

## OSCAR Newsletter June 9, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday July 14, 2018**, 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.

June 9, 2017 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:07am by President Kris, KCOREO.

### Attendees:

Alec	KE0IPQ
Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bonnie	N0BKJ
Brian	K0BDD
Dale	WB0PKG
Dave	KC0UVY
Gene	K0UOY
Glenn	KD0GNF
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jared	KE0FQM
Jeff	N0GZK
Jeff	KC0UOW
Katy	KE0MQX
Kevin	K0AJB
Kris	KC0REO
Kurt	KD0SEE
Larry	KR0K
Lou	K0IUQ
Lowell	KD0RGH
Mike	N0MDC
Tom	N0UW
Spencer	KE0KTX

**Secretary's Report** was summarized by WA0FMG via the May newsletter with a grammatical error noted. Motion to approve by N0UW, seconded by KE0IPQ. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by K0BDD, seconded by KE0IPQ, Motion carried.

**Skywarn Report:** Updated by KC0UVY, No new activity. Tuesday meeting the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Hall.

[www.steelecountyskywarn.org](http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org)

**NOTE: The 147.105 repeater is still the main repeater for Skywarn activation.**

**CERT:** Updated by N0BKJ. Last meeting included discussion of by-laws. Check the website for details and news.

<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

**Repeater Report:** Updated by NOUW. The repeater has been moved to the new location! The antenna was installed Tuesday, The repeater equipment was move Friday. The SWR is looking very good, everything will be monitored these first few months. We now have battery backup. Will be adding an amplifier and other items as time goes by and the equipment is monitored. The MN Repeater Council has been informed. EchoLink is up and running.

A HUGE THANKS to Tom, Dale, Jared, Chris, and everyone else who helped on this big project. We should have increased coverage in Steele County and this should enhance our emergency response capabilities. A BIG THANK YOU to Steele County, and the emergency management people who supported this project both verbally and monetarily, with funding for the antenna and install. Thanks!

The County owns the antenna and hardline, OPU owns the hut, and OSCAR owns the equipment, including the batteries.

**RACES & ARES:** Check the OSCAR website for events.

**New Business:**

- The MS Tour de Minnesota bicycle ride will be looking for volunteers, as of now, the 147.105 repeater will be available for their use. July 17 & 18
  
- **Field Day:** Reported by NOMDC that the site we have used the last 3 years south of Willow Creek School (now called McKinley School) has been secured. **1050 22<sup>nd</sup> St NE in Owatonna**
  - Porta-potty, trash cans and picnic tables being reserved.
  - Invites to local community members have been done. If you see some of these folks show up, please have them sign in and THANK them for taking time to stop.
  - Announcements on local radio and newspaper is being followed up on.
  - EOC trailer is being reserved.
  - KOBDD has volunteered to chef duties. THANKS!
  - Discussed club Roan 25 tower and decided not to bring it.
  - We will inventory club stock and determine if we should purchase any needed supplies such as coax, etc. for the future.
  - The more people get involved the better it is! Many hands make light work – come out and help 😊.
  - Think about what radios and antennas you will be bringing.
  - FIELD DAY IS FOR FUN, CONTACTS, RADIO TESTING, FRIENDS, FUN, AND OF COARSE – FOOD!
  - Bonnie’s husband Tim has volunteered as Safety Officer, Alec has volunteered as Social Media Officer. THANKS!
  - Anyone that has an extra clipboard or two to use, please bring and give to NOMDC to use.
  - **N3FJP software – Field Day Contest LOG – Version 5.8 is required on your PC or Laptop. (see enclosure)**
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**Club dues of \$15 are due in January of 2018. Thanks!** (Extra donation to the repeater fund are always appreciated) Current paid membership number is 28.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by KE0FQM, seconded by NOMDC. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:39am.

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

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

We have been invited to do an interview for KRFO radio Monday 6-18 at 9:40am

245 18<sup>th</sup> Street SE anyone interested in joining me??

Any questions /comments call me [451-2228](tel:451-2228) or [213-81059](tel:213-81059)

Mike NOMDC

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**Subject:** [N3FJP\_Software] Just 17 Days Until Field Day - Get Ready!

Hi All,

I hope that everyone is having a great spring! In just 17 days, ARRL Field Day will be in full swing! To help get ready, here are a few thoughts and reminders...

### **Field Day Software Quick Start Video**

To get new Field Day folks up to speed on the N3FJP Field Day software prior to Field Day, or if you need a quick review yourself, this video will have everyone ready to go when they arrive to your Field Day site. Please share this video with all who you think may attend!

<https://youtu.be/DJEIXuoKWqc>

### **Please Find Your Password Now!**

If you haven't already entered your registration information, please don't wait until the last minute to realize that you can't find your password (or register the Field Day software). If you can't find your password, Kimberly is happy to help, but the week leading up to Field Day gets crazy, so if you can't find yours, please e-mail us now.

### **Install the Field Day Software and Test Your Network in Advance!**

If you haven't already installed **Field Day Contest Log 5.8** (released 3/14/2018), please do so now. You'll find it here (don't forget to uninstall the previous version first if you are upgrading):

<http://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html>

If you plan to use a network for Field Day and haven't already done so, it's time to get all the PCs you'll be using together and make sure your network is all set. Complete details on networking my Field Day software using both File Share and TCP methods are here:

<http://www.n3fjp.com/help/networkinghelp.html>

If you are running multiple stations but aren't networking, here is how to combine your log data after the contest:

<http://www.n3fjp.com/faq.html#q65>

Please take a little time well before the contest, get your PCs together and your network up and running. As always, problems easily solved in a relaxed atmosphere can seem insurmountable when the clock is ticking!

### **Interface Your Digital Software**

If you plan to operate any digital modes, please make sure that you've interfaced your digital software with my Field Day software, so that when you log the QSO in the digital software, it is immediately and automatically logged in the Field Day software. Quick setup details on interfacing my Field Day software with a number of digital programs are here:

<http://www.n3fjp.com/help/digitalsetup.html>

## **Whether you are a contester or not, please get on the air and make some Field Day contacts!**

As we approach Field Day weekend, groups from all over the continent will be making final preparations, getting equipment, generators, food, rigs and computers together, antennas airborne, coordinating operating schedules and all the little things that make Field Day go. In many cases they will be on the air for many hours, striving to both show off the amazing hobby of Amateur Radio and turn in a competitive score. It is a huge amount of fun and a heck of a lot of work! Please help reward their great efforts by providing plenty of QSOs for their logs!

Even if you aren't a contester, and you only have an hour to spare from home, please fire up your rig and give as many stations as you can a contact. Every group you call will really appreciate your QSO, and it will make their Field Day that much more enjoyable! In addition, you might be able to pick up a few more states towards your Worked All States Award. If you are ambitious, it is very possible that you can achieve the goal of working every state on Field Day weekend alone!

For folks new to Field Day, if you are on a single transmitter home station with commercial power, your exchange is simple. You'll simply send your Call, your Class as 1D and your ARRL section. Just be aware you can't call other 1D stations for contest points, but all the other station categories will love for you to give them a call!

And if you would like to find a local Field Day group to operate with, this locator will point the way:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

## **Encouraging visitors can change a life (and even affect yours)!**

When I was 14 years old, a family friend took my Dad and me to a local Field Day on a Saturday evening. That was my first exposure to Amateur Radio. I didn't understand the significance at the time, but the guys had an amazing run going as we arrived at their site. Still, they took the time to explain what was going on, the exchange, and they were completely willing to abandon their run to encourage this shy, 14 year old to take over the mic. I got started, the run resumed and so much was happening, I forgot all about being nervous. Before I knew it I was having a blast! Anyone who has ever been at the bottom of a pile up, running a frequency, knows the thrill. They kindly said I was a natural, and I was hooked!

Had it not been for the positive, encouraging spirit of that great group, willing to forego an awesome run for the sake of possibly encouraging a kid, I'd very likely never have become an Amateur Radio operator. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today, and there would never have been N3FJP Software for you to use. Those couple hours changed my life and hopefully, through my software, has brought some added enjoyment to yours, too!

If you see a visitor with a hint of intrigue in their eye, please offer them that same gracious encouragement that was given to me. It's very possible that you will be helping to shape a destiny, and we will all be better for it!

## **Have Fun!**

Kimberly and I are planning to run 1E (home station emergency power) from here at the house this time. We hope to work you!

Above all, be safe, have fun and enjoy the Field Day experience! If you can get out and operate with a local group, do it! There is nothing else like it!

And in response to the questions we always receive when we neglect to include the following in our e-mail announcements...

## **Package Upgrade Information...**

If you have registered one or more individual programs and would like to upgrade to N3FJP's Software Package for full use of all our Amateur Radio software, we would be glad to apply the amount that you have registered so far as a credit towards that purchase. Please send us an e-mail directly and we'll let you know your balance.

N3FJP's Software Package includes more than one hundred programs for contesting, net management and general logging Amateur Radio applications. In addition to full use of all these programs, registered package customers are also entitled to receive free passwords for any new software that is added to the package and free upgrades to existing programs. There are no annual / maintenance costs of any kind. Simply register once and you are set with N3FJP Software for life! You'll find all the details on the Register Now page here:

<http://www.n3fjp.com/purchasepackage.html>

### **Donations are Gratefully Accepted!**

And in response to the often asked question for which Kimberly and I are very grateful...

*"I know your upgrades are free, but I also realize how much time and effort coding these enhancements and new programs take and that your pricing policy doesn't fully reflect that. Can I send you something to show my appreciation for your continued efforts?"*

Yes, thanks so much, your continued support in any amount is very welcome and deeply appreciated! You can use this page:

<http://www.n3fjp.com/donations.html>

or send your contribution by mail, payable to Affirmatech Inc., to:

G. Scott Davis  
[118 Glenwood Road](#)  
[Bel Air, MD 21014-5533](#)

Thank you so much for your continued support!

### **Thanks!**

As always, thanks for your kind words, support, linking to our web site and spreading the word about our software. Kimberly and I really appreciate it!

73, Scott  
N3FJP  
<http://www.n3fjp.com>

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1 Peter 3 vs 15: *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give [the reason for the hope that you have](#). But do this with gentleness and respect...*