



WOSV

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

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Please Check Us Out Online! : <http://www.w0sv.org>

November Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

November 16th

- Club Meeting

Announcements:

Winter 2008 Hamfest will be on February 16th. Planning has already started. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to help with the event if you can!

The Annual Meeting is just a couple weeks away!

When: 7:00 pm on November 16th, 2007

Where: St. Joseph Fire Hall



Everyone is Welcome for a Delicious meal, brief meeting, Exciting auction where you can purchase all those hard to find items and of course Great conversation!

Make your Reservations with Scott by **November 12th** by phone at 320-252-4498 or email n0uv@charter.net \$10 per person

Minutes from the last meeting

General Meeting October 18, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
Started with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Minutes passed from last meeting.

Treasures report:

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| Checking | \$4,647.73 |
| Savings | \$1,322.02 |
| Restricted Checking..... | \$ 678.83 |
| Total..... | \$6,647.91 |

The board decided to put \$1,000 into a CD.
Treasures report passed.

JOTA is October 20 and 21st, all members welcome from 10 to 4.

CQWW contest October 27 and 28 , all club members are invited to join in. Come down to the clubhouse between 7 pm Friday and 7 pm Sunday.

Annual meeting will be November 16th at St. Joseph Fire Hall at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Skip Jackson, section manager will be speaking and there will be an auction. Call Scott 252-4498 or email n0uv@charter.net for reservation by November 12th. Looking for donations of items to be auctioned off in this club fundraiser.

Hamfest will be Feb 16, 2008. We will have a bake sale again, sell chili and hot dogs as well as VE testing. It was suggested to set up a test bench for participants to check out their radio equipment. We need volunteers for talk-in, more than one so no one person has to sit there for 8

hours and can enjoy the hamfest too.

Packet radio - it was suggested to use Ed's old packet radio as our packet radio. It will need a change of crystals.

Lea, KA0EQK gave a report on fixing the Coleman generator. The power jet had fallen out and had bad connections.

New pictures on the website and meeting notes will be posted there monthly.

Storage building, Larry KC0SMM is working on plans for a 10x12 shed. Also he is checking on the price of kits from lumber yards.

Jack, W0MBD will hold classes starting in November if there is interest. Time of classes have not been set so it's open for suggestions. Jan-Feb classes will be Sunday 1-3 pm at the clubhouse. Testing will be at Feb 16 Hamfest. Contact Jack if interested

Lenny, KC0NZF volunteered to hold a soldering class. Time and date to be announced.

Mike, KC0UEA won the World Radio subscription and Nick, KC0IRY was not present to win the \$5.00 door prize

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Minutes submitted by Scott N0UV





ARRL NEWS:

ARRL In Action: What Have We Been Up To Lately?

Some QSL Card Considerations

It Seems to Us: Where Do You Stand?

Letters from an HF Newbie

Surfin': When "Radio" Was a Verb

The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

ARDF Update: Transmitter Tracking at Tahoe -- The 2007 USA and IARU-R2 ARDF Championships

Surfin': Spark Transmitting

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

Minutes from the last board meeting

Board Meeting October 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
Present were Larry-KC0SMM, Jack-W0MBD, Harold-KC0FAX, Jerry-KC0WCF and Scott-N0UV.

We still have no secretary so Scott is taking notes and typing them up. Mike, KC0UEA has volunteered to email a newsletter. All meeting notes will be posted on the website.

Treasures report
Checking\$4,647.73
Savings\$1,321.35
Restricted Checking.....\$ 678.83
Insurance paid \$826.37

Members have suggested putting our money in a higher interest account. So the board moved to set up a CD of \$1,000.00. Motion passed

JOTA October 20 & 21 will be from 10 am to 4 pm and is open to all members.

CQWW contest starts Friday, October 26 at 7 pm local time. WOSV will be on the air and all members are invited to participate or just watch.

Annual meeting is November 16 at the St. Joseph Fire Hall at 7 pm. Same as last years menu. Call or email Scott for reservations by Monday Nov 12. Cost is \$10.00 per person. 252-4498 or n0uv@charter.net The board decided to sell at auction the tower that Art Carlson, WA0NJR donated. Other things to be auctioned off are the side by side refrigerator/freezer, and other items from the club house. Looking for donations of items to be auctioned off at the annual meeting from anyone.

Hamfest will be Feb 16, 2008. Prizes will be \$25, \$50 and \$100.00

Storage building – Larry-KC0SMM, is working on plans for a 10x12 shed.

Classes possible in Nov-Dec, also classes starting in January to test at hamfest. Contact Jack, W0MBD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Minutes submitted by Scott N0UV

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

Mike Parker – KC0UEA – Acting Secretary

Trustees

Harold Hoffman KC0FAX – Re-elected

Larry Snodgrass – KC0SMM – Elected

Leonard Hopkins – KC0NZF – Elected

Past President

Jack Maus – W0MBD

Web Master

Phil Jorgensen - N1ARM



Pictured from left to right:

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

That Was So Cool!

James O. Baker Jr, KQ4BH
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**That is so cool!
Nathan at the GOTA
station microphone
during Field Day 2006.
Author Jim Baker is at
the controls.**

A South Carolina ham experiences fun and a sense of fulfillment by bringing local Boy Scouts and Amateur Radio together. He hopes others will follow his example.

"That was *so* cool!" Wide eyed and grinning from ear to ear, Nathan had just completed his first Amateur Radio contact. Two more contacts on the Field Day "Get On The Air" (GOTA) station log, and he was as high as the clouds drifting overhead.

Field Day has always been a fun time, sandwiched between family and work and family and work and, well, family and work. Most years I'd make it to the site for a visit, sometimes operating, sometimes just having a bite and socializing. As winter gave way to spring the anticipation of Field Day 2006 began to rise, because this was the year I was going to *do it all*. The store and the family could survive one day without me. It was *my* turn.

I began to plan how I could make a contribution to the W4GS Grand Strand ARC Field Day operation. Tents, cots, radios, antennas — all began to float in that mental space that eventually leads to a plan.

I'll Do GOTA

I enjoy operating events and contests as a chance to work a new DX station or to give out a few points in the WPX, but I'm not a serious contester. There are others in the club who can put the power to the tower and run up the score. So, I thought GOTA would be a good place for me, and I volunteered to take care of that position. I have been doing Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) for our Cub Scout pack and thought this would also be a good opportunity to help some Scouts get their Radio merit badge. So, I contacted local Scout leaders and invited them to bring their Scouts out to Field Day. The Internet is a wonderful tool, and I soon found all the help I needed in material created by Bill Jeffrey, AA6J. Finally, all was ready, and the big day dawned, hot and sunny.

Tents, cots, radios, antennas and a lot of other stuff went into the truck, and soon we were out at the old air base, where the local chapter of the American Red Cross now has its center. By the time I arrived, the pine trees in the yard next to the building already were loaded with wires. In short order the tent and station were set up, and when my first Scout arrived, I set about organizing my instructional materials.

As the W4GS Field Day stations began working the bands at 1800 UTC, we used the Red Cross training room to present a class on the basic aspects of radio communication, with the focus on Amateur Radio. The merit badge program requires a visit to an actual station, so from the classroom we toured the club's Class 3F Field Day site, noting the various elements of the operating stations. Then the fun began.

At the GOTA station some of the Scouts had a chance to talk to hams over the air and complete a QSO. Three of the five candidates quickly completed their Radio merit badge requirements. Two had to leave early. One would complete his QSO requirement from my mobile station the following week. Nathan and his family came back during the evening and asked if it was too late to try the radio. Setting him down at the operating position I explained the Field Day format and quickly jotted out a rough script to help him.

His first attempt was a bit weak, and I explained that he had to let everyone know he *wanted* that contact as if it were the last biscuit on the table. His next call sounded loud and clear and got an immediate reply. Nathan gave the proper exchange, and he and the other op wished each other "good luck!"

Pure Joy

The look of pure joy on his face made all the Field Day planning and preparation worthwhile. Following his exuberant exclamation, he picked up the mic again and made several more contacts in short order. Soon we were talking about licensing and equipment, and I think his family was as excited as he was.

For my part, I had a terrific time and learned a lot about Scouting. A GOTA station at Field Day in June and the JOTA in October are excellent opportunities to introduce Amateur Radio to local Scouts, and their enjoyment makes it well worth the effort.

Now let's see: Can we add a licensing class to the mix for 2007?

Editor's Note: A special 50 hour Jamboree on the Air will be held October 19-21 in celebration of JOTA's 50th year; see September 2007 *QST*, p 96. And look for complete 2007 Field Day results in the December 2007 issue.

ARRL member Jim Baker, KQ4BH, has had his ham ticket since 1990. He's an Amateur Extra class licensee and has completed DXCC. A graduate of Coastal Carolina University, he works as a retail electronics store manager. He enjoys DXing and working with Scouts. Baker lives in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with his wife Nancy and two children.

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Have something to add to the newsletter?

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Repeater Information

| <u>Repeater</u> | <u>Offset</u> | <u>Tone</u> | <u>Repeater Location</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 147.015 | - | PL 100.0 | 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. Josph, 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.

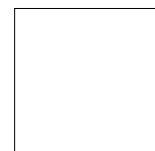
Since then, the club has grown by leaps and bounds serving in many

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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