

NOARS Log



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Prez Sez

The weather is finally improving, which means there are plenty of events coming up. Get out, get some fresh air, and participate. We will have a POTA event at the end of May, Field Day in June and NOARSfest in July, just to name a few. I hope to see everyone out, about, and participating. If you have questions about any of them or want to help, don't be shy, just ask someone and have fun.

In the shack this month, I hit a milestone of 20,000 logged QSO's which were mixed, of course. I

remember when I first started looking at QRZ logs and thinking, "Wow, how could I ever get thousands of QSO's. That must take a long time." I guess time passes quickly when you're having fun. I also looked at switching from Omnirig to Hamlib for CAT control. Log4om2 and WSJT-X support both. Hamclock does not support Omnirig, but does support Hamlib rigctld to read the PTT state remotely over the network. I got rigctld working with Hamclock and it switched to On the Air when I keyed up. There were a few caveats with both programs.

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The Membership Meeting will be Monday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

Batteries, presented by Bill Holmes, N4NZZ

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.

NOARS Meeting via Zoom

Meeting ID: 863 6532 2761

Passcode: 825279



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Omnirig Log4om2 recognizes the correct VFO states and split, when using digital modes. If I use the RCL to switch modes and memory on the radio all is well and Log4om2 updates accordingly with frequency, VFO, and split. If I switch bands in WSJT-X to go back to digital, the radio switches but DNR is left on. I must switch it off manually. With Hamlib, if I am in digital mode on the radio, everything works between WSJT-X and Log4om2, and updates accordingly. If I hit RCL on the radio to switch to memory or QMB mode, Log4om2 still stays in split mode and leaves the transmit frequency on VFO B. Thinking it might be a configuration issue, I ran rigctl

manually and queried the response from the radio with the commands. Everything came back as expected, which makes me think Log4om2 is not querying properly for dual VFO, and recognizing split is off. I will have to try and see what I can find out, but since I already spent a day on this, I will just be ok without Hamclock updating my On Air status. I think my next shack adventure will be learning and using VarAC more than the once that I tried it. I see they have added a lot of features, and it looks interesting.

73'

John W8LYO

Sunshine News

Dan, W8AJF, suffered a heart attack, for which he had surgery on Wednesday, April 30. A full recovery is

expected. He and Ann look forward to doing many more POTA activations.

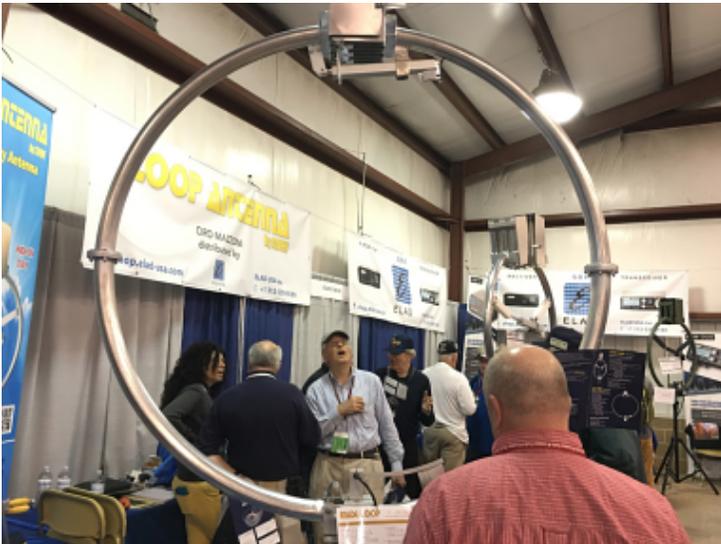
Welcome to the NOARS VE Team

Bill, N8JET; Chuck, W8CGC; and Mark, KC8FLY, have come aboard as VEs. If you have an Extra Class License

and are interested in becoming a VE, contact Elaine, KC8FOS.

Hamvention

Hamvention will be held May 16, 17 and 18, 2025 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For more information go to <https://hamvention.org>.



May 2025 Social Events

Tuesday Lunch will be on **May 6 at noon** at Gene's Place in Cleveland, 3730 Rocky River Dr. All are welcome!

Weekend Lunch will be on **Saturday, May 10 at noon** at Smitty's Place, 368 E Bridge St, Elyria. All are welcome!

Build a POTA Antenna on **Saturday, May 17**. See details on page 6.

The Spring NOARS Parks On The Air Party

Saturday, May 31, 2025 @10am.

Come help activate Tinker's Creek Liberty Park, or just hang out.

Location: Tinker's Creek Liberty Park

10303 Aurora Hudson Road

Streetsboro, OH 44241

NOARS' park activation is one of multiple parks being activated by ham clubs in northeast Ohio. We may have some P2P contacts. Awesome!

Family and friends are welcome!

Golden Corral Closing and Tuesday Lunches

The Golden Corral in Elyria closed permanently Wednesday evening, April 16. A group of us had been meeting there for the monthly Tuesday Lunches for almost 6 years. If we want to continue to meet, we will need to find an alternative place. Suggestions received so

far: Gene's Place in Cleveland, Royal Grill Sushi Buffet in Elyria, Canary Restaurant in North Olmsted, Claudette's Café and Deli in Westlake, BYO picnic lunch in a park. May's Tuesday Lunch will be at Gene's Place, 3730 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland.



May Birthdays

Dan Kutchin, K8AGW
Dwayne Eldridge, WO8U
Eric Hatfield, KE8VZA
Jeany Hess, KC3QND
Jim McMickle, KF8BER
Richard Miller, KD8UKH
Yuri Sivitski, W4YSW

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!



April 21, 2025 Membership Meeting Attendance

In Person

Andrew, KE8WMS
Ann, KA8ZEP
Bill, N8LXY
Bill, N4NZZ
Bill, K2WJS
Bob, W8OOT
Bob, AC7IT
Bryan, W8JMI

Chuck, W8CGC
Connie, K8CCS
Dan, K8AGW
Dan, KF8AXL
Dan, W8AJF
Dave, KY8OSU
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Fred, KF8ATX

Jim, N8DST
John, W8LYO
Ken, K8SCA
Mark, KC8FLY
Michael, KF8BNF
Paul, KE8WHG
Tom, W8KYZ

Carl, W8KRF
Chuck, KB8LJ
Chuck, K8CVM
Jeany, KC3QND
Jim, KD8OCW
Mark, KC8FQV

Via Zoom

Bill, N8JET

Heard on the Nets in April

Andrew, KE8WMS
Anthony, KB8TK
Bill, N8JET
Bill, N8LXY
Bill, K2WJS
Bill, N8WS
Bob, KF8ABZ
Bob, W8OOT
Bryan, W8JMI
Carl, W8KRF
Chris, KE8MMY
Chuck, W8CGC
Chuck, K8CVM
Connie, K8CCS
Chris, KE8MMY
Dan, K8AGW

Dan, W8AJF
Bill, N8LXY
Dave, NV7LV
Denis, N8PDF
Ed, KF8CAA
Elaine, KC8FOS
Eric, KE8VZA
Fren, N8AHS
Gary, N8VFW
Gordon, AI8Y
Dr. Jack, N8NDL
Janice, W8MTR
Jeany, KC3QND
Jeff, KB8ZUN
Jim, N8DST
Jim, W8NIN

Jim, W8NRX
Jim, KB7QHT
Jim, KE8ZTL
Joe, KF8CCM
John, W2JLS
John, W8LYO
John, W8VBT
Josh, KE8YUG
Ken, W8KH
Kenyon, KK7HGW
Larry, N8RKE
Marie, KF8ANS
Mark, KC8FLY
Mark, KC8FQV
Mike, KF8BNF
Mike W8NIN

Nate, KE8ZTL
Nick, KD8SLG
Paul, KE8WHG
Pete, KE8NQK
Rich, KE8YUP
Ron, N8OD
Ryan, AD2Q
Sawyer, KF8DJX
Scott, KE8VOX
Steve, KF8ANT
Steve, WB3JVK
Tim, KC8SKY
Tom, N8FDY
Tom, NQ8O
Tom, W8KYZ

May, 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 2M Net 8 PM KE8VZA	2	3 VE Test 10AM Fairview Park Library
4	5	6 NOARS Lunch at Noon Gene's Place ' 10M Net 8 PM W8LYO	7 Food Group 7PM 2M N8JET	8 2M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	9	10 Weekend Lunch 12:00 Smitty's, Elyria
11	12	13 10M Net 8 PM W8KYZ	14 Food Group 7PM 2M K8AGW	15 2M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	16	17 Antenna Build 11am-2pm North Olmsted High School Picnic Pavilion
18	19 NOARS Meeting 7 PM	20 10M Net 8 PM KC8FOS	21 Food Group 7PM 2M KC3QND	22 2M Net 8 PM W8LYO	23	24
25	26	27 10M Net 8 PM KE8NQK	28 Food Group 7PM 2M KC8FOS	29 2M Net 8 PM N8JET	30	31 NOARS Spring POTA at Tinker's Creek Liberty Park

Build Your Own POTA Antenna

Why go to Dayton Hamvention when you can hang out with your pals from NOARS and build your own random wire antenna for the upcoming POTA party?

Saturday, May 17 at the North Olmsted High School Picnic Pavilion from 11am-2pm, Eric (KE8VZA) will walk you through putting together a random wire antenna. Come join the fun and hang out and walk out of there

with something you can POTA with! Or, just hang out!

NOTE: You have to bring your own materials! We'll have some antenna analyzers and some tools and a radio or two to make sure you've got a working antenna.

Here's a list of items and where you can buy them:

Description	Quantity	Source	Price	Link
<u>Mandatory</u>				
Wire 18-14 gauge	100 feet	Amazon	\$ 17.98	https://a.co/d/cMy3JVT
Unun 9:1 i.e. LDG brand	1	DXE	\$ 29.99	https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/ldg-ru-9-1
		OR Gigaparts	\$ 29.95	https://www.gigaparts.com/ldg-ru-9-1-unun.html
Coax cable RG8X with connectors	50 feet	Amazon	\$ 26.90	https://a.co/d/4qjJCz9
Small diameter rope, paracord, twine	2 feet	various		
Small block of wood, tent stake, screwdriver -OR- something similar to anchor ant bottom	1	various		
<u>Optional</u>				
1:1 Unun i.e. LDG brand	1	DXE	\$ 29.99	https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/ldg-ru-1-1
		OR Gigaparts	\$ 29.95	https://www.gigaparts.com/ldg-ru-1-1-unun.html
Fishing pole 24 feet -OR- some other kind of pole	1	Amazon	\$ 34.99	https://a.co/d/2vsTtEF



Dan and Ann Were at it Again on a POTA Date

The weather Thursday, April 24 was bright and warm, making it a perfect day for Mr. and Mrs. POTA to activate Guilford Lake State Park in Lisbon, OH. They made 32 FT8 and CW contacts on 20M. For safety's sake, they

thoughtfully marked the path of the coax with warning flags. The date ended with dinner at The Circle in Deerfield.





The Last Tuesday Lunch at Golden Corral



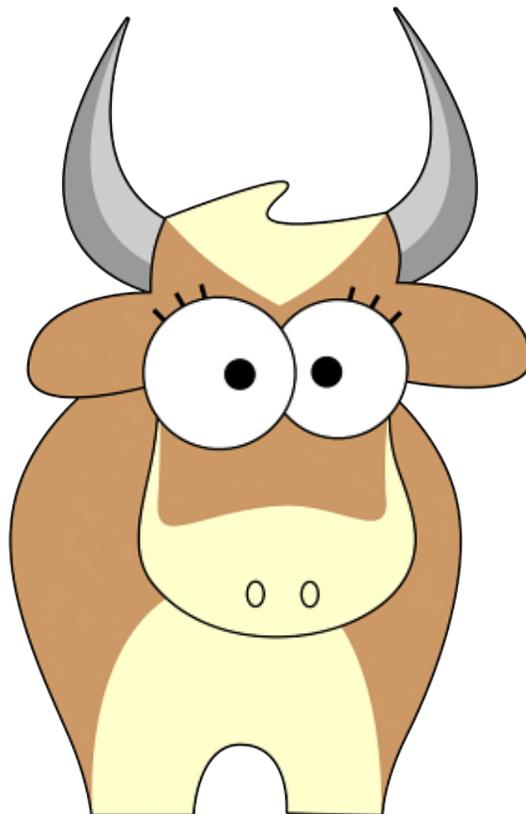


April Weekend Lunch

Seven humans and one Easter Bunny gathered for lunch at the Dawg House Bar & Grill and had a great time.



Since the animal associated with May is the bull, we will see about bringing one to the Weekend Lunch at Smitty's in Elyria.



NOARS Membership Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

Submitted by Connie, K8CCS

The meeting was held in person at North Olmsted Public Library and via Zoom, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by club President John, W8LYO.

Total number of people in attendance: 31 (24 attended in person; 7 attended via Zoom).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions and roll call of all in attendance.

Motion to accept the March 2025 meeting minutes as published in the NOARS Log was made by Ann, KA8ZEP; seconded by Andrew, KE8WMS. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer – Eric, KE8VZA.

Deposits: Two dues were deposited.

Expenses: \$81.32 to Windstream for internet and telephone service for the repeater; \$1,270 to LCCC for facility rental for hamfest; \$14.47 to Dan, W8AJF as reimbursement for mailing prize from the hamfest.

Motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Paul, KE8WHG; seconded by Michael, KF8BNF. Treasurer report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Repeater – Carl, W8KRF – No change. Everything is working okay. The firmware will be updated when he and John, W8LYO, go out to the repeater to make the audio level changes.

Club Property – Carl, W8KRF – No change in club property.

Membership – Carl, W8KRF – We have 143 members. Asked Eric, KE8VZA, to forward information regarding the two dues that were deposited.

Website – Carl, W8KRF – The website is up-to-date. John, W8LYO, stated that we did not renew SiteLock for the website which provides malware scanning of files that are uploaded to the website. Since we do not upload files to the website, we let this service lapse saving us \$80-\$90 per year.

Parliamentary – Tom, N8FDY (not present). No parliamentary. Articles or pictures for the newsletter must be submitted by April 25, 2025.

Hamfest – John, W8LYO – The site for the July Hamfest has been booked. We have also started our media campaign.

Field Day – John, W8LYO – The Indian Hollow Reservation of Lorain Metro Parks reservation has been approved. We were advised that next year we will need to pay for the use of the pavilion for four time slots (\$120). John was able to have that fee waived for this year. He will discuss splitting this cost with LCARA and adding it to next year's budget.

Social Committee – Andrew, KE8WMS – There were nine people at the last weekend luncheon, as well as the Easter bunny. No date or location for the next weekend lunch has been set yet. The next social committee meeting is April 24th.

Tuesday monthly lunches – Elaine, KC8FOS, advised the Tuesday Lunch bunch has been meeting since June 5, 2018 at the Golden Corral in Elyria. This location closed on April 14. We are looking for a new location in order to continue this fellowship. Some suggested locations are: Gene's Place in Cleveland (closes at 2:00, not sure if reservations needed); Blue Sky in Elyria (has a private room, not sure if reservations needed); Canary Restaurant in North Olmsted (not sure if reservations needed); Royal Grill & Sushi Buffet in Sheffield (is more than just Sushi; \$11.99 for the lunch buffet); Sugarcreek in Sheffield (closes at 2:00); Perkins in Avon (has a private room; not sure if reservations needed); Claudette's in Westlake

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(closes at 2:00; not sure if reservations needed). Another suggestion was that in warm weather we could have a picnic in a park. If you have any other suggestions, please email Elaine.

Build an Antenna will be held at the North Olmsted High School Pavilion on May 17. Eric, KE8VZA, will be teaching us how to build a POTA antenna.

POTA – May 31 will be held at Tinkers Creek, Liberty Park.

The next Fox Hunt will be June 14, 2025. More information to come.

VE Test – Elaine, KC8FOS – The next VE session will be May 3 at Fairview Park Library. We have two people signed up to take the test. You can sign up at hamstudy.org to take the test. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Sunshine – Tom, W8KYZ – Sandy, W8KYS(sk), passed away on March 28. He donated his body to the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. There will be no services or visitation.

Nets – Jeany, KC3QND – Everything is good with the nets. Bill, N8JET, will handle the food group net this Wednesday. Dan, K8AGW, will handle the second Wednesday net of the month. Elaine, KC8FOS is handling the 10m net.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Elaine, KC8FOS, covered the new business with Golden Corral.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Ken, K8SCA; seconded by Tom, W8KYZ.

Meeting Adjourned 7:17 p.m.

Presentation: Andrew, KE8WMS – Skywarn.



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Others: Carl, W8KRF; Will, KE8WHM;
Tom, N8FDY

Others

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Ron, N8EGZ; John, W8LYO; Dave, KD8MXE;

Bob, W8OOT; Bill, N8JET; Bill, K2WJS; Ed,

KA0MRD; Scott, KE8VOX

Committees

Parliamentary Committee: Tom, N8FDY

Repeaters: Carl, W8KRF; John, W8LYO;

Pete, KE8QNK; Bryan N8OOF

Field Day: Carl, W8KRF

Hamfest: John, W8LYO

Sunshine: Tom, W8KYZ

Membership: Carl, W8KRF

Club Property Committee: Carl, W8KRF

Programs Committee: Paul, KE8WHG Chair;

Pete, KE8NQK; Jeany KC3QND; Scott, KE8VOX

Social Committee: Andrew, KE8WMS;

Elaine, KC8FOS; Sara, KC8KSU; Eric, KE8VZA;

Will, KE8WHM; Ann, KA8ZEP

Public Relations Committee: Elaine, KC8FOS;

Michael, KF8BNF

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, 20246 Drake Rd., Strongsville, OH 44149.



Meetings

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Nets

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VE Testing

Contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com, or call 216-337-4235 for more info or to register for a test. Walk-ins are welcome.

Net Control Stations

Jeany KC3QND
Eric, KE8VZA
Tom, W8KYZ
Dan, W8AJF
Elaine, KC8FOS
John, W8LYO
Josh, KE8YUG
Dan, K8AGW
Bill, N8JET