

## OSCAR Newsletter November 12, 2016

The next OSCAR meeting is Saturday December 10, 2016, the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting will be held at 9:00am at the back room of "The Kitchen" restaurant in downtown Owatonna, located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

November 12, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am by President pro-tem Bill, WAOFMG.

### Attendees:

Alec	KE0IDQ
Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WAOFMG
Bonnie	KE0IDR
Brian	K0BDD
Charles	N0YXO
Dale	WB0PKG
Dave	WBOVAK
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jared	KE0FQM
Kurt	KD0SEE
Larry	KR0K
Len	KE0BPF
Lowell	KD0RGH
Mike	N0MDC
Tom	N0UW
Gabriel	Guest

**Secretary's Report** was summarized via the October Newsletter. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by KE0IDQ. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was read by N0MDC. Motion to approve by WB0PKG, seconded by K0BDD. Motion carried.

**Annual Club dues:** \$15.00 They are per calendar year, so due January 1, 2017. Thanks.

### ELECTION ELECTION ELECTION ELECTION ELECTION ELECTION ELECTION

Just when you thought the election hype and commercials and rhetoric was over..... It's time for the OSCAR election of Officers for 2017. **Please consider supporting your club in this small way.** Nominations and election of officers for 2017 will be held at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Throw your hat in the ring – before somebody does it for you ☺

**Skywarn Report:** There was no formal report.

**CERT:** Report given by Bonnie, KE0IDR. They had election of officers. There is a show on the Owatonna Today broadcast about CERT. Check websites for details. Looking at a possible class in February, stay tuned for details and updates.

**Repeater Report:** No formal report. No news is good news.

**Field Day** results are on the ARRL website. We done good!

# Register Now for Amateur Radio License Class

## Owatonna Steele County Amateur Radio is sponsoring a class for those that are interested in obtaining the entry level (NO CODE - Technician Class) operating license.

### What is Required:

- Eight class sessions, about two hours each.
- *Ham Radio License Manual (3rd Edition)* Study guide.
- Discipline to read the study materials.
- License exam fee (\$15).  
The exam fee is subject to change.
- Correctly answer 26 of 35 multiple choice questions, and you know what the questions may be.

### When:

- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday:  
21-Feb, 28-Feb, 07-Mar, 14-Mar
- Thursday:  
23-Feb, 02-Mar, 09-Mar, 16-Mar
- License exam will be given on 16-Mar

### Where:

- Owatonna Fire Station  
107 W. Main Street (1st Floor)

### Contact:

- Tom NØUW 507-444-9133

**Website:** The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. [www.oscarmn.org](http://www.oscarmn.org)

### New Business:

- Larry, KROK gave an update on the Faribault Club
- Gregg, KD0GVR has information about a ham that has a tower for sale
- Dale, WB0PKG has information about a ham who also has tower and miscellaneous items for sale
- Brian, KOBDD updated us on the John Beargrease race coming up the end of January.

There was a motion to adjourn by NØUW and seconded by KD0SEE Motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 9:41am.  
Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Added Notices:

**The local Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers for 2 hour shifts. Please call Robbie at 507-413-6700 to volunteer.**

**ARLIDAZZLE PARADE STAFFING NEEDED** - Next Saturday 12/3/2016 - ALL DAY HELP NEEDED - PM Especially

Hello Everyone:

We are exactly 1 week away and we are short by some 20 operators.

At this time, I have only 23 operators signed up for next weekend, and we need at least 40 if not my ideal number of 50 operators. We are focusing primarily from 2 PM til 9 PM for operators but our day here starts at 10:30 AM for those who want the whole day commitment to fun and free food.

#### TIME LINES

8 AM - PORTABLE REPEATER ONLINE - **442.825+ DCS 271**

9 AM - MAIN STREET Safety signs and barricades and tape go up - PD & HAMS

10:30 AM - HAMS arrive - get vests on, radio set up, and dressed for the day

11 AM - Briefing by Chief Jordan with hams and 5K Race director

12NOON - Main Street - Lockdown and move residents and customers cars off the main street drag

12:30 PM - 5K Run begins - wraps up by 1:45 PM - HAMS monitor all corners - open streets to traffic

2PM - HAMS PARADE Briefing - at APD HQ

**LUNCH BREAK - FREE - 2:15 - 3:15 PM**

3 PM - PARADE STAGING - West of Hwy 5 and CR 9 on Main Street til 5:30 PM

5:30 - 7:30 PM -- PARADE 100 PIECE so far - goal 125 in parade

7:30 - 8 PM - FIREWORKS DOWNTOWN

8 - 8:30 PM - Open up MAIN and help PD with traffic control with about 10 operators - SPECIAL DETAIL

8:30 PM - 10 PM - **Free Supper - for ALL Ham Volunteers - 1st Assembly of God Church**

This is a rather lengthy time of commitment for all HAMS, but it is always a lot of fun and usually a great opportunity to learn AMCOMM and basic radio 101.

If you are free for the WHOLE day or even half day from 2 pm til 8 or 9 pm, your help would be appreciated.

Here is the CHANNELS for you to make sure your radios have in them for the day!!!

443.82500 448.82500 5.00 MHz Plus FM Arli Tik Large Tone 141.3 Hz - TALK IN - GREEN ISLE MACHINE

442.82500 447.82500 5.00 MHz Plus FM Arli Ops Large DCS Hz 271 - GROUND OPERATIONS

146.80500 146.20500 600 kHz Minus FM Arli Bkp Large Tone 141.3 Hz - BACK UP GAYLORD VHF

146.55000 146.55000 Simplex FM Arli Smp Large Tone 136.5 Hz - BACK UP SIMPLEX

446.000 SIMPLEX PL TONE 136.5 - MAIN SIMPLEX CHANNEL MAIN STREET

Remember, we need you to have the following for this event if you are going to operate:

- \* YELLOW or ORANGE SAFETY VEST ANSI CLASS II RATED - Reflected tape
- \* Flash Lights or Safety Batons for use for directed pedestrians and traffic on corners
- \* Whistles -- optional -- but suggested
- \* Safety lights Yellow and/or white on your vehicle - OPTIONAL -- but easier to move around Main on
- \* Winter clothing for the weather conditions
- \* H/T and Mobiles - Programmed with ALL 5 Channels as listed above for the day
- \* Extra battery packs for your hand holds....

Now, you have everything you need to be ready for next Saturday. So, please can you find some time to come out and play radio, as this is a lot of fun and time and commitment. Bring your family members too, as they would love this and they can you play radio and enjoy doing what you love to do as well.

If you are free to join us, please RSVP me your availability to: [kc0qna@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0qna@yahoo.com) or call me at: [612-578-7561](tel:612-578-7561)