

## OSCAR Newsletter November 2014

The next OSCAR meeting is scheduled for Saturday **December 13th 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 329 Cedar Ave N.

### **November 8, 2014 Meeting Notes:**

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

Members at attendance were: WA0FMG Bill, N0UW Tom, KD0GVR Gregg, KC0LXB Charles, KD0NUV Randy, KD0YRE Barry, WB0PKG Dale, AC0DA Dan, N0MDC Mike, W0TJW Terry, N0GZK Jeff, K0BDD Brian

There was a motion made by N0MDC and seconded by AC0DA to approve the October Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by K0BDD and seconded by KC0LXB. Motion carried.

**Repeater:** No formal repeater report. Some general discussion about the squelch on the Echo link connection. KD0NUV to follow-up.

**Skywarn:** No formal report. It was announced that was a nice article about the state award for Skywarn in the Blooming Prairie Times newspaper.

**CERT:** Fall class started this past Wednesday, 8 participants.

OSCAR will again hold its **Technicians License class** in 2015. Proposed start date is early February, check the website for details. The question pool has changed for 2015. **Everyone please help to promote the class!**

KD0NUV update that he is waiting to hear back from the person interested in ham radio located at a local nursing home facility.

K0BDD announced that volunteers are needed for the upcoming John Beargrease sled dog event. Approximate dates January 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact K0BDD or the Beargrease website for more information.

A moment of respect for a recent local silent key N0FDY, Scott Wiuff.

Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> is a class for ICS 100 & ICS 700. Held at the fire hall starting at 8:00am.

Anyone with any Field Day 2014 pictures. Please email to N0UW or the OSCAR website.

December meeting notes: Club dues are \$15. Election of Officers.

General discussion and ragchewing about contacts made, questions, Sunday night Net, 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 AC0DA and seconded by WB0PKG. Meeting was adjourned at 10:01am.

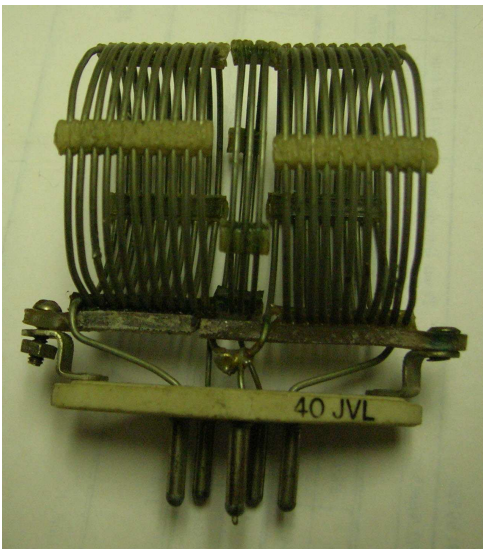
Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

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

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF.....

1. YOUR WIFE SAID, "LETS GO SEE AUNT ANNA", AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, "LETS GO SEE THE ANTENNA".
2. YOUR WIFE SAID, "COULD YOU CUT THE GRASS?", AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID POUND THE BRASS!
3. YOUR WIFE SAID, "WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO BREAKFAST", AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID "HAM FEST"!
4. YOUR WIFE SAID, "SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE CHECK BOOK", AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, "LOG BOOK"!
5. YOUR WIFE SAID, "IS MY SEAM STRAIGHT?", AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, "IS MY BEAM STRAIGHT?"
6. YOUR WIFE SAID, "TURN ON THE FAN", AND YOU SHOUGHT SHE SAID, "CHANGE THE BANDS".

**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.

Last months items were: a capacitor; and the first satellite – Oscar 1 - The first amateur satellite, simply named OSCAR 1, was launched on December 12, 1961, barely four years after the launch of world's first satellite, Sputnik I. OSCAR 1 was the first satellite to be ejected as a secondary payload (Discoverer 36) and subsequently enter a separate orbit. Despite being in orbit for only 22 days OSCAR 1 was an immediate success with over 570 amateur radio operators in 28 countries forwarding observations to Project OSCAR.

You can submit your questions to *Homebrew and Dummyload* by emailing [wa0fmg@gmail.com](mailto:wa0fmg@gmail.com)