

OSCAR Meeting - March 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Next OSCAR meeting is Saturday April 12th, 2025, the second Saturday of the month.

March 8, 2025, Attendees:

Bonnie	N0BKJ
Dale	WB0PKG
Dakota	No call
Dan	AC0DA
Dennis	KF0HOI
Jon	N0JSA
Katy	KE0MQX
Ken	N0HMD
Kevin S	K0GNH
Kris	KC0REO
Mike B	KE0CMY
Mike C	N0MDC
Sandy N	KC0BNQ
Scott	K0VO
Tom	N0UW
Tim	KE0QPV
Terry	W0TSW
Wayne	KF0LVU

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by KF0HOI.

The Secretary's Report was summarized by K0VO via the February minutes. Motion to approve without correction by AC0DA, seconded by WB0PKG. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report per K0GNH.

OSCAR Fund \$2756

Repeater Fund \$1727

Motion to Approve by K0VO, Seconded by WB0PKG. Motion Carried.

Sunday Night NET Join in – try it! The preamble is on the website.

<http://www.oscarmn.org/Misc042.html>

Repeater Report

A BIG thanks to all the member who keep the repeater and Echolink Going!

Work still to be done:

1. Change T adapters, which are currently not available for order.
2. Tune the cams.
3. Steele County Emergency Management paid \$250 to cover the cost of clamps to offset the transmission line from the tower. Parts in hand.
4. Work with OPC to have tower work done, including equipment. County might cover the \$2000 cost.

CERT:

Upcoming Meeting is scheduled. Check the CERT Facebook page.

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

Skywarn Report:

Meeting always the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Fire Hall at 7:00 PM. Skywarn training for 2025 is set for March 18. www.steelecountyshywarn.org

Business:

The Technician class is underway. Encourage those with interest to provide support and more detail. Cost for the class is \$0. A copy of the license manual is \$33. The exam fee is \$15, and a license fee of \$35 goes to the FCC. For less than \$90, you can be a licensed ham! (One year membership in the club provided to those who take the class and pass the exam at the OSCAR testing session.)

Field Day planning is underway. A huge thank you to KE0MQX and N0BKJ for coordinating this year's event. Dale usually assists with antenna installations Friday evening – advance notice if you'll need help is appreciated so he can plan his time accordingly.

A demonstration of a Faraday Cloth was given, providing an alternative to radials and an effective ground plane. Can also be placed over sensitive radio equipment to shield them from radiation.

Motion to Adjourn by AC0DA, seconded by K0GNH. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM

Respectfully submitted by K0VO.

Event Dates:

Tech Class:

March 25th – April 17th

Field Day 2025: June 28-29 Rules: <https://contests.arrl.org/ContestRules/Field-Day-Rules.pdf>