

OSCAR Meeting – April 8, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday May 13, 2023**, the second Saturday of the month. The meeting will be held at **9:00am at The Kitchen** restaurant located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

April 8, 2023, Attendees:

Bill	WA0FMG
Dale	WB0PKG
Dennis	KF0HOI
Dick	NV0C
Jeff D	NOGZK
Jeff K	KC0UOW
Joel R	
Jon	NOJSA
Katy	KE0MQX
Ken	NOHMD
Kris	KCOREO
Larry	KROK
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Scott	K0VO
Wayne	KF0LVU

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am by President WB0PKG.

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the March 11th minutes. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by KF0HOI. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report per KE0MQX. March statement as April not ready from the bank. Motion to approve by KC0UOW, seconded by KROK. Motion carried.

Sunday night NET - Join in - try it! The preamble is on the website.

Repeater Report: Updated by WB0PKG. Continued maintenance. We have received permission to add another ground wire, and that will be coordinated soon. **A BIG thanks to all the members who keep the repeater and Echolink going!**

CERT: No report. Upcoming meeting as scheduled. Check the CERT Facebook page for news.

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

RACES & ARES: No report. Check the OSCAR website for more information.

Skywarn Report: A good Skywarn class for **SPOTTER training on March 21st**. About 40+ people attended. Good material. Thanks to everyone for getting involved. www.steelecountyskywarn.org

Business:

- **DMR class** on Saturday March 25th was very good from comments of people who attended. Thanks to those who put it all together.
- Field Day: June 24th and 25th. N0MDC agreed to head up the festivities. Friday evening set-up, McKinley School (same location as the last few years) Need someone or a few people to take on the food section which includes Saturday lunch and supper, and Sunday breakfast. KCOREO will head up the Network or have it ready to hand off depending on scheduling. Get your thoughts going to make it a great Field Day. GET INVOLVED, IT'S YOUR FIELD DAY!!!
- Information in the last newsletter regarding the MS Society Bike Tours for 2023.

Motion to adjourn by N0JSA, seconded by KE0MQX. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Roundtable discussion followed.

The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. www.oscarnm.org

OSCAR email is: oscarhamradio@gmail.com

New Licensees: GET ON THE AIR – Have Fun!

Peter	Tech	KF0LXL
Sammuel	General	KF0LVT
Tammy	Tech	KF0LVN
Melanie	Tech	KF0LWM
Wayne	Tech	KF0LVU
Kevin	Tech	KF0LVV

Additional Information:

Please pass this on to other interested parties. This will be on Zoom, convenient for anybody outstate.

AERO 101: Introduction to Emergency Communications for the Amateur Radio
Monday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 3rd from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. via Zoom

Course Objectives

- Describe the roles of amateur radio operators in emergency communications
- Be able to describe the role of amateur radio during emergency communications and list potential agencies that may be served
- Be able to describe appropriate etiquette and professional interactions during emergency communications operations
- Be able to describe what a "net" is and how they are used
- Be able to describe basic net operations
- Be able to demonstrate proper basic radio communications skills
- Be able to describe the purpose, use, and benefits of the Incident Command System
- Be able to list and demonstrate how to complete pertinent ICS forms used in radio communications

AERO 102: Advance Emergency Communications for the Amateur Radio
Monday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 10th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. via Zoom

Course Objectives

- Communicate information effectively to incident personnel
- Provide effective communications support during routine or non-emergency situations
- Provide effective communications support during emergency situation
- Demonstrate familiarity with basic COMU (Communications Unit) functions capabilities
- Demonstrate proper application of communications policies and procedures
- Demonstrate proper use of communications equipment

To enroll in these course send an email to: George Power

[<georgecpower@gmail.com>](mailto:georgecpower@gmail.com)

From the ARRL Club News. Might be of interest to new licensees.

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Ham Bootcamp May 13th

The Nashua Area Radio Society will be holding an online Ham Bootcamp on Saturday May 13th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

Ham Bootcamp is a program to help new, inactive, and prospective hams gain the skills and information that they need to Get on The Air. It is open to any interested Ham or Prospective Ham in the US and Canada and there is no charge to

attendees.

The morning session is geared toward operating on the VHF/UHF bands:

- Putting together a Station for Repeaters - How to pick an HT or Mobile Radio and an Antenna
- Radio Programming Tutorial
- Making Contacts and Joining a Repeater Net
- Getting Started with Amateur Radio Satellites
- Getting started with Fox Hunting

The afternoon session is geared toward operating on the HF Bands:

- Putting together an HF Station for SSB, CW, and Digital
- Picking and putting up an HF Antenna, Feedlines, and Grounds
- Operating on the HF bands using SSB Voice
- Getting started with WSJT-X and FT8 Digital

There will also be breakout sessions where attendee can choose one of the following topics:

- Learning CW
- Intro to EmComm
- Finding DX, Logging and QSLing
- Portable Operating

... and more! Registration is now open for the May 13th session. You can get more information about Ham Bootcamp, including a link to register at n1fd.org/bootcamp If you have any questions, you can contact us at bootcamp@n1fd.org. Registration is required to receive the link to the web conference.

Tom Karnauskas NOUW

The 2023 Bike tour season supporting the National MS Society is fast approaching at just under 9 weeks away. There are several bicycling events in which Amateur Radio communications play a significant role. There are many volunteer openings (not just Amateur Radio) needing to be staffed this year. Links to sign-ups pages for different events:

MS Twin Cities Ride: Saturday, May 13th

https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need_id=769552&fbclid=IwAR1c-v0fvPnvzDCNhZ03z0EBQ_wzeohqgvkG60vzSth5xPVKBxiD8ZyTzlk&need_init_id=8189

MS-150: Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th

https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need_id=769458&need_init_id=8101

MS Ride Across Minnesota: July 24-28

Ottertail - Fergus Falls - Wadena - Long Prairie - Ottertail

Sign up link coming soon.

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