SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio Society
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The March meeting of SCARS was called to order with 36 members and guests attending. The minutes of the Feb meeting were read and approved. Jeff KT5OK gave the Treasurers report. We now have $4364.41 in the bank.
Repeater Report: All is working ok.
CORA Report: Things are on track for Ham Holiday 2006 in July. The biggest change is that there will be more than one Pre-registration prize. A dual band and 3 VHF rigs will be given away.
VE Team: Testing Thursday night produced 5 new Techs. One drove in from the Texas panhandle to test and was successful.
Net Report: We now have 3 weekly nets. Melody W5DNA is hosting a Monday night net at 8PM on our repeater for the new ham. Join her for the Newcomer Intensive Care Unit Net. The Tuesday night ARES net broke the check-in record this past week with 45. Good show. Freds Wednesday night net on 10M continues to attract over a dozen check ins.
Equipment Report: Jeremy K0ZOO has a new Icom HF Rig and MFJ tuner. He is having trouble with KOMA competing for the air space in SW Moore, but making headway.
George KA6HCB has a new IC 706 and will soon be on the HF bands. Jeremy also has For Sale a Yaesu FT60 dual band HT if anyone is interested.
Old Business: The OKC Marathon is coming up next month. A number of members have signed up to help. April 22 is our 89'r Day Special Event at Andrews Park. We'll set up at 8 AM, go on the air at 10 and operate till 4 or after. We need all the members that can make it out to come help and participate. This is a good opportunity for any new Techs to work with another Op and get on the air. We will have another meeting before then and will try to have a sign-up sheet for working the HF rig.
New Business: Don WA5TAW reported that the Hospital has installed a MERC radio and antenna and will have a training exercise on June 23 from 9 to 12 AM.
David KD5ZLG reported there will be a Emergency Managers Conf. at the Reed Center in MWC in August. There will be a chance for us to participate in that meeting. More on this later.

HamCom in Plano, TX falls on our meeting Day in June this year. It is on the 10th.. It was suggested we move our meeting to the 3rd Sat. (17th). This will allow one meeting before Field Day on the 24th.. Stay tuned for more on this as well. We may have the meeting at Reaves Park.
Ken N5KUK reported that this coming week is Tornado Week on the Weather Channel and they will have people in Norman doing pieces from different sites.
Melody W5DNA received the first paperwork in what will be a long line of documents, for us to be qualified as a 501C 3 org. Thanks for her work in this.

Our website was discussed and suggestions were made as to it's content and design.. Thanks to Drew KG4SJE for his work on it. In an effort to get him some help, Mike W5EGO offered to help coordinate the maintenance of the website.
There is a lot of good information on there. For the newer members go to:
http://www.w5nor.org

The meeting adjourned..

73 de WG5T
Bill