

OSCAR Newsletter February 2015

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday March 14th 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.

February 14, 2015 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by President Randy KD0NUV.

Attendees:

Bill	WA0FMG
Charles	KCOLXB
Dale	WBOPKG
Dan	KDOTLI
Dan	AC0DA
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jeff	NOGZK
Kurt	KD0SEE
Larry	KR0K
Leonard	KE0BPF
Lowell	KD0RGH
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KD0NUV
Richard	WB0OAD
Ryan	KD0UVF
Tom	N0UW
Tony	NOTAD

Jayden Guest

There was one correction to the January Newsletter minutes: The CERT cancellation due to the weather was the annual meeting, not a CERT class. There was a motion made by N0MDC and seconded by AC0DA to approve the January 2015 Newsletter with noted correction as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by AC0DA and seconded by KD0GVR. Motion carried.

NOTE: Club Dues are due. \$15 Checks can be made out to OSCAR, or cash in small non-sequentially numbered American currency.

Repeater: No formal repeater report.

Skywarn: No formal report.

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

CERT: No formal report.

OSCAR sponsored **Technicians License class** in 2015 started February 10th, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. There are currently 9 students! THANKS to all who help 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.

Check the website for events/details/changes. www.oscarmn.org

Donated Equipment: There was discussion regarding the donation of some nice, clean equipment from the son of a silent key. The intent of the donating party was to put it to use. Discussion ideas ranged from Field Day use, GOTA station, silent auction, loaner use for hams in need/new hams, set up items at the Fire Hall to be used to supplement and add to the existing items there.



After discussion, there was a motion made by NOGZK to install the Kenwood TS-520 item in the Fire Hall basement with probable hookup to a 40 / 80 meter dipole antenna for use. Seconded. Motion passed.

Further discussion to list the equipment below and discuss at the March meeting the appropriate use for each item. (Keep for Field Day, keep for loaner, silent auction, Fire Hall, EOC Trailer, etc.)

Transciever, 2m, Handheld	Yaesu	VX-170	7F220029 with desk charger
Power Supply	Kenwood	KPS-12	8606081
SWR Analyzer	MFJ	MFJ-259B	with wall wart
Signal Generator	Eico	324	9986
SWR Meter	Micronta	21-522	
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Coax Switch	B & K	593	
Inverter	Radio Shack		60w
Antenna, 2m, Mag Mount	Opek	VH-1210	
Transceiver, 2m, Mobile	Icom	IC-25A	6963
Rotator	Archer	15-1220	
Box of Stuff			

Field Day 2015: there was general discussion about Field Day for 2015 regarding site, set-up. A Committee was formed with members being KD0NUV, KD0TLI, KROK, KE0BPF, and N0MDC. There was discussion with KROK about the idea of having the new Faribault club join/partner/help so they can gain additional insight and experience. Some of their members visited our 2014 Field Day set-up. The idea was well received and KROK will discuss it with the Faribault club at their next meeting and report back.



KD0NUV reported he is working with A0BR on the repeater Echolink operation. What can we do as a club to help/support the operation, etc.?

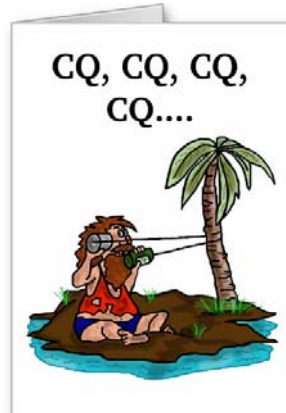
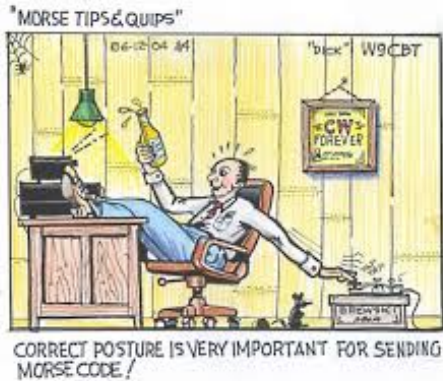
Motion made to adjourn by KROK and seconded by AC0DA. Meeting was adjourned at 9:51am.

A go around and rag chewing followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG



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



What is a Circuit? **"Electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the Earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called 'generators,' turns back into electricity...where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit"**Dave Barry

A ham is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road, his antennas flopping in the breeze and flopping into the other lane. A YL is driving down the same road.

As they pass each other, the YL narrowly missed the antennas and leans out of the window and yells...PIG! The ham immediately leans out of his window and replies, "WITCH!!" They each continue on their way, and as the man rounds the next corner, he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road. If hams would only listen!

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