

OSCAR Newsletter January 12, 2019

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday February 9, 2019**, the second Saturday of the month. The February meeting will be held at 9:00am at The Kitchen restaurant - 329 Cedar Avenue N in Owatonna.

January 12, 2019 Meeting notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

Alec	KE0IDQ
Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bonnie	N0BKJ
Brian	K0BDD
Chad	N0ZCB
Chris	guest
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	W00Z
Dave	KC0UVY
Deuel	NS0L
Gene	K0UOY
Jeff	KE0FWN
Jennifer	KE0RMR
Katy	KE0MQX
Kris	KCOREO
Larry	KR0K
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Rich	WB0OAD
Tim	KE0QPV
Tom	N0UW

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the December newsletter. Motion to approve by WB0PKG, seconded by N0BKJ. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by N0BKJ, seconded by KE0IDQ. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: Updated by KC0UVY. Required Skywarn training will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday March 19, 2019 at the Owatonna Fire Hall – 107 West Main Street - Third Floor. www.steelecountyskywarn.org There are additional Skywarn Training sessions: March 30th at 9am in Kenyon and April 16th at 7pm in Wanamingo. CHECK THE WEBSITE TO VERIFY

CERT: Report by N0BKJ, a new class started in January on Saturdays. There are currently about 150 CERT members in Steele County, with about 50 active members, THANKS! Check the website and the CERT Facebook page for details and news. <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

Repeater Report: Updated by WB0PKG. Repeater is performing well. There are a few noise issues which are being investigated.

RACES & ARES: Report by NOUW that there is a "ARES Connect" program on the web. Check the OSCAR website.

New Business:

- KOBDD informed the Club of the upcoming John Beargrease sled dog race. A shortened format is on the agenda and start date is January 27, 2019. www.barc.com
- **NEW Technician class was discussed.**
The dates are February 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, March 5, 7.
Time is 6:30pm – 8:30p. Location is Owatonna Fire Hall – 107 W Main St – Owatonna – Main Floor.
The exam is on March 7th. Tell your friends, neighbors, get the word out! Thanks to all involved!
- Welcome to guests Dan and Chris.
- Recap of the "Mail run" dogsled race by KE0FWN.
- KE0REO recapped the Club equipment he is testing, and the plan is to have information available at the February meeting with a giveaway/auction at the March meeting of the excess equipment.
- NOUW had a portable 2-meter 440 antenna for show and tell, noting they made some contacts and heard a satellite. Very cool! Thanks for sharing.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by KE0MQX, seconded by KOBDD. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

Website: The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. www.oscarmn.org
Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Join the Adventure!

Ask How YOU Can Become a Ham Radio Operator!

Register Now for Amateur Radio License Class

Owatonna Steele County Amateur Radio is sponsoring a class for those that are interested in obtaining the entry level (NO CODE - Technician Class) operating license.

What is Required:

- Eight class sessions, about two hours each.
- ***Ham Radio License Manual (4th Edition)*** Study guide.
- Discipline to read the study materials.
- License exam fee (\$15).
The exam fee is subject to change.
- Correctly answer 26 of 35 multiple choice questions, plus you know what the questions and answers may be.

When:

- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday:
12-Feb, 19-Feb, 26-Feb, 05-Mar
- Thursday:
14-Feb, 21-Feb, 28-Feb, 07-Mar
- License exam will be given on 07-Mar

Where:

- Owatonna Fire Department
107 West Main Street

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