

OSCAR Newsletter August 2015

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday September 12th 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.

August 8, 2015 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by President Randy KD0NUV.

Attendees:

Barb	KD0KSL
Bill	WA0FMG
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan Ne	KDOTLI
Dan No	AC0DA
Dave	KCOUVY
Gregg	KD0GVR
Kurt	KD0SEE
Kris	KCOREO
Leonard	KE0BPF
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KD0NUV
Tom	N0UW
Tony	NOTAD

There was a motion made by KDOTLI and seconded by WB0PKG to approve the July 2015 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by KA0PQW and seconded by KD0NUV. Motion carried.

Repeater: No formal repeater report. NOTE: The club received a very nice Thank You letter from Habitat for Humanity for the support and use of the local repeaters for their Habitat 500 Bike Ride.

Skywarn: No formal report. Noted by KCOUVY that if there is a weather event during the upcoming Steele County Fair the call may go out earlier than typical due to the large number of people congregated in a small area. Please keep an eye to the sky and an ear to the radio (but not while driving)

CERT: No formal report. Still needing some 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, or contact the Fire Hall. Please consider this worthy cause and help out if you can. (See details at end of newsletter)

The local CERT is working with Waseca Emergency Operations people that may be interested in a CERT Class.

FALL PICNIC is scheduled for **Saturday September 26th**. Location is still under consideration. [Check the website for updated details.](#) We had fun last year – plan to have fun this year too!

New badges for CERT, ARES, Skywarn are coming in the not too distant future. Your updated information is always important.

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

Last Tuesday the 4th was an ARES training exercise on HF with the Army run out of the Arden Hills MN location. Seems people are thinking there could be a problem with cell phones and satellites in an emergency situation. Imagine that.

Discussion about a club sponsored **Study Group** to update our knowledge and assist in folks wanting to upgrade to their General license.

Waseca Triathlon is August 23, please contact WB0ZFH@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

An upcoming display in 2016 at the Steele County Historical Building will be on Disasters, this may be a good vehicle to get some exposure for HAM radio and the club.

Motion made to adjourn by N0MDC and seconded by K00GVR. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39am.

KD0SEE and K00GVR shared photos and info on a recent cannon shoot they attended. There will be another one **Saturday September 12th** at approximately 6:30pm in New Ulm during Hermann Days. Should be a spectacular event!

Very interesting show and tell by WB0PKG with his copper cactus antenna project and K00REO with his I-gate, Raspberry Pi, TNC Pi, and other items way above my brain pan size.

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

SCFF Information
Tuesday August 18, 2015 through Sunday August 23, 2015

EOC Trailer 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