

OSCAR Newsletter February 8, 2020

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday March 14, 2020**, the second Saturday of the month. The March meeting will be held at **9:00am at The Kitchen** restaurant - 329 Cedar Avenue N in Owatonna.

February 8, 2020 Meeting notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President N0UW.

Attendees:

Alec	KE0IPQ
Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bob	KE0QWW
Bonnie	N0BKJ
Brian	K0BDD
Chad	N0ZCB
Dale	WB0PKG
Dietrich	KE0WWL
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jeff	KC0UOW
Jeff	N0GZK
Jennifer	KE0RMR
Jon	N0JSA
Katy	KE0MQX
Ken	N0HMD
Kurt	KD0SEE
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Nic	KE0YVI
Rich	NV0C
Tom	N0UW

Introduction and acknowledgement of new ham at the meeting. Nic – KE0YVI

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the December newsletter. Motion to approve by K0BDD, seconded by KY0GBZ. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by KC0OUW, seconded by WB0PKG. Motion carried. Note that we currently have 29 paid Club members.

Skywarn Report: Updated by N0UW. www.steelecountyskywarn.org Upcoming Training class is March 17th, the 3rd Tuesday in March, at the Fire Hall. Check the website or Facebook page. For more details. The 145.490 is the Skywarn frequency.

CERT: Updated by KE0QWW. Class upcoming in the fall. Discussion about a possible mock drill and researching a different location for this drill. Check the website and the CERT Facebook page for news.

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

Repeater Report: Updated by WB0PKG. Temperature appears to be holding, will continue tweaking.

RACES & ARES: No report. Check your badges to see if it is going to expire and needs to be renewed. Check the OSCAR website for more information.

New Business:

Technician Class: Currently 8 students, VE exam will be February 27th.

ARRL affiliation has been renewed, thanks Mike.

OSCAR website, if you want your photo added, please contact NOUW.

John Beargrease race information updated by K0BDD. <http://barc.adphotostudios.com> Worked through some repeater issues. Great videos on You-Tube.

AMSAT Class: KY0GBZ announced they are working on re-scheduling the class which was postponed due to weather.

WB0PKG is researching the **bandpass filter(s)** to purchase for the OSCAR club for field day and Club use.

Discussion about what signatures should be on the bank account. Motion made by KE0QWW, seconded by NV0C, to require 3 signatures on the bank account. Those will be the current Treasurer, President, and Secretary. These signatures will be updated each year after the December election of officers. Motion carried.

Further discussion regarding the bank account. Motion made by N0BKJ, seconded by KE0WWL, to remove the names of past officers and update with signatures as required, Treasurer, President, and Secretary. Motion carried.

NOUW stated the ELMER class date is to be determined. Also, a date for ARMER radio training will be scheduled.

Discussion about any items for the Trading Post, or to be listed on the website Classified section. Marv N0FJP is looking for help repairing a Daiwa switching power supply, model SS-330W. Marv's email is racer5039@gmail.com

Drawing for a hat, a vintage OSCAR model that was donated.

St Cloud Hamfest is coming up soon.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by N0MDC, seconded by KE0MQX. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32am.

Thanks for sharing!

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

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Additional notes of interest:

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking volunteers for upcoming 2020 fundraising events.

Volunteer registration for the 2020 Walk MS and Bike MS events can be found at www.walkms.org and www.bikems.org.

Our biggest events in the Upper Midwest are below:

- Walk MS: Twin Cities, May 3rd
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2020walktcgen>
- Bike MS: Twin Cities Ride, May 17
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2020biketcrngen>
- Bike MS: MS 150 Ride, June 12-14
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2020bikems150cent>
- Bike MS: Iowa Ride, June 27
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2020bikeiaridegen>
- Bike MS: Ride Across Minnesota will be July 26-31. Volunteer registration will open in early March – emails will go out to all volunteers from 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for all you do to help end MS!

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March Opportunities

12-Mar: Elmer Session for any ham needing some help.
Owatonna Fire Department, 6:30 PM

17-Mar: SKYWARN Spotter Class
Owatonna Fire Department, 7:00 PM
Training must be completed every 2 years.

26-Mar: ARMER Radio Training.
Owatonna Fire Department, 6:30 PM
Training must be completed every 2 years.

Steele County Badges

Do you have an outdated Steele County Badge?

Look on the back side of your Steele County badge.

If the date is older than 2019 or does not have a date, it needs to be replaced.

Contact your group leader or come to the next meeting.

Tom Karnauskas NOUW

Well, we finally have confirmed the new Date / Time for the AMSAT Presentation:

Saturday - April 4, 2020 Time: 9:00am – 12:00noon

Location:

Buckham Memorial Library - 2nd Floor 'Great Room'

11 Division Street East

Faribault MN 55021

Barry – KY0GBZ