

OSCAR Newsletter July 2014

The next OSCAR meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 9th at 9:00am, the second Saturday of the month. The meeting is held in the back room of "The Kitchen" restaurant in downtown Owatonna, located at the SE corner of North Cedar Avenue and East Rose Street.

July 12, 2014 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:20am by N0MDC.

Members at attendance were: WA0FMG Bill, N0UW Tom, N0MDC Mike, KD0GVR Gregg, KD0RGH Lowell, KCOLXB Charles, WB0PKG Dale, KE0BCT Tony, AC0DA Dan, KD0TLI Dan, KCOREO Kris, K0BDD Brian, KD0YRE Barry, KD0NUV Randy

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the June Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Field Day Expenses were discussed. Donations are still be accepted.

FIELD DAY was held Saturday June 28 at 1:00pm to Sunday June 29 at 1:00pm. The site was the SE corner area next to Willow Creek School in Owatonna. 1050 22nd St NE.

Open discussion about field day. Comments that all went well, good attendance by members and guests. Total count was about 48 (last year it was 45).

We ran 5A, and all of the kids & young guests made contacts with some of them making several.

Field Day Contacts:

CW	497
Phone	<u>323</u>
Total Contacts	820
QSO Points	1317 Multiplier 2
Bonus Points	<u>930</u>
Total Score	3564

The location was considered good, it would be nice to have the EOC in the middle of the field, but that is always weather contingent. The area was definitely radio positive with low noise. Some brief discussion about sites for next year, with Lincoln School a place to consider.

Kudos and a BIG THANKS to Chef Brian and the culinary delights we were treated to and very tasty meals!!

Repeater: No repeater report

Skywarn: No formal report

CERT: there may be a weather radio programming event coming

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There was discussion about "Safety Alley" at the SCFF (Steele County Free Fair) and whether we can modify an antenna to fit on the Fire Rehab Trailer for a demonstration purpose. Tom may have an MFJ antenna that will work for that.

Also there will be a request and sign up opportunities to help staff the trailer. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help out. Further discussion to be continued at the July meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02am.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG



I am Not a Turkey, I Am a HAM

...overheard on 20 meters....

"Yesterday, my XYL said she'd leave me if I didn't give up ham radio. Over."

"BANDWIDTH" - A HAM'S WAIST SIZE!

