

OSCAR Newsletter October 2014

The next OSCAR meeting is scheduled for Saturday **November 8th 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.

October 11, 2014 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Randy, KD0NUV.

Members at attendance were: WA0FMG Bill, N0UW Tom, KD0GVR Gregg, KC0LXB Charles, KD0NUV Randy, Tony N0TAD, Sandee KD0KSA, Lowell KD0RGH, Dan KD0TLI, Matt KA0PQW, Larry K0R0K, Kurt KD0SEE, Ryan KD0UVF, Len KE0BPF, Barry KD0YRE

There was a motion made by K0R0K and seconded by KD0GVR to approve the September Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by WA0FMG as forwarded by N0MDC and approved.

A brief recap of the Mini Field Day event held September 20th. A good time was had by most, if not all. The stormy weather that night held off. There was plenty of food and quite a variety of antennas and experimentation going on. Elmers' helping newbies, and the knowledge is always VERY much appreciated. We hope to make this an annual informal event, once or twice a year.

OSCAR will again hold its Technicians License class in 2015. The question pool has changed for 2015.

Skywarn: No formal report, a brief discussion on the state award for Skywarn and kudos to all involved.

CERT: No formal report, there was the chili feed, excellent as always, and upcoming class in October. As always please check the appropriate websites for current information.

Repeater: No formal repeater report. General discussion followed.

Randy KD0NUV let us know he has been contacted by a person, KC0VEH, is interested in ham radio and OSCAR, located at a local nursing home facility and is looking for volunteers to help. Please contact N0NUV for details.

Sandee KD0KSA brought forth the information that she is looking into adding our local agencies to the Owatonna Live program and website for added exposure.

Larry K0R0K brought forth the information that the Faribault club is working on setting up an Emergency Response Team in Faribault. A lot of good groundwork is being done.

General discussion and ragchewing about contacts made, CW questions, and who's been working on what in their "ham shacks".

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

Motion made to adjourn by KD0TLI and seconded by KD0YRE. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39am.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

A new feature section is Q & A with our resident “experts” *Homebrew and Dummyload*.

Question: Is there such a thing as ham radio romance?

Answer: Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.

The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Since they were a perfect match, soon they generated harmonics.

Wrapped the harmonics in dipoles.

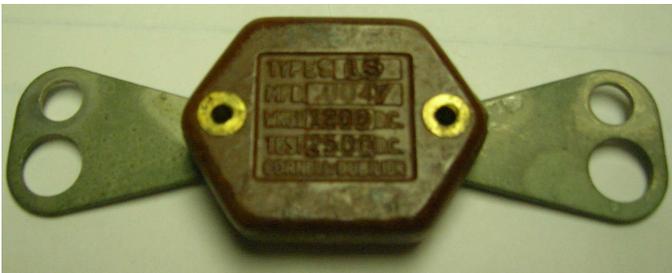
But later the harmonics turned out to be parasitic elements.

The true story -- she was a tri-bander and he felt trapped, so they went on separate beam headings

Question: Can you explain how ham radio works in easy terms?

Answer: "Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat." __Attributed to Albert Einstein

What are these items?



Submit your answer at the next OSCAR meeting and win the valuable prize of a round of applause from your esteemed colleagues, or, my voice on your answering machine or voicemail.

You can submit your questions to *Homebrew and Dummyload* by emailing wa0fmg@gmail.com