

OSCAR Newsletter February 13, 2016

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday March 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.

February 13, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Dan KD0TLI.

Attendees:

Barry	KD0YRE
Bill	WA0FMG
Charles	KCOLXB
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	KD0TLI
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jared	KE0FQM
Jeff	KCOUOW
Kurt	KD0SEE
Kris	KCOREO
Larry	KR0K
Len	KE0BPF
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KD0NUV
Tom	N0UW
Tony	NOTAD
Kayla	guest

Secretary's Report: There was a motion made by N0MDC and seconded by KD0NUV to approve the January 2016 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve by KR0K and seconded by KD0NUV. Motion carried. Another five members paid yearly dues.

Please get your dues paid of \$15 if you still owe and / or want to be a club member, Thanks! And if you wish you may donate extra to the repeater fund.

Repeater: No formal report. Working well and Echolink is working good.

Skywarn: No formal report. There is spotter training coming up. March 28th in Waseca and April 11th in Owatonna at 7pm at the Steele County History Center. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

CERT: No formal report. Check out their Facebook page.

Technician Class will again be held in 2016. Start date is February 16 with the exam March 10. Check the website for details. Spread the word! KD0NUV and N0MDC are giving a presentation to the OHS Robotics Club to help get the word out about HAM radio and the upcoming Tech class. New Techs are given a one year free membership to OSCAR.

Round table introduction of those present and discussion followed. Some highlights are:

KR0K and the Faribault hams are giving a presentation to the Faribault Robotics Club.

KE0FQM and N0UW are giving a presentation to the Faribault hams about a tape measure Yagi and fox-hunting equipment using Jared's rocket tracking equipment.

The new ARRL Field Day Guide for 2016 is available on their website.

A moment of silence observed for silent keys WBONKX – Dennis McCluster and KOHN – Herbert Neal.

Motion made to adjourn by KCOLXB and seconded by KR0K. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13am.

The general logging software from N3FJP is available. Local ham reviews say it is good and worth the \$40 lifetime cost.

Several hams have made contacts with the National Parks on the air on several bands.

OSCAR Field Day may have to consider other sites as there might be construction going on at Willow Creek School. Field Day is June 25th and 26th. Get excited.

KE0FQM had his rocket tracking equipment there and also gave us some good info on the area rocket club. Sounds like a good road trip this summer. www.tsmrockets.com

We encourage demonstrations, materials, information to be shared after every meeting. Thanks!

If you haven't checked out the website, DO IT! There is such a variety of great information on our website you really need to sit down and scroll through it. You will be impressed!

Also be sure to check the website for events/details/changes. www.oscarmn.org

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG