November's Tuesday Lunch will be

Nov 7 at noon at the Golden Corral in Elyria. All are welcome.



Dan, W8AJF and Ann, KA8ZEP and POTA

They were at it again, this time in early October.



NOARS Membership Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2023

Submitted by Connie, K8CCS

The meeting was held in person at North Olmsted Public Library, and via Zoom. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by club president John W8LYO. Total number of people in attendance: 30 (24 attended in person; (6 attended via Zoom).

No Pledge of Allegiance as there was no flag in the room.

Introductions and roll call of all in attendance.

Motion to accept meeting minutes as published in the NOARS Log was made by Ann, KA8ZEP; seconded by Dan, W8AJF. Minutes accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Tom W8KYZ

Expenses:

\$79.55 – Windstream for October.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Pete, KE8NQK; seconded by Dan, W8AJF. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Sunshine – Tom, W8KYZ – Tom received word that Clark, N8PZD wasn't feeling well; he was last seen at the Cleveland Hamfest. Tom, W8WLI is home and recuperating.

Club Property – Carl, W8KRF – No change in club property. Antenna analyzer is still out. If anyone else needs it just let him know.

Membership – Carl, W8KRF – One new member, Ed, KA0MRD. Welcome.

Website – Carl, W8KRF – The website is up to date.

Repeaters – Carl, W8KRF – There have been questions on the proper way to use Allstar and to connect to it. Something we all do, but is illegal, do not kerchunk repeaters. If you use DTMF tones on the repeater, you must identify your station, either before or after your tones.

Refer to the NOARS webpage for operating procedures for Allstar Nodes.

Social Committee – Elaine, KC8FOS

Fox Hunt:

10/28/2023 – The next Fox Hunt will be at South Central Park, 7565 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville. Bryan, N8OOF and Sara, KC8KSU will be the fox wranglers. Bring a folding chair. It will be a Halloween theme so wear your costumes!

NOARS Tuesday Lunch is November 7 at noon, Golden Corral in Elyria. Everyone is welcome.

NOARS Weekend Lunch is Saturday, November 11, 12:30 p.m. at the Hooley Pub & Kitchen at 24940 Sperry Road, Westlake.

Holiday Banquet – Andrew, KE8WMS – December 2, 2023 at Houlihan's in Westlake from 5 to 8 p.m. The price is \$30 per person. It will be a buffet menu. Andrew, KE8WMS will collect the fees. Deadline to pay is November 30, 2023. He will take cash or credit card (3% fee). He cannot accept checks. You can also pay by Venmo (no fees for Venmo).

Programs – Elaine, KC8FOS – In November, Chuck K8CVM will do a presentation regarding Cuyahoga County ARES.

VE Testing – Elaine, KC8FOS – November 4 at Fairview Park Library, 10:00 a.m. We have two new VE team members, ED, KA0MRD and Bill, N8JET. Connie, K8CCS will be the greeter. Paul, KE8WHG will be backup greeter, if needed.

Newsletter – Tom, N8FDY - The deadline for articles, photos, etc. is October 27. Send us your pictures and we will publish them. We will have lots of room for ads since there will be several that will fall off. If you have anything to sell, please submit an ad.

Nets – Jeany, KC3QND – The nets are doing really well. Eric, KE8VZA and Sara, KC8KSU came aboard as net

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controls. The 10-meter nets have been experiencing a lot of noise.

Old Business – No old business to report.

New Business – John, W8LYO – Election Committee: Paul, KE8WHG and Eric, KE8VZA conducted a search of nominees for secretary and treasurer. Connie, K8CCS has accepted to serve as secretary for another term. There are no other candidates, which makes this a white ballot. A vote was held and Connie, K8CCS was elected to another

term as secretary. Eric, KE8VZA would like to run for treasurer. There were no other candidates, which also makes this a white ballot. A vote was held and Eric, KE8VZA was elected as the new treasurer. These terms will start January 1, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Andrew, KE8WMS; Seconded by Joshua, KE8YUG.

Meeting Adjourned 7:29 p.m.

Presentation – Tom, N8FDY: Digital Multimeters for Ham Radio.

Ham Radio Pets

Simba the cat and Mr. Wilson love to snuggle up. Their humans are Jeany, KC3QND and Pete, KE8NQQ. If you have photos of your dear pets, send them to Elaine,

KC8FOS or Tom, N8FDY so we can include them in the newsletter.



THE BEST GEAR...RIGHT HERE!

Check out our new, more spacious Showroom Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. Or place your orders and pick them up at the curb. Here's how:

- Pick-up available from 9 am - 8 pm, Monday-Saturday and 9 am - 7 pm, Sunday.
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- Pull into a designated curbside pickup space in front of the Summit Racing Retail Store. You will need valid ID, your order number, and the physical credit card you used or Pay Pal receipt.
- Only the person who purchased the item may pick up the order.

We look forward to seeing you!

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- Fast and Friendly Service

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For sale by Bill, KB8FU

Most of the parts needed to convert a Hustler 4BTV or 5BTV to a 6BTV.

These were salvaged from my old 6BTV which was purchased and used before moving back to Ohio.

A previous owner shortened the 10 meter element by over 2 feet for some reason.

I have since replaced it with a used but unmodified 6BTV.

\$30

Contact Bill at 440-281-8105



Estate Sale: Lenny, N8XLQ SK

by Pete Sklenar, KE8NQQ, (440) 281-4486

Yaesu FTM300DR Mobile Radio \$475.00, Or Best Offer (OBO)

Yaesu FT-847 Earth Station, includes Landliner Patch \$930.00, OBO

Yaesu FT DX 101 MP Radio 50 MHz w/ FPS 101 Power Supply, Astatic Golden Eagle Mic \$5,000, OBO

Yaesu FT DX 1200 Radio \$750.00, OBO

Yaesu M-1 Mic \$575.00, OBO

Yaesu DX 1200/50MHz with Landliner Patch and monitor \$850.00, OBO

Astatic D-104 Silver Eagle \$275.00, OBO

Three Astatic D-104 microphones with standard base \$100.00 each, OBO. Two grey base and one silver

Astatic Night Eagle D-104 microphone with shield \$100.00, OBO

MFJ 969 Versa Tuner II \$225.00, OBO

Maco M105 HV 11 meter horizontal beam antenna with vertical additional hardware for 10 Meters. Antenna is tuned for 11 meters. \$400.00, OBO

Cushcraft A449-11 70 Centimeter FM Yagi Antenna \$125.00, OBO

Three MFJ-891 Cross-Needle SWR/ Power meters. \$125.00 each, OBO

Two Yaesu FT-101E Vintage radios. Not tested. Condition unknow, \$350.00, OBO

For Sale by Sandy, W8KYS

Tailtwister antenna rotor with controller. Reconditioned. \$250.00

EICO Signal Tracer, model 147A. Manual. \$50.00

Contact Sandy, W8KYS. 440-647-2255

Ad Submission Guidelines

Electronic ads may be emailed to noarslog@noars.net. Printed ads may be sent to NOARS Log, 161 Herrmann Drive, Avon Lake, OH. 44012. The deadline for submissions is seven days before the first day of each month. All must include: asking price, sellers name, call sign and phone number. Only ads from current NOARS

members, or paid advertisers will be accepted. If your items sell, please notify the Log editors at noarslog@noars.net so the ad can be removed. All ads will be removed (unless updated) after four months. NOARS reserves the right to refuse any ads.



Chet Roberts

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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: John, W8LYO

Vice President: Elaine, KC8FOS

Secretary: Connie, K8CCS

Treasurer: Tom, W8KYZ

Others: Carl, W8KRF; Tom, N8FDY; Chris, KE8MMY

Others

Net Manager: Jeany, KC3QND

Club Trustee for K8KRG: John, W8LYO

NOARS Log Editors: Tom, N8FDY; Elaine, KC8FOS

Volunteer Examiners: Elaine, KC8FOS; Glenn, AF8C;

Ron, N8EGZ; Sallie, AB8GI; Tom, W8KYZ; John, W8LYO; Dave, KD8MXE; Steve, K8NIA; Bob,

W8OOT; Bill, N8JET; Bill, K2WJS

Membership

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



Meetings

The third Monday of each month at the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd. at 7 PM. Coffee and donuts at 6:30. All are welcome.

Nets

NOARS nets are Tuesday nights at 8 pm on 28.370 MHz, Wednesday nights at 7 pm on 146.700 MHz, and Thursday nights at 8 pm. on 146.700 MHz. All licensed amateurs are welcome.

VE Testing

Contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com for more info or register for a test. Walk-ins welcome. The next test will be Nov 4 at the Fairview Park Library.

Net Control Stations

Jeany KC3QND
Eric, KE8VZA
Sara, KC8KSU
Tom, W8KYZ
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
John, W8LYO

Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

Repeaters: Carl, W8KRF; John, W8LYO; Pete, KE8QNK; Bryan N8OOF

Field Day:

Hamfest: Carl, W8KRF

Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ

Membership: Carl, W8KRF

Club Property Committee: Carl, W8KRF

Programs Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS; Bob, W8NNC; Pete, KE8NQK;

Jeany KC3QND; Bob W8OOT, Paul KE8WHG

Social Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS;

Linda, KM4GSF; Sara, KC8KSU; Eric, KE8VZA; Andrew, KE8WMS; Will, KE8WHM

Public Relations Committee:

Chris, KE8MMY