

OSCAR Newsletter July 2015

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday August 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 329 Cedar Ave N.

July 11, 2015 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by fill in President-Pro-tem Bill WAOFMG.

Attendees:

Barry	KDOYRE
Bill	WAOFMG
Brian	KOBDD
Charles	KCOLXB
Dale	WBOPKG
Gregg	KDOGVR
Kurt	KDOSEE
Larry	KROK
Leonard	KEOBPF
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KDONUV
Richard	WBOOAD
Terry	KEODMZ

There was a motion made by N0MDC and seconded by KROK to approve the June 2015 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by KROK and seconded by KCOLXB. Motion carried. A thank you to all who donated to Field Day, the totals are not in yet but it looks like we just about break even, thanks to a \$125 donation from the Faribault Club.

Repeater: No formal repeater report. NOTE: the 49 & 105 are available for the 500 mile Habitat for Humanity bicycle ride from 7/11 through 7/19. Please be courteous and allow them air time as needed.

Skywarn: No formal report. NOTE: Looking for volunteers to sign up for shifts at the EOC Safety Trailer in Safety Alley at the Steele County Fair. Held August 18 to 23. You can call Barb at 507-475-1526 to sign up for your shift. Please consider this worthy cause and help out if you can. (See details at end of newsletter)

CERT: No formal report.

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

Field Day 2015:

The overall comments were that Field Day 2015 was one of the best. A lot of antennas, a lot of hard work, GREAT FOOD, fun, contacts, new technology, old technology, goodwill, sportsmanship, the required rain storm, and a great social event with a good number of contacts. THANKS to all who supplied food, pop, water, WIFI and PC hookups and troubleshooting, treats, gas, \$\$ and labor. The Friday evening set-up of antennas was a plus. Thanks again.

Preliminary point total was 4,150 (about 500 more than last year) Over 500 CW, 35 digital, and 350 phone. We had a good turnout of current and past members as well as guests and visitors.

KD0NUV is missing his microphone, please check your box, gear bag to see if you accidentally have an extra.

The Owatonna Paper reporter spent a good amount of time there and put together a very nice article, followed up by an editorial that was very positive. Thank you to them for the coverage and support.

KR0K reported that 8 people tested at the recent Lakeville VE session and there is an upcoming VE session at The Faribault Club on 7-18-2015.

Motion made to adjourn by N0MDC and seconded by KD0GVR. Meeting was adjourned at 9:33am.

A go around introduction and rag chewing followed adjournment, including some discussion about a Fall Picnic Field day similar to last years' event.

Respectfully submitted, WA0FMG

A Tribute to 9/11 Coming to Waseca

Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation established the 9/11 Memorial Never Forget last year. The foundation was created in memory of firefighter Stephen Siller, who died during the events of 9/11. The exhibit itself is a 53-foot trailer. Once unfolded, it becomes a 1,100-square-foot exhibit. People will see actual beams, videos and recordings from and of firefighters on the day.

The exhibit will arrive Wednesday July 15. Check Waseca County Fair for details and hours of operation.

The escorted trailer display will prepare for entering the City of Waseca about 3pm on Wednesday at the Meriden exit off new Hiway 14. The **procession should enter Waseca on Hiway 13 about 4 – 4:15 pm on Wednesday.**

People are encouraged to line the streets with flags, posters, respect and thanks as there are scheduled to be two 9/11 firefighters arriving with the caravan. This may be the only public display of the Memorial in MN this year. It will be at the Fair 3 days only.



SCFF Information

We will be located in Safety Alley right by the Community Center (entrance on South Elm) as we have in previous years. We will have a 4 x 8 table (a black cloth to cover table), a couple of folding chairs, and there is an awning on the Command Van to keep us out of the sun.

Our display will consist of a CERT bag (with equipment spread out), our picture book, CERT flyers to pass out, a sign-up sheet, and a couple of photo frames. We will also have SKYWARN/AMATEUR Radio flyers. There will also be pencils and a tablet in a clipboard to write down any questions or information that I will need to get back to people on. There will also be the fair schedule and a CERT roster in the clipboard with names/phones #'s.

The CERT/SKYWARN/OSCAR volunteers will sit at a table outside of the Command Van. The fire department will have a key and open and close the door of the trailer in the AM and PM for us. If they are a little late in coming in the AM, please wait – they will be there. It will be up to the first shift (11 am) to take out and unpack (plastic tub) the display 'stuff' and the last shift (8:30 pm) pack it up in the tub and put it back in the trailer. The Fire Department will put the table in and out every day – it is too heavy for some to handle.

We do not have any parking passes. I will have adjustable CERT vests available to wear. Please wear your badge. If you cannot make your shift, please call someone to take your place so we do not leave our station/table unattended.

THANK YOU volunteers for your help - it is much appreciated! New this year for CERT Members – as a token of our appreciation there will be a CERT t-shirt located in the CERT box inside the trailer for you.

Supplied Items:

Band Aids in box, vests, Table cloth, Photo books, CERT bag,
Sign-up sheets/clipboard, Oscar, Skywarn and CERT flyers
2 folding chairs, 1 large table, Banners for dispatch
Rocks to keep papers from blowing away