

## OSCAR Newsletter August 2014

The next OSCAR meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

August 9, 2014 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Randy, KD0NUV.

Members at attendance were: WA0FMG Bill, N0UW Tom, N0MDC Mike, KD0GVR Gregg, KC0LXB Charles, KE0BCT Tony, AC0DA Dan, KD0TLI Dan, KD0NUV Randy, KR0K Larry, (KB0CMQ – old call) Leonard

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

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Larry KR0K presented a check in the amount of \$50 to OSCAR from the Riverbend Wireless Mechanical Society (Faribault) ham group in appreciation for the experience at Field Day this year. The club expressed its gratitude and thanked KR0K for promoting the event and getting more people to visit and get involved.

The RWMS group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 11:30 am at Geek Central in Faribault MN.

Field Day Expenses were discussed. Donations are still being accepted. With recent donations and the RWMS gift, we are about \$40 or so shy of covering expenses.

Just in case you missed the last newsletter, here again are the totals for Field Day 2014. We ran 5A, and all of the kids & young guests made contacts with some of them making several.

### Field Day Contacts:

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

**Skywarn:** No formal report. Some discussion about looking for a decent map of Waseca County to aid with a Skywarn event. WA0FMG is going to look into getting a map for vehicle use and a C size for the Skywarn Control Center.

**CERT:** No formal report

**Steele County Free Fair** is August 12 to 17 and all are encouraged to sign up to assist staffing the emergency trailer in Safety Alley. N0UW is working on an HF antenna set up so hams may bring in their rig and do some remote work and also hope to spark interest from visitors.

**Repeater:** No formal repeater report and there is no formal discussion about relocating the 49 repeater.

**AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CHECK THE OSCAR WEBSITE FOR EVENTS AND UPDATES**

Round Table Discussion Informal Notes:

KD0NUV has been involved in some ham activities with some of the school kids, also has done very well getting out on his fan dipole to several foreign countries as well as around the US.

N0MDC has been busy but not on air much lately

KD0GVR is looking for a little less overtime so more time can be spent on other activities

WA0FMG stated his vertical antenna is still in the horizontal position on the deck. Needs to get going.

KB0CMQ had some questions on his dipole regarding grounding and lightning arrestors, etc. Good discussion from the group and also websites to check out like Polyphaser sp? He is looking into getting back into radio and looking into his old call sign etc.

KA0BCT has been very busy at work, hoping to study and get his General when time permits.

KCOLXB is working on his tower, down for repairs, doing upgrades and probably will be putting in back up in the spring. He will have a couple of antenna rotors for sale if anyone is interested.

KR0K did a radio DJ stint on KMSU 89.7 and announced there is a VE session Wednesday in Lakeville and Saturday in Faribault. Spent 8 days in a State Park near Spring Valley and had a great time there, and setting up his remote station. Worked over 100 contacts.

KD0TLI has been playing with some antennas, a Yagi and a ground plane. Discussion on a possible Fall Picnic / Mini Field Day.

AC0DA has just been too busy like many of us.

N0UW worked with a trap vertical out at the Crane Creek site. (The old Field Day site for many years) He also shared a Step-IR website for good info on radials.

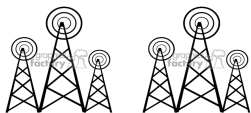
Meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

## FALL PICNIC / MINI FIELD DAY

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 8am to 5pm for Radio Set Up

Crane Creek School House Park



Hi-way 14 West, Owatonna



Food, Antennas, Fun, Antennas, Fellowship, Did I mention antennas?



More details to follow

