

## OSCAR Newsletter December 2014

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday January 10th 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.

### December 13, 2014 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by President Randy, KDONUV.

#### Attendees:

Barry	KDOYRE
Bill	WAOFMG
Brian	KOBDD
Charles	KCOLXB
Dale	WBOPKG
Dan	ACODA
Gregg	KDOGVR
Jeff	NOGZK
Jim	WOIRX
Kurt	KDOSEE
Larry	KROK
Leonard	KEOBPF
Lowell	KDORGH
Mike	NOMDC
Randy	KDONUV
Sandee	KDOKSA
Tom	NOUW
Tony	WOTAD

There was a motion made by KOBDD and seconded by KROK to approve the November 2014 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by NOMDC. Motion made to approve by ACODA and seconded by KROK. Motion carried.

**Repeater:** No formal repeater report. KDONUV gave a brief update regarding the Echo link connection.

**Skywarn:** No formal report. It was announced that a Pancake Breakfast is (was) held 12-14-14 from 8am – Noon at the VFW in Owatonna. Tickets were on sale in advance at the meeting.

**CERT:** Fall class had 8 participants, a nice article in the Blooming Prairie Times (now the Steele County Times)

OSCAR will again hold its **Technicians License class** in 2015. Proposed start date is February 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks. **Time to be confirmed. Everyone please help to promote the class!**

**The VE Exam date for the class is 3-5-15.** You can also take exams to upgrade your license at this VE session as well. Please let one of the instructors know if you plan to so we have enough materials.

The **ELMER** class is scheduled for 3-26-15.

**Spotter** Training class is scheduled for 3-17-15.

**ARMER** (*Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response*) radio training class is scheduled for 3-24-15 and 3-28-15.

Annual **CERT Volunteer** meeting is 1-8-15 at the Fire Hall.

**Check the website for events/details/changes. [www.oscarmn.org](http://www.oscarmn.org)**

There is good community cross training going on with the different organizations/departments and it really pays off during an event. Plus you get to meet other really cool people ☺.

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

The Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> class for ICS 100 & ICS 700 had 3 participants.

Larry KR0K gave an update on the **Faribault** club, 11 members now. They will also be having a Tech class starting January 26<sup>th</sup> for about 6 weeks. Contact KR0K for details and more information.

Brian K0BDD is still looking for volunteers for the John Beargrease sled dog event.

**Club dues are \$15.**

**General Election** was held: WA0FMG was elected Secretary; N0MDC was elected Treasurer; KDONUV was elected President. Thank you to these members for accepting the positions for the Club.

Motion made to adjourn by KCOLXB and seconded by KDOGVR. Meeting was adjourned at 9:341am.

General discussion and rag chewing followed the meeting. I had an email from Dan, KD0TLI inquiring about a possible "fox hunt".

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

**Merry Christmas Wishes to All!**

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

December 27 & 28 there will be a special event station commemorating the amazing Christmas truce that took place in 1914.

It looks like the clubs down there are really putting a lot of preparation and work into this one, if you have a chance give them a shout!

[http://arvideonews.com/hrn/HRN\\_Episode\\_0179.html](http://arvideonews.com/hrn/HRN_Episode_0179.html)

<https://theworldwar.org/amateurradio>

Here is a valuable opportunity to have hands on training with Disaster Services Technology Equipment.

The prerequisites are to be a Red Cross Volunteer and to complete all the DST on-Line courses.

The closest course will be in the Chicago Area June 5-7, 2015.

Please see the prerequisites at the end of the e-mail.

Barry Altman  
DST Co-Lead

The Hands on Training for 2015 locations and schedule has been finalized. Below lists the locations, dates and requirements to attend the training. The POCs are listed below can answer any questions concerning lodging options, meals and site information.

March 3-5, 2015 – Host Chapter – Greater Carolinas Chapter – Training Location – 600-A Forest Point Circle, Charlotte, NC 28278 – POC – Rick Schou – [Rick.Schou@redcross.org](mailto:Rick.Schou@redcross.org) or [704.378.4624](tel:704.378.4624).

March 17-19, 2015 – Host Chapter and Training Site – Connecticut Region – 209 Farmington Ave, Farmington, CT 06032 – POC – Chris Baker – [Chris.Baker@redcross.org](mailto:Chris.Baker@redcross.org) or [860-678-2823](tel:860-678-2823).

March 31-April 2, 2015 – Host Chapter and Training Site – Capital Region - 1565 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815 – POC – Dan Hardesty – [Dan@Hardestyca.com](mailto:Dan@Hardestyca.com) or [408-489-8951](tel:408-489-8951).

April 14-16, 2015 – Host Chapter and Training Site – ARC of NW Ohio – 1111 Research Drive, Toledo, OH 43614 – POC – TBD.

April 28-30, 2015 – Host Chapter and Training Site – San Antonio Area – 3642 East Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78219 – POC – Josh Jackson – [Josh.Jackson@redcross.org](mailto:Josh.Jackson@redcross.org) or [512-638-1336](tel:512-638-1336)

May 12-14, 2015 – Host Chapter and Training Site – Metro Atlanta Chapter – 1955 Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324 – POC – Victoria Hamrick – [Victoria.Hamrick@redcross.org](mailto:Victoria.Hamrick@redcross.org)

June 5-7, 2015 – Host Chapter – ARC of Greater Chicago – Training Site – NIPSTA – 2300 Patriot Blvd, Glenview, IL 60026 – POC – Paul Brenner – [Paul.Brenner@redcross.org](mailto:Paul.Brenner@redcross.org) or [847-864-7303](tel:847-864-7303)

#### REQUIREMENTS for registering for DST Hands on Training.

The training will last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for three consecutive days. Do not plan on leaving the third day early.

- Volunteer Connection MUST SHOW DST as primary or secondary activity
- Have completed all 7 DST 101 classes (Overview, Customer Service, Computers, Networking, Communication, TIMS and First 48 Hours) the reason for this requirement is this training is designed to build from the foundation laid down by the DST101 courses. (Networking, Computer Operations has changed in the last 6 months if you want to take the refresher.) For a list of DST101 classes send an email to [DST101@redcross.org](mailto:DST101@redcross.org) asking for the list.
- Student in good standing with the Chapter
- Student must agree to deploy in DST on a DRO in or outside of the chapter/region/division jurisdiction
- REGISTRATION FOR HANDS ON TRAINING WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2014. Please send d the following information to [DST101@redcross.org](mailto:DST101@redcross.org) and they will get you scheduled for Hands on Training. Name, address, e-mail address, phone numbers, Volunteer Connection Member number (formerly your DSHR number, check with your local chapter if you don't know it), Saba User ID or Username (if you know it), chapter code, chapter city and state, and the Hands on Class and location you want to attend.

- Dave, an avid ham radio operator, thought he was going crazy. Every time he put his hat on, he would hear the "dits and dahs" of Morse code. Finally, he went to the doctor and explained the problem. The doctor, as most seem to do, said, "Hmmm, let me take a look."
- Taking his hat, the doctor turned around to the table behind him momentarily, then handed the hat back to Dave and told him to put it on.
- Dave did just that, and viola, no more code. Dave was ecstatic. "Wow! What did you do?" he exclaimed.
- "Aww, it was nothing, really, I just removed the band."



#### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE A HAM OPERATOR IF:**

- - you buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
- - you've stripped wire with your teeth.
- - you've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
- - you'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
- - you've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.
- - you start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone.
- - the propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
- - the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
- - your watch is set only to UTC.
- - at night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).
- - you ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.
- - you ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.
- - you ever had an antenna fall down.
- - your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
- - you know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.

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

