

OSCAR Newsletter October 14, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday November 11**, 2017, the second Saturday of the month.

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

October 14, 2017 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

Alec KE0IDQ
Bill WA0FMG
Dale WB0PKG
Jeff N0GZK
Jeff K0OUOW
Katy KE0MQX
Ken N0HMD
Kris KCOREO
Lou K0IUQ
Lowell KD0RGH
Lucinda AB8WF
Matt KA0PQW
Mike N0MDC
Tom N0UW

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the September Newsletter. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by KE0IDQ. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by N0MDC. Motion to approve by KA0PQW, seconded by KD0RGH. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: N0UW reported they are continuing to update the "sweet spot" location and documentation for a new map in 2018. Spring training session tentatively set for March 20, 2018. Check the website for meeting locations and news. www.steelecountyskywarn.org

CERT: Check the website for details and news. <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

Repeater Report: Summary of events and work to get 49 back up and running after the Labor Day storm, Thanks to Tom & Dale and everyone else who helped. The move to the bus company water tower discussion continues with the parties involved. A little discussion about WBOVAK experimenting with a Fusion repeater on the 105.

RACES & ARES: Check the OSCAR website for events.

New Business:

Fall Picnic: Warm and windy with a decent turnout. Plenty of treats, a few antennas, a contact or two made. A good morning!

NOUW has been nominated for the Vice Director of the Dakota Division. Let's support our local hams!

WA0FMG reported he received a forwarded email about an online class for a Tech License. (See attached)

Website: The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. www.oscarmn.org

Guest speaker Lucinda Moody with Handiham to speak after the meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn by KA0PQW, seconded by KE0IDQ. Motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 9:24am.

The group welcomed Lucinda Moody of Handihams. She is based out of the Golden Valley Courage Kenny Handiham Program. Lucinda spoke about the good work the program does and how they try to help those in need of training, equipment, Elmering, etc. One of the goals is to try to increase club affiliation in the State and around the county, and world! Yes, Handiham is global! They are in 20 countries.

There was discussion about the OSCAR Club becoming an affiliate and what it may entail. Also about a link on the OSCAR website. There was discussion about those items and it was decided to discuss further and put on the agenda for the November meeting. For more info on the Handiham program, check out their website at www.handiham.org

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Hello,

I am trying to get word out about an online ham radio licensing course that I have put together. It is aimed primarily at young hams, such as high school students (although adults may take the course as well), with the aim of helping them earn their Technician class license! Taught by a high school senior who holds an Extra Class license, this course is based off the Gordon West licensing manual and is self-paced, meaning that students can take as long as they want to complete it. You can work the course around your own schedule. (You just need to finish before July next year, when the question pool expires).

Being that this course is primarily geared as a semester-long online class students take for high school credit, it is more rigorous than most other ham radio licensing courses and costs \$95. Content includes 35 individual video lectures explaining ALL of the test material (each video about 15 minutes), as well as 8 full-length practice tests, a graded final exam, and roughly 20 quizzes.

Please share this email with all of your non-ham friends (young non-ham friends, home-schooled students, Boy Scouts, adults, etc.) and encourage them to get licensed!

More information: <https://sites.google.com/view/kd2eom/licensing-course-on-lumalearn>

73,

Tobias J. Park, KD2EOM

Here a link to the ARRL website with information on some amateur radio efforts in Puerto Rico. Interesting stuff.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/puerto-rico-amateur-radio-volunteer-force-deploys-new-equipment-groceries>