

## OSCAR Newsletter September 8, 2018

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday October 13, 2018**, the second Saturday of the month.

**The October meeting will be held at 9:00am at Crane Creek Park about 3 miles west of Owatonna on old Highway 14.**

September 8, 2018 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Kris, KCOREO.

### Attendees:

Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bob	KE0QWW
Brian	K0BDD
Dale	WB0PKG
Dave	KC0UVY
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jeff	KC0UOW
Kevin	K0AJB
Kris	KCOREO
Lou	K0IUQ
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Spencer	KE0KTX
Tom	N0UW
Ethan	guest
Jake	guest

**Secretary's Report** was summarized by WA0FMG via the July newsletter. Motion to approve by K0BDD, seconded by N0MDC. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by K0BDD, seconded by KD0GVR, Motion carried.

**Skywarn Report:** Updated by KC0UVY. There was a callout, based on radar indication, but no severe weather developed. [www.steelecountyskywarn.org](http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org) . **NOTE: The 147.105 repeater is still the main repeater for Skywarn activation.**

**CERT:** Updated by KE0QWW. New class starts in October. Check the website for details and news.

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

**Repeater Report:** Updated by N0UW. Some club members spent 7 – 8 hours at the site. Cleaning up wiring, adding an amplifier, batteries, added external PL tone encoder, and other items. Repeater performing well. Ongoing tests and tweaking will continue. THANKS to everyone helping on this big project!

**RACES & ARES:** Report given by KE0QWW. There is an upcoming class on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Fire hall with the topic being Blood borne Pathogens. Check the OSCAR website for events.

**New Business:**

- **SCFF**

Special Events call sign of W0F to be used, call logs to be submitted to NOMDC. No contacts were made. Discussion to re-visit this idea for the SCFF 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

- There is a Smartfest on 9-22-18 in Cologne MN.

- WA0FMG stated that the club was contacted after Field Day by a local resident who had inherited some old equipment from a relative and wished to donate it to the Club, indicating it was up to the Club to decide on its best use. A well-received suggestion was to look at putting an HF rig in the basement of the Fire Hall for emergency procedures.

- Discussion followed regarding this equipment and the other equipment the Club has in its possession. WA0FMG stated he would work on putting together a list of equipment. Members with equipment can email an inventory to him to compile. Also discussed was bringing the tubs of equipment, junk, stuff to the Fall Picnic meeting to sort through and determine whether to keep, sell, or give away. If it's too big to bring, try to bring a list or picture, or both.

- KCOREO stated that he has been mulling over the idea of a Hamfest/swap meet here in Owatonna and there was discussion about trying to coordinate this with possibly the Faribault and Austin Clubs. Kris will continue to research the possibilities.

- **Fall Field Day**

**October Club meeting at 9:00am the Fall Field day site of Crane Creek Park for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October. Same location as the last several years has been reserved. REO will be flipping flapjacks, please bring along goodies, treats, coffee, juice, etc. to share and your own plates and silverware.**

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by WA0FMG, seconded by KCOUVY. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34am.

Round table discussion followed with the topic of "how did you get into Ham Radio". Good discussion, a welcome to guests and a show & tell of the Raspberry PI used for Echolink.

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

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.