

OSCAR Newsletter March 2013

OSCAR Meeting

The next OSCAR meeting is the 8th of March @ 9:00 AM, the second Saturday of the month. The meeting is being held in the back room at "The Kitchen" downtown on Cedar Ave. by the light on Rose St. & Cedar Ave.

February 2014 OSCAR Meeting Notes

Feb 8, 2014 OSCAR Meeting

Officers: KD0NUV Randy N0MDC Mike
KD0RGH Lowell, WA0FMG Bill, N0GZK Jeff, WB0PKG Dale,
KD0TLI Dan, WB0VAK Dave, KD0GVR Gregg, N0UW Tom,
KD0UVF Ryan, AC0DA Dan.

Dec minutes approved 1st N0UW Tom 2nd AC0DA Dan

Jan minutes approved 1st N0UW Tom 2nd AC0DA Dan

Treasures Report Bal \$1797.53 Club \$1281.89

- \$90.00 memberships Repeater \$515.64 + \$10.00
- Approved 1st WB0PKG Dale 2nd KD0GVR Gregg

Repeater update

N0UW Tom - working good no planned updates till April
Echo-Link problem AC0DA

Events N0UW Tom

Tech Class starts Tues 2-11
VE session Mar 6
Elmer Night Mar 25
Skywarn MEETING Mar 18
Skywarn Spotter Training Mar 11
ARMER Radio Training Mar 18
W1AW/0 June 11 – 17 You can be W1AW/0 see OSCAR website

Field Day

N0MDC Mike Coordinator
KD0TLI Assistant Coordinator
After discussion it was decided Fairgrounds was not good site, conflict with Barn Bash.
N0MDC will contact airfield see if it is available
Members are asked to scout city parks and email or call N0MDC with possible sites so can check with Parks Dept.

Motion made to check operation Ham station at Fair

1st N0MDC Mike 2nd KD0GVR Gregg

Motion to adjourn 1st AC0DA Dan 2nd KD0TLI Dan

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Items of interest

1. RACES/ARES Update

- a. RACES and ARES are both Amateur Radio organizations that formally support the communities we live in. The RACES organization is part of Steele County Emergency Management and serves at the direction of the Steele County Emergency Management Director. ARES is organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and supports community groups outside of the Emergency Management domain.
- b. Steele County operates a combined RACES/ARES organization in conjunction with OSCAR. This format allows the local Amateur Radio community to respond to a wide array of situations with the least amount of confusion. Tom NOUW serves as the RACES Radio Officer and ARES Emergency Coordinator for Steele County.
- c. Tom NOUW is updating the list of individuals who will answer the call for assistance. Anyone who wants to be included in RACES/ARES notifications should contact Tom NOUW through the OSCAR email address.
- d. New RACES credentials are being issued. Previously issued Steele County badges with CERT, SKYWARN, RACES, ARES, OSCAR, or combined designations are no longer valid. Tom will take new pictures along with your current information to obtain a new RACES badge. Information and pictures can be updated at any OSCAR or SKYWARN meeting.

SKYWARN Meeting

!!! Yearly SKYWARN Spotter Training Tuesday, March 11, 2014!!!

Class must be attended at least every other year to stay as an active SKYWARN Spotter. Meeting will be held in the 3rd floor meeting room at the Owatonna Fire hall.

The next SKYWARN meeting is March 18th @ 7:00 PM, the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held in the 3rd floor meeting room at the Owatonna Fire hall. This will also be the night of the ARMER Radio Training.

ALARC (Albert Lea Amateur Radio Club) - VE Test Session

Wednesday, March 19th at 7pm at the Glenville Fire Hall in Glenville, MN

Walk-ins welcome...

Viking (Waseca Club) is offering ARRL Emergency Radio Classes on Saturday March 8th, 2014 starting at 9AM. Please contact Keith WA0JGT at WA0JGT@arrl.net if you are interested in taking these classes ASAP, so they can have enough materials printed. The classes are being given in the basement of the Waseca County Sherriff Station, in downtown Waseca.