OSCAR Newsletter April 9, 2016

The next OSCAR meeting is Saturday May 14th at 9:00am, the second Saturday of the month. The meeting is held in the back room of "The Kitchen" restaurant in downtown Owatonna, located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

April 9, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by President pro-tem Bill - WA0FMG.

Attendees:

Barb	KD0KSL
Barry	KD0YRE
Bill	WA0FMG
Brian	K0BDD
Charles	KC0LXB
David	WB0VAK
Jeff	KE0FWN
Kris	KC0REO
Larry	KR0K
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Randy	KD0NUV
Tom	N0UW
Daniel	Guest

Treasurer's Report: was read by N0MDC. Motion made to approve with corrected totals by KC0LXB and seconded by K0BDD. Motion carried. Another 2 members paid yearly dues. Thanks.

Secretary's Report: There was a motion made by N0UW and seconded by KD0YRE to approve the March 2016 Newsletter as minutes as amended. (Correction of call sign to K0BDD for Brian) Motion carried.

Please get your dues paid of $15 if you still owe and / or want to be a club member, and if you wish you can always donate extra to the repeater fund.

The ELMER session was held March 22nd. We had a couple newer hams, and about 5 "Elmers" there to give several differing views and opinions. Always a good time and educational. We'd like to do a little more of this, similar to our fall picnic where informal discussions on equipment and antennas can take place.

There is talk of putting together an informal study group this fall to help those interested in a General License.

Repeater: No formal report.

Skywarn: N0UW update included the severe weather spotter training class scheduled for **Monday, April 11th at 7pm** at the Steele County History Center located at 1100 Austin Rd, on the east side of the fairgrounds. You are required to attend a class every two years to stay current.

CERT: KD0KSL reported the annual CERT meeting was held April 7th, the main topic was shelter training and a core group is being formed to follow through with this important item. I also understand the cake at the meeting was excellent as always.

OSCAR **Field Day** will be at Willow Creek School. Field Day is June 25th and 26th. The new ARRL Field Day Guide for 2016 is available on their website. The EOC command center trailer has been reserved. Leonard – KE0BPF has agreed to take on the responsibility as coordinator for this event, assisted by N0MDC and everyone in the group as well. Thanks Len! There are two new positions a club can earn points for: Safety Officer and Social Media Officer. Please consider this and contact Len or Mike. K0BDD accepted the chef duties for field day, and there was some talk of a cooking competition….. We'll just leave it at that. Thanks Brian!

KROK announced that the Faribault area club will officially hold its first field day of this century, to be located at Riverbend Nature Center. Congrats, good luck, and thanks for your support of our club.

Several hams have made contacts with the **National Parks On The Air** on several bands. N0UW gave an update about the Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club which is planning a National Parks On The Air event at Effigy Mounds National Monument near Marquette & Harpers Ferry in NE Iowa. This event is open to any hams that would like to join in. Dates are May 28 - May 30, 10am – 4pm. Contact N0ZJT@yahoo.com for details. November zero Zulu Juliet Tango.

Officer election: There were two nominations to date for the position of President to fill the vacancy, KC0REO and KD0NUV. No other nominations were heard. There was a motion made by KROK and seconded by N0MDC to close the nominations. Motion carried. Election was held and voted on by a show of hands. The new president for the remaining 2016 term is Randy – KD0NUV. Thanks to all.

N0UW announced there are new forms to be filled out for the various organizations for registration and badging. These would include CERT, RACES, ARES, Skywarn. Please fill out a form if interested and get it back to Tom.

We welcomed a guest from the Waseca area, Daniel, who is studying to get his Tech license. Thanks for joining us!

Motion made to adjourn by KC0REO and seconded by KA0PQW. Meeting was adjourned at 9:33am.

A round table discussion and general rag chewing followed.

We encourage demonstrations, materials, information to be shared after every meeting. Thanks!

If you haven't checked out the website, DO IT! There is such a variety of great information on our website you really need to sit down and scroll through it. You will be impressed!

Also be sure to check the website for events/details/changes. **www.oscarmn.org**

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG

ANTENNA ROMANCE...

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.
The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
Since they were a perfect match, soon they generated harmonics.
Wrapped the harmonics in dipoles.
But later the harmonics turned out to be parasitic elements.
The true story -- she was a tri-bander and he felt trapped, so they went on separate beam headings.