



December Newsletter

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WOSV

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

Dates to Remember:

December:

General Meeting 17th

Message from the President - The Prez Sez...

The Annual Dinner Meeting at the Clubhouse was a success! Thanks Lenny KCONZF for your assistance with the caterer and Dave WODZW for helping with cleanup at the clubhouse and setting up tables and chairs. This event combined with a meeting, an election of the open slots of the club offices, a fun raffle and an always exciting auction. Thanks to all of you who donated items or helped with e-mails and pre-production. This is a relatively pain free event to raise funds for club expenses. Those who were unable to attend because of other conflicts mark it on your schedule for next year, lets plan to make it an even bigger event. If

everyone can get involved in these activities even just a little bit we can accomplish much. Because we have people who step up and bid, supporting this event with their purchases, we are able to improve activities, equipment and some savings for rainy days. This also helps to keep membership dues low. With a slow economy we need to be able to have funds to replace dollars that have in better times donated by other sources.

Another big club event soon, the Hamfest. Here at the Saint Cloud Armory, February 13th 2010. Sooner than you think. Mailings need to go out, registration and reservations of vendors will need to be coordinated. Please do

your part. This is our big opportunity to raise funds so that we can keep the light and heat and pay for insurance to keep our club facilities and great meeting place. Step up and help where you can.

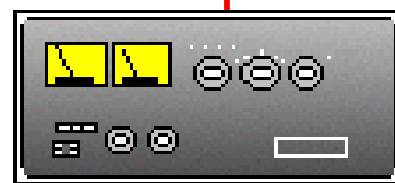
Thanks to everyone for helping to make this a very productive year for the Club. Please bring your ideas and energy to the meetings, we need everyone's input to make things run.

Happy Holliday's to everyone! See you on the repeaters

73,
Your Pres, WAONJR

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November Annual Meeting Minutes

The November 20th meeting was called to order by President Art Carlson, WAONJR at 6:10 p.m.

Art explained the raffle tickets for a couple of prizes and also passed around numbers to sign up for to use when bidding on items for the auction.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Checking	1,080.30
Savings	1,984.45
Rest. Savings	197.68
CD	<u>1,027.00</u>
Total Balance of	\$4,289.45

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The October meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the November Newsletter.

The plan is to install the tower onto the base on November 22nd at 9:30 a.m. All those interested in helping are welcome to participate.

Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM is working on the 2010 Calendar of events for the

club, let him know of important dates to include.

Art reported that for the additional remote receive site for the O15 repeater, he has the 440 transmitter PA almost complete, he still needs to mod and tune the receiver and get a crystal for the Colledgeville side receiver and get it tuned up.

Ed Steinblock, KOVU reported that the O15 is repaired, the audio drive was adjusted for the UHF transmitter to fix the fact that the deviation was flat topping.

Election ballots were collected and tallied. Harold Hoffman, KCOFAX was re-elected as club Trustee. Norm Bakken, KCOSD, Scott Hall, NOUV and Ed Steinblock, KOVU were voted into the WOSV-SCARC Hall of Fame for their greatly appreciated involvement in the club.

**Congratulations and
Thank you to:
Norm Bakken, KCOSD
Scott Hall, NOUV
Ed Steinblock, KOVU**

A motion was made, accepted and passed to destroy the election ballots.

Rich Josephson, WOELT won the \$5 door prize.

**73 tickets
sold for the
Raffle
Drawing!**

For the raffle drawing, two prizes were given away. The first was a weather radio and the second was a SWR meter to measure forward and reflected power. There were 73 raffle tickets sold. Jon Asplund, NOJSA won both raffle items, but donated the SWR meter back to the club to be auctioned off during the auction.

At 6:54 the meeting adjourned.

Following the meeting was the catered meal and lot's of fun during the auction fundraiser. There were numerous ham related and non-ham related items auctioned off to the highest bidders!

Respectfully submitted by Mike Parker, KCOUEA.

Newsletter Suggestions?

As the New Year approaches, what suggestions or contributions do you have for future Newsletters?

- What do you or don't you like about the newsletter content or layout? Font size too big or too small, unnecessary or boring information included, etc
- Do you ever run across articles that you think would be great to share with other club members? Or would you like to write an article or report and have it included in the newsletter?
- Do you have some extent website resources for our hobby that you think others should know about?

Now and any time during the year please email your comments and suggestions to the newsletter editor, Mike Parker, KCOUEA by emailing me at kc0uea@gmail.com or talk to me at one of the meetings!

Volunteer Opportunities

Clubhouse Work

It's Fall and it's time for Fall Clean-up around the clubhouse! With the tower being installed we also want to do some picking up outdoors before the snow flies! We also have some existing antennas that need some work as well as some other antennas to get put up!

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Tower Construction at the Clubhouse

Plans as of the November meeting were to install the tower onto the base on Sunday Nov 23rd following the meeting—that was successfully accomplished. In early December plans were being made to do some antenna work to move the beam from the old tower to the new tower and other antenna work to complete.

Special Thanks This Month!

Thank You to Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM for maintaining our WOSV website throughout the year! Phil also often functions as our Photographer and does a Great Job of that as well, capturing photos of the activities while members are busy having Fun! Stop by the website and check it out if you haven't been there recently: www.wOsv.org

Thank You to Lenny Hopkins, KCONZF for coordinating with the food caterer for our November Annual Meeting. Also Thanks to Dave Leigh, W0DZW and others who helped to prepare and clean-up the clubhouse before and after the Annual meeting!

Current Board Members

President

Art Carlson—WAONJR

Vice President

Dave Leigh - W0DZW

Treasurer

Jerry Dahlager - KCOWCF

Secretary

Mike Parker - KCOUEA

Trustees

Harold Hoffman - KCOFAX (2010 - 12)

Larry Snodgrass - KCOSMM (2009 - 11)

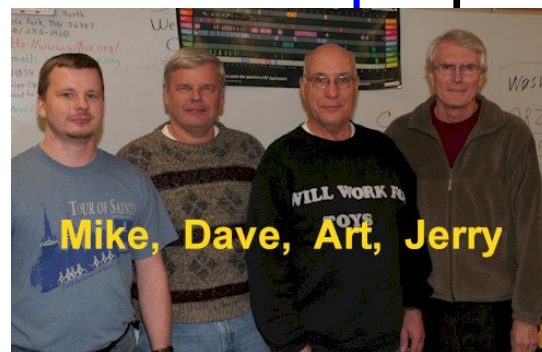
Leonard Hopkins - KCONZF (2008 - 10)

Past President

Scott Hall - N0UV

Webmaster

Phil Jorgensen - N1ARM



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Weblinks of Interest

<http://coolcircuit.com/>

Electronics plans for small circuits to larger projects. In the blog section there is a list on the right side with tons of info on things from basic soldering, making circuit boards to microcontrollers and even RF projects!

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<http://www.solderhead.com/projects.html>

A good sized library full of Homebrew projects and includes sources for kit projects as well. Also has information in regards to GPS, Audio, Video, Robotics and even a potentially low cost Homebrew Gas Generator!

Scott Robbins, W4PA, to Purchase Vibroplex

Scott Robbins, W4PA, of Knoxville, Tennessee, told the ARRL that he has signed an agreement to purchase [The Vibroplex Company, Inc](#) from present owner Felton "Mitch" Mitchell, W4OA, effective December 21, 2009. "Vibroplex represents the great tradition of CW operation in Amateur Radio going back many, many years," Robbins told the ARRL. "I'm tickled to be able to continue the more than 100 years of history that has gone into this company."

Robbins -- who has been employed with [Ten-Tec Inc](#) since 1995 (he has been Product Manager for Ten-Tec's Amateur Radio equipment line since 1997) -- will leave his position in mid-December to take over full-time management and ownership of Vibroplex. "It's a great opportunity to continue the more than 100 years of tradition that the Vibroplex name represents," Robbins said. "I've known Mitch for quite a few years and it was an important consideration for both of us that Vibroplex continue operation building quality products for Amateur Radio long into the future. Mitch's experience owning the company will be valuable as we proceed with a seamless ownership transition over the next few weeks."

Robbins told the ARRL that he will move Vibroplex from its present location in Mobile, Alabama to Knoxville, Tennessee during the last two weeks of December, with a planned opening date of January 5, 2010. Vibroplex's toll-free sales line (800) 840-8873, [Web site](#) and e-mail contact addresses will remain in continuous operation under the new ownership, he said.

"My first Vibroplex paddle was given to me in 1980 by my father, W2DR; when I left home to attend the University of North Carolina in 1988, a rig, some wire and the key went with me," Robbins said. "Close to 30 years later, it's still on the table -- along with two Vibroplex products I've purchased. I used a Vibroplex chrome iambic to win the 2006 ARRL DX CW contest from Barbados as 8P9PA and I will certainly be using one at the WRTC 2010 competition in Russia this July."

Robbins told the ARRL that he has enjoyed his 14 year career at Ten-Tec, calling it his first "real job" when he was fresh out of college: "I have met literally thousands of hams over the years because of Ten-Tec -- all those exciting years when we were designing new rigs and I was writing the manuals for the Omni-VII and Orion; I'm really proud of what has been accomplished there. I am sure that Ten-Tec and Vibroplex will have some common ground in the future -- both companies already did one commemorative key together back in 2002. Another one would be great!"

Vibroplex is the oldest operating business in the Amateur Radio industry and has been in continuous service to the hobby since founder Horace Martin invented the "bug" semi-automatic Morse code key in 1904.

Article from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/12/07/11233/?nc=1>



Scott Robbins, W4PA, announced that he has purchased Vibroplex, effective December 21, 2009. [S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, Photo]



The Vibroplex Original Bug.

Local Repeater Info

Clubhouse Phone: 320-255-1410

E-mail: webinfo@w0sv.org

E-mail Reflector:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scarcmn/>

To send to the reflector and all those signed up for the reflector, send your email to: scarcmn@yahoo.com

On the Web @
WWW.WOSV.ORG

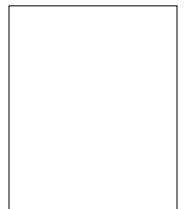
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146.835	-	PL 85.4	St. Cloud, MN
147.105	+	PL 85.4	Avon, MN
224.800	-	No Tone	St. Joseph, MN
444.350	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
442.225	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
443.650	+	PL 85.4	Avon, MN
145.270	-	No Tone	Paynesville, MN
147.255	+	No Tone	Sauk Centre, MN
146.520		Simplex	Nationwide Simplex
146.640		Simplex	Nationwide Simplex



If you have any additions, corrections or suggestions for this newsletter, please email the editor, Mike Parker, KCOUEA at KCOUEA@yahoo.com

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About the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club

The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club is 88 years strong! It all started back in 1921 with Robert "Bob" Witche, WØSV, licensed as 9SV. The St. Cloud Radio Club call is registered as WØSV in honor of Bob Witche, 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: www.w0sv.org

