



# WOSV

*St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club  
Celebrating 90 years on the airwaves*

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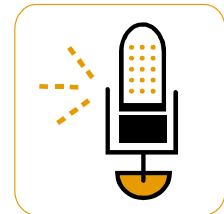
## Upcoming Events:

Club Meeting June 21th

June 23/24<sup>th</sup> Field Day

August 11/12<sup>th</sup> Proposed  
Club Picnic

# June Newsletter



## Message from the Prez

Prez Sez

Am I a "Real Ham?"

With all the new general licensees this is a topic that has come up again. It comes up every time there's a change to the license structure. One ham thinks if you can't do what he can do you're not a "Real Ham." If you haven't jumped through all the same hoops or have all the same skills you can't claim membership. No ham is a real ham using that logic. There is so much to do in amateur radio: Different modes. Different bands. Different adventures. And there's always something new. No

one does it all. Was I a "Real Ham" when I passed my Novice test back in May of 1979? No, don't think so. But on June 9th after hooking up a Knight Kit t-60 transmitter, a National 98 receiver and a \$2 used Nye Speed-X straight key I made my first QSO with Walt on the west coast using CW on 40 meters. Then I was a "Real Ham." It wasn't the CW or setting up the station or the distance of the QSO. What makes a real ham is making the contact - the QSO! Getting on the air and communicating with a complete stranger and making a friend. That's

what makes us "Real Hams."

So, when you hear some old timer with the "You're not a real ham" story take it for just that - a story. Like the "I used to walk 20 miles to school every day and it was up hill both ways" story. After that first QSO we are all "Real Hams."

73

Scott - n0uv

P.S. Hope to hear you on the air soon.

## Announcements

**\*If your dues are coming up, please mail them off as soon as possible. Better yet, come to a club meeting meet our new treasurer and hand it to him yourself! We'd love to see you there.**



## Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes from the May 17th Meeting.

7:05p Meeting called to order.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introductions.  
18 Members present.

Minutes and Treasurer's report missing.

May 26<sup>th</sup> Special Event  
Schedule: 10am 'til 6pm. All Welcome.

Field Day location is not set. Still looking for a spot.

August 11 picnic will be in K-lot of SCSU, it's paved. Looking for activities and demos.

Tour of Saints is interested in having us volunteer in assisting communications. Volunteers needed - contact Scott. Email: [n0uv@charter.net](mailto:n0uv@charter.net) or call 252-4498.

Email Reflector. The old e-mail system was bringing too much spam. To subscribe to the new one send an email to [w0sv@charter.net](mailto:w0sv@charter.net) and put "subscribe" in the subject line (without quotes).

Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> is a drill at Deltone road for an Airport simulated emergency. 4pm-8pm.

June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Camp Ripley will host 10,000 scouts and need ham volunteers to assist in

communications. Contact Chad (KC0YCF) at 320-980-0789.

John (w0zca) is helping a ham in Monticello to sell two classic rigs. (1) A Swan 300 xcvr and (2) a Icom-746 xcvr. Contact John @ [w0zca@arrl.net](mailto:w0zca@arrl.net) for further details.

Jim (kc0eqe) won the World Radio Subscription.

Mike (kc0uea) won the \$5 door prize.

Meeting adjourned, followed by an auction.



### ARRL NEWS:

ARRL Files Federal Appeals Court Brief in Petition for Review of BPL Rules (May 24, 2007)

FCC Designates Hearings on Three Amateur Radio Applications (May 25, 2007)

The K7RA Solar Update (May 25, 2007) -- This week saw a return to active geomagnetic conditions after a period of relative quiet. The planetary A index reached a high of 42 on Wednesday, May 23, and the mid-latitude A index that day was 28. At the same time, sunspot numbers are dropping -- from a high of 56 on May 16 to 44, 23, 15, 14, 12 and 0 on May 19-24. Currently the interplanetary magnetic field points south, making Earth susceptible to geomagnetic upsets from solar wind.

For more information about these headlines please visit:  
<http://www.arrl.org>

## Other Club News

Just a quick reminder to mention that the Annual Ripley Rendezvous is coming up this weekend. (June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

If you want to contribute as a ham for this event and don't know how, please contact:

Chad Hofmann  
Ripley Rendezvous  
Communications Chair  
320-980-0789  
[Chadhofmann@msn.com](mailto:Chadhofmann@msn.com)

If however, you are stuck in the twin cities for that weekend you can check out the 3M "Everything Under The Sun" sale at 3M city in Maplewood. For more information on this event, please check

out:  
<http://www.twinslan.org/tailgate.html>

Also, Field day is coming up June 23/24<sup>th</sup>. If you have never participated in a Field Day it is a highly anticipated event every year because hams all over the planet look to accumulate DX contacts.

SCARC is attempting to find a location for our efforts that will involve some camping perhaps, but more importantly a fun location for all of us to gather, and learn about DX'n and what field day is all about.

If you have something in mind, please don't

hesitate to contact an officer of the club. All ideas will be entertained. (Except perhaps on some building rooftop in Mosquito Central) ©

May's auction:

From what I've gathered so far, the auction at the May club meeting was a success. I hope to post more information as I learn of it, but many people enjoyed it and walked away with stuff. So all is well right?

We hope your Memorial Weekend was a good, safe, fun experience!

73  
KD7III

## List of Current Board Members

### President

Scott Hall N0UV

### Vice President

Art Carlson – WA0NJR -  
Elected

### Treasurer

Jerome Dahlager –  
KC0WCF – Elected

### Secretary

David Nick – KD7III -  
Elected

### Trustee

Harold Hoffman KCØFAX –  
Re-elected

### Trustee

Larry Snodgrass –  
KC0SMM – Elected

Leonard Hopkins –  
KC0NZF – Elected

### Past President

Jack Maus WØMBD



Pictured from left to right:

- **Art Carlson** – WA0NJR (Vice President)
- **Scott Hall** – N0UV (President)
- **Jerome Dahlager** – KC0WCF (Treasurer)

## HF Nets World Wide

For those of us with new HF privileges and those who have them but don't know what's out there, I have obtained a list of some HF nets out there that might be interesting to tune into. Some of these may be slightly outdated, but I hope that they are still worth checking out.

**UT DST FREQ NAME DAY**

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 0000 2300 1893 160 METERS (Eastern US, Eastern Canada) Daily  
 0000 2300 1906 160 METER INFORMATION (Cambridge Ohio) Tuesday ST; Monday DST [September-April only]  
 0000 2300 1965 CENTRAL VERMONT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Tuesday ST; Monday DST  
 0000 2300 3740 CLARA (Western Canada) Wednesday ST; Tuesday DST  
 0000 2300 3742 ONTARIO PHONE Daily  
 0000 2300 3750 CLARA (Ontario) Tuesday ST; Monday DST  
 0000 2300 3780 QUEBEC PHONE Daily  
 ---- 2300 3805 ADVENTIST AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (Caribbean) Friday

0000 2300 7160 WEST COAST AM Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 7230 SNOWBIRD (Florida) Daily  
 0000 2300 7238 ROTTEN APPLES GROUP (Eastern, Central US) Daily  
 0000 2300 7251 JUNQUE CARS SWAP (Southeast US) Friday ST/Thursday DST October 1-May 31 [SOUTHCARS]  
 0000 2300 7255 NIGHTHAWKS (Eastern US) Daily [Swap & Swap session Thursday ST, Wednesday DST]  
 0000 2300 7270 1721 ROUND TABLE GROUP (Ohio) Daily [ARRL Directory gives winter time as 2300, but it also says 7 pm Eastern, which would be 0000 winter]  
 ---- 2300 7277 GENERAL MOTORS FIREBIRD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Monday  
 0000 2300 28310 WEBSTER WIRELESS ROUNDTABLE (Massachusetts) Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 28333 ORLANDO MOSQUITO (Florida) Wednesday ST; Tuesday DST  
 0000 2300 28333 TITUSVILLE MOSQUITO (Florida) Thursday ST; Wednesday DST  
 0000 2300 28355 NORTH BREVARD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (Florida) Tuesday ST; Monday DST

0000 2300 28365 WHITBY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (Ontario). Thursday ST; Wednesday DST  
 0000 2300 28385 LINCOLN COUNTY INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY (Maine) Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 28425 SAILFISH (West Palm Beach Florida) Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 28450 MANATEE COUNTY ARES (Florida) Tuesday ST; Monday ST  
 0000 2300 28450 PINELLAS COUNTY ARES (Florida) Wednesday ST; Tuesday DST  
 0000 2300 28450 SUNDAY EVENING (Wyoming) Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 28456 YONKERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INFORMATION (New York) Monday ST; Sunday DST  
 0000 2300 28730 SCARBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (Toronto) Friday ST; Thursday DST  
 0000 2300 29000 BUFFALO (New York) Daily [AM]  
 0000 ---- 14205 BROADCAST ENGINEERS CHAPTER 73 Monday after 2nd Sunday  
 0000 2300 14208 VOX ON, PROCESSOR OFF Daily  
 0000 ---- 14265 INTERNATIONAL NUDE Friday [Naturist Amateur Radio Club]

## Emergency Services News and other information

Have you lost your handy UTC time converter cheat sheet? Bold times are behind UTC:

UTC	PST (-8)	MST (-7)	CST (-6)	EST (-5)
0000	<b>1600</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>
0100	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>
0200	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>
0300	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2200</b>
0400	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2300</b>
0500	<b>2100</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>0000</b>
0600	<b>2200</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>0000</b>	<b>0100</b>
0700	<b>2300</b>	<b>0000</b>	<b>0100</b>	<b>0200</b>
0800	<b>0000</b>	<b>0100</b>	<b>0200</b>	<b>0300</b>
0900	<b>0100</b>	<b>0200</b>	<b>0300</b>	<b>0400</b>
1000	<b>0200</b>	<b>0300</b>	<b>0400</b>	<b>0500</b>
1100	<b>0300</b>	<b>0400</b>	<b>0500</b>	<b>0600</b>
1200	<b>0400</b>	<b>0500</b>	<b>0600</b>	<b>0700</b>
1300	<b>0500</b>	<b>0600</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>0800</b>
1400	<b>0600</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>0900</b>
1500	<b>0700</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>1000</b>
1600	<b>0800</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1100</b>
1700	<b>0900</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1200</b>
1800	<b>1000</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1300</b>
1900	<b>1100</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1400</b>
2000	<b>1200</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1500</b>
2100	<b>1300</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1600</b>
2200	<b>1400</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1700</b>
2300	<b>1500</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>

Signal Report Information. Have you given a signal report lately? Do you remember what it means?

### Signal Report

#### Readability

- 1-Unreadable
- 2-Barely readable
- 3-Readable with difficulty
- 4-Readable with little effort
- 5-Perfectly readable

#### Signal Strength

- 1-Barely perceptible
- 2-Very weak
- 3-Weak
- 4-Fair
- 5-Fairly good
- 6-Good
- 7-Moderately strong
- 8-Strong
- 9-Extremely strong

**Example:** *Your Signal Report is 5 by 9*

### Amateur Radio Phonetics

- ALPHA
- BRAVO
- CHARLIE
- DELTA
- ECHO
- FOXTROT
- GOLF
- HOTEL
- INDIA
- JULIETT
- KILO
- LIMA
- MIKE
- NOVEMBER
- OSCAR
- PAPA
- QUEBEC
- ROMEO
- SIERRA
- TANGO
- UNIFORM
- VICTOR
- WHISKEY
- X-RAY
- ZULU

#### Example:

*My callsign is KD7III. Spelled Kilo Delta Seven India India India*

**ST. CLOUD AMATEUR  
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401 FOURTH STREET N  
WAITE PARK, MN 56387

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(320)255-1410

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*Have something to add to  
the newsletter?*

*Email the editor:*  
**KD7III@GMAIL.COM**

## Repeater Information

<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Offset</u>	<u>Tone</u>	<u>Repeater Location</u>
147.015	-	No Tone	Collegeville, MN
146.940	-	Autopatch	St. Cloud, MN
146.835	-	PL 85.4	St. Cloud, MN
147.105	+	PL 85.4	Avon, MN
224.800	-	No Tone	St. Joseph, MN
444.350	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
443.650	+	PL 85.4	Avon, MN
145.270	-	No Tone	Paynesville, MN
146.520		Simplex	Nationwide Simplex
146.640		Simplex	Nationwide Simplex
442.225	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
147.225	+	No Tone	Sauk Centre, MN

Do you have a list of any others? Please email the editor and we will get them added to this list.

## About St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club

The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club is 85 years strong!

It all started back in 1921 with Robert "Bob" Witchen, WØSV, licensed as 9SV.

The St. Cloud Radio Club call is registered as WØSV in honor of Bob Witchen, first licensed ham in the area.

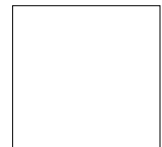
Since then, the club has grown by leaps and bounds serving in many

useful ways among the surrounding tri-county area.

For a more detailed history visit our website at:  
<http://www.w0sv.org>

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