

## OSCAR Newsletter January 2015

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday February 14th (Valentine's Day)** 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.

### January 10, 2015 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President pro tem Bill WA0FMG.

#### Attendees:

Barb	KDOKSL
Bill	WA0FMG
Brian	KOBDD
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	AC0DA
Dave	KC0UVY
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jeff	NOGZK
Kurt	KD0SEE
Larry	KR0K
Mike	N0MDC
Rich	WB0OAD
Tom	N0UW
Vince	W0TLG

There was a motion made by N0UW and seconded by KD0GVR to approve the December 2014 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by WB0PKG and seconded by AC0DA. Motion carried.

NOTE: Club Dues are due. \$15 Checks can be made out to OSCAR, or cash in small unmarked bills.

**Repeater:** No formal repeater report. All seems to be working well per N0UW.

**Skywarn:** Report from KC0UVY. There is a Training Class on 3/17. The pancake breakfast fundraiser went well, thank you to everyone who helped and supported the breakfast.

- **Looking for volunteers to help distribute weather radios that were obtained.** They need to be programmed and distributed by 2-28-15. Please contact Dave P. KC0UVY to help.

**CERT:** Report from KDOKSL the Thursday class was cancelled due to the weather. Stay tuned for the re-scheduled date.

OSCAR will again hold its **Technicians License class** in 2015. Start date is February 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks. Tom brought some nice posters for hams to take and post/distribute to help promote the class. **Everyone please help to promote the class!** In the about 11 years the class has been held there have been 100+ participants with a 90% or so success rate. THANKS to all who make this possible.

**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.

**Skywarn spotter** Training class is scheduled for 3-17-15.

**ARMER** (*Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response*) radio training class is scheduled for 3-21-15 and 3-24-15.

**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 😊.

**ITEM TO NOTE:** The cub has received a small pile of nice, clean equipment from the son of a silent key. We are asking for discussion with a resolution at the February meeting as to the use of said equipment. The donor requested it be used to make available to/for hams best interests. Ideas could include Field Day use, GOTA station, new class demos, loaner use for hams in need, etc. Please contribute positive ideas for this generous donation.

Motion made to adjourn by N0MDC and seconded by KR0K. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

A couple new/guest hams at the meeting. A go around and rag chewing followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

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

Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> was “Learn your name in Morse Code Day”

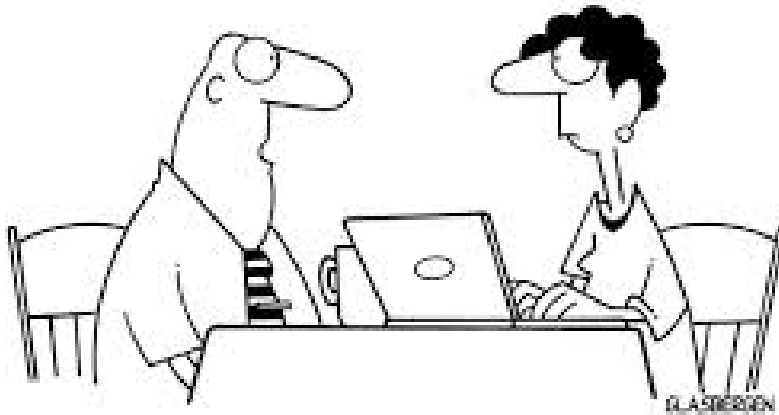
FYI: The Faribault Ham Club website is [www.rbwms.net](http://www.rbwms.net)

FYI: WB0OAD has a 1920's ? model Majestic Model for anyone interested.

FYI: KR0K will be the guest deejay on KMSU radio 89.7 Friday night from 9pm – midnight with his heavy metal head-banging selections. Enjoy.

If you understood Morse code, a tap dancer would drive you crazy!

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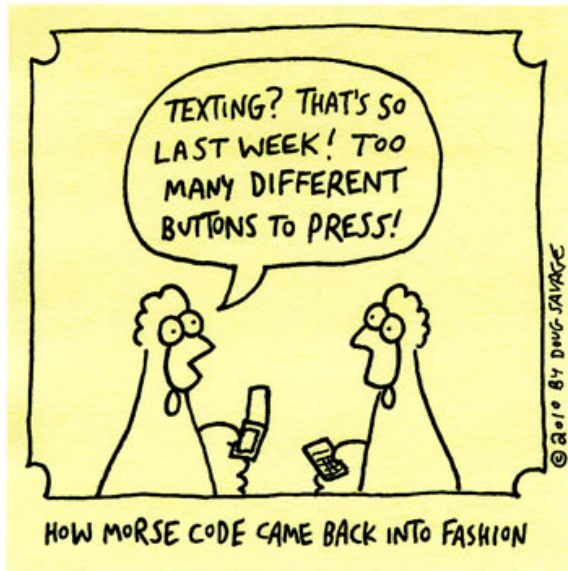


"My computer at work is so old,  
the keyboard only has dots and dashes."

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### Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



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