

OSCAR Newsletter March 12, 2016

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday April 9th 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.

March 12, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by President Dan KD0TLI.

Attendees:

Bill	WA0FMG
Brian	N0BDD
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	KD0TLI
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jared	KE0FQM
Kurt	KD0SEE
Kris	KC0REO
Larry	KR0K
Len	KE0BPF
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KD0NUV
Tom	N0UW

Alec	New Tech
Bonnie	New Tech

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

Secretary's Report: There was a motion made by N0MDC and seconded by KD0GVR to approve the February 2016 Newsletter as minutes. Motion carried.

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 can always donate extra to the repeater fund.

Technicians Class report: The class started with 7 and was down to 3 regulars with a few harmonics who attended as able. There were 3 new Techs added. Alec and Bonnie from the Owatonna area and one from the Gibbon area. CONGRATS to the new Techs!!! Following OSCAR tradition, the new Techs get their first year membership for free.

The ELMER session is March 22nd. This is a great class to attend for some hands on, with informal question and answer.

A BIG THANKS to all of the instructors and people that coordinate this Tech Class, it takes a big commitment and it is appreciated! The class is in its 12th year and has graduated roughly 70 new hams! Way to go!

There is talk of putting together an informal study group this fall to help those interested in a General License.

Repeater: No formal report.

Skywarn: There is spotter training coming up. March 28th in Waseca and **April 11th in Owatonna** at 7pm at the Steele County History Center. The group has also been working with the Steele County History Center putting together a display which should be ready about March 31st. CHECK IT OUT.

CERT: Annual meeting is April 7th.

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

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.

NOMDC announced he will be stepping down as coordinator for this year's Field Day. He will be able to assist and help guide the new coordinator. Please consider being this year's coordinator. It is a fun, worthwhile experience, and there is great support from the club members.

NOBDD and KE0FQM gave a report on the Beargrease, sounds like a good time and a great experience. And the weather was very nice this year. Consider this event in the future, as well as other events, races, marathons, etc. There are numerous ways we can help out and spread good will.

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

KROK update on the Faribault Club included a tentative site for Field Day of the Riverbend Nature Center. Also discussion about the repeater process.

Several hams have made contacts with the **National Parks On The Air** on several bands. NOUW gave an update about the Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club which is planning a National Parks On The Air event at Effigy Mounds National Monument near Marquette & Harpers Ferry in NE Iowa. This event is open to any hams that would like to join in. Dates are May 28 - May 30; 10am – 4pm. Contact NOZJT@yahoo.com for details. November zero Zulu Juliet Tango.

Our current president, Dan – KD0TLI announced his resignation from the duties of president effective today. Thanks were given to Dan. There was a motion made by KROK and seconded by KD0NUV for nominations now through the April 9th meeting. Motion passed. The special election will be held at the April 9, 2016 meeting. Please consider this opportunity to support and lead the Club.

Motion made to adjourn by WB0PKG and seconded by NOBDD. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

NOUW brought an intriguing antenna made from a sheet of metal with a slot cut in it. Very cool. See pictures below. Thanks Tom!

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



Another good morning at The Kitchen



How to Tune a slot antenna



The sheet metal slot antenna



The light bulb went on above NOUW