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ALTUS AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



REPEATER
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147.135/735



VHF Club
NEWS

WSLOW
*The Elmer Gockler Memorial
Station*

In spite of the fact that amateur activity in our area has been at the lower end of the spectrum, it is beginning to flourish once more with the influx of new amateurs through the No-Code Technician Class License.

Many of those who completed the minimal requirements for the Codeless Technician License have gone on to upgrade to the General and Advanced Class. Our meetings have gone from four to five members to our last meeting with twenty-one smiling faces, three who were new amateurs (awaiting call) with the Codeless Technician License.

On July 18, we participated in the local Quartz Mountain Break Away Bike Race, from Altus to Quartz Mountain State Park, by providing communications. This is our second year for the project and it went well. Don Roberson KG6LE, was responsible for all the coordinating for the event both years and we will certainly miss him and his expertise when he departs the area to Texas the first part of next year.

Our repeater, 146.790 is alive and well. Recently, Dwight Dennis WB5KRH, and Chuck Smith WB5MJS, made the journey to the summit of Mount Headrick to make some necessary repairs and adjustments. Also, the "AXS" node is back in service on 145.090 for those of you who are into packet. So communications in Southwest Oklahoma are improving vastly.

Our ARRL VE testing sessions are conducted on the 2nd Saturday of each Quarter. Walk-ins welcomed. Our next scheduled testing session is:

North Main Fire Station -
Downstairs
10 October 1992
1230 hours

Jim KI5YY

The Fall Novice-Tech class is under way with AA5GI once again our main coordinator. It is not too late to join if you know of someone that would like to become a ham. The class is also for anyone that has a no-code license and would like to pick up the 5 wpm code. We even have one or two that need 13 wpm for General class. So, if you want to join that group, come on down!

EARS is once again helping provide communications for the CROP-WALK. If you would like to help out on October 4th, please contact Mike KB5UKT, or his wife Margy.

Donna KA5YSF, is stepping down as chairperson for the Scholarship committee due to a new job that she now has. Many thanks for all the hard work. Taking over for the rest of this year will be past pres. Tom KA5WAV.

It finally happened! I got enough DX QSL cards to send in for DXCC to the ARRL. I was in Dallas over the Labor Day weekend, so I took my cards to K5PC for verification. He said all were good, so now I must wait for the ARRL to process the application.

EARS wants to say MANY THANKS to Martin WD5EFI, for the work done at the tower site!

Next board meeting will be on October 14th, 7 pm., at the EOC. Please come to the Dinner Meeting on Friday, October 16th. For location, check the Information Net on Monday night.

73 de Jim N5OHL

Meeting was called to order 12:07 p.m. at Soda Pops by Vice President Fred W5NL, with 14 folks present. (President Jack WB5ZKZ, was at the OU football game.) Ellard W5KE, gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted. There were a round of introductions and comments, where it was learned that Gil W5RB, was in Woodcrest Nursing Home, 15th and Sooner Rd., and would sure like some visitors. He just turned 80.

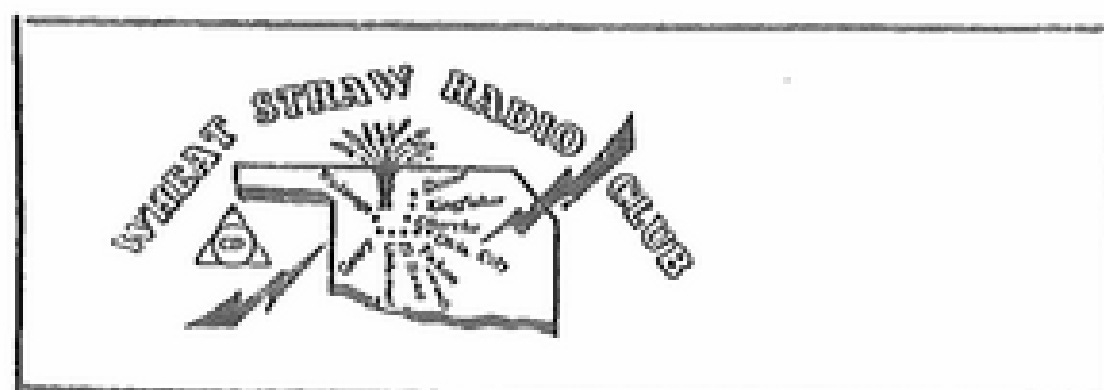
Ellard W5KE, related how he gave his vehicle an upper cylinder lube job by fueling it with diesel instead of gasoline. (Tsk, Tsk.) Bob W5HXL, did a show-and-tell on his home-brew battery chargers and power supplies.

Turkey of the Month was awarded to Joe Harding WA5ZNF, just for the heck of it, and Bob W5HXL, advised us of birthday party plans for ZNF September 26.

Bob W5HXL, Charlie WA5JGU, and Bob K5TQV, were appointed CORA Directors representing the VHF Club. Before meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m., the group was reminded that next month's meeting will be at Dodson's Cafeteria, 2150 SW 59th, October 17th, 11:30 a.m.

Joe, K5JB, Secretary





WHEATSTRAW BULLETIN

The October meeting will be the eleventh. At this time it is planned to be at the City Hall. The hall is one block south of the red light, 1/2 block west. Meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. If cars are not there, call on the repeater, 146.610. Sorry I did not get this in earlier.

The September meeting was held at the Means Park. There were 18 member and visitors present. There were no elected officers present. That was the first time I ever knew of that happening.

Ralph WA5PFK, acted as the president, and Johnny K5GBN, acted as the secretary and treasurer.

When self introductions were made, we had five visitors. Joe K5LGW, for Guthrie. Joe is retired and spends most of his spare time radioing. Jim, and his daughter Janna from Clinton. Jim is a radio dispatcher for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol office. Janna, a eleven year girl going to school and spend her spare time like other children her age.

Harold Herdon WA5ZOO, and wife Betty were from Lawton, OK. Harold is a minister of the Christian Church, filling in at the church of Snyder, OK. We welcome all of you back anytime.

John N5MOL, and David N5MPG, were the host making all the preparations there in Weatherford.

After the meeting was over, we all ate watermelons. They were good. It was the club's annual watermelon feed.

Here is some serious thoughts for veterans of all wars, and all registered voters alike. Quotes from the National DAV Commander Harold D. Pinney—

"One of the veterans primary entitlements is quality health care. As the availability of health care from VA

Medical Centers declines due to budgets cuts, we are fortunate having in Oklahoma the best system of veteran centers in the nation. We have an impending crisis concerning the Norman Veterans Center. The Veteran's Administration had ruled that center will not continue to receive VA funding unless major renovation or replacement is done. Federal funds are available for 65% of the cost of a new center. State funds must be provided for the other 35%, ten million dollars, is included in the proposed bond issue which will be voted on as State Question 649 in the November 3rd, 1992 General Election. The bond issue includes an additional 6.6 million dollars for improvements at the other six veteran centers in the state. If the bond issue does not pass, the Norman Veteran Center, in all probability, will close. One of the means of funding the proposed bond issue is revenue generated by bingo and pull-tabs which will be authorized by the Oklahoma Charity Games Act (Bingo Bill.) This bill will be voted on as State Question 650. Passage of both State Questions 649 and 650 are critical to the future of our Veteran Centers. I ask that each of you work diligently to achieve their passage."

May I try to put a smile back on your face. Some laughs submitted by June O'Shields—

First voice on telephone:
"Joe, is this you?"

Second voice on telephone:
"Sure. This is Joe."

First voice: "It doesn't sound like Joe?"

Second voice: "It's Joe, all right!"

First voice: "Joe, can you lend me \$10?"

Second voice: "I'll ask him as soon as he comes in."

Mrs. Smith, reading a newspaper: "Did you know that a great many accidents occur in the kitchens of our homes?"

Mr. Smith: "Yes, I know. I've eaten quite a few of them."

The Golden Years: Planned Obsolescence

"You're not getting older; you're getting better," it's been said. Any old guy who believed that, please stand on your head.

The phrase "declining years" could use some redefining. The years have been increasing, it's us that's been declining.

Most Senior Citizens would, if they are really truthful, would like to stay good looking, vigorous and youthful.

Spare parts are scarce and costly and it doesn't help to find, that the problem's in our body, not just in our mind.

But we're compensated somewhat for multiple aches and pains: More leisure time, medicare, and maybe capital gains.

With discount cards, arthritic joints and wrinkled faces; We get free coffee with our meals in many fast food places.

In spite of our condition, we want a few years more; So we go back to the doctor, and the neighborhood drugstore.

And hope that one day the doctor can assure us; That getting old is a disease, and he's found a pill that'll cure us.

We wish all the sick amateurs, and friends an quick recovery. Drive safely and take care of yourself.

73, Ralph WA5PFK

SERIOUS BUSINESS

The first meeting of the club was held with the new officers sitting at the head table. As a show of the club's appreciation to the retiring officers, each was presented a plaque for the hard work they had put in.

Our new president NJ1V, has done a lot of preparation for his tenure in office. He has spent many hours talking to individuals about various club responsibilities and he has received excellent cooperation from most of those contacted. He will have more to say in this article about the various heads of committees he would like to see started.

One change in our article in the Collector and Emitter will be the printing of minutes of our club meetings. We have one of the largest clubs in the Oklahoma City area and undoubtedly have one of the best percentages of attendance at our meetings, however, there are still many members of the club who do not attend the meetings. So, to keep them a little better informed about happenings in the club, it was decided to print our club meeting minutes. I will probably expound on these minutes from time to time.

The following are the minutes as submitted by our club secretary N5SAM: The meeting was called to order by John NJ1V, at 7:30. The minutes of the last meeting were read by John N5SAM, seconded and accepted. The treasurer's report was read by Mike N5VIT, reporting a balance of \$4,017.80, which was seconded and accepted.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Jerry WR5G, reported that crystals have been ordered and the Master II equipment will be on the air in three weeks. Also, Jerry is resigning as Technical Committee Chairman to allow him to relocate. Hank, WA5JRH, has accepted his responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committees were discussed and chairpersons were selected for:

- Severe Weather Net and Channel 9 Liaison - B.R. WA5BQX
- Field Day - Larry KF5JN
- Membership - Ruth N5RJM
- Technical - Hank WA5JRH
- Christmas Party - Leonard W5MEL, Jim KA5PSF, & Ruth N5RJM
- Properties - Ed WA5YDF
- Public Service/Information - TOM WA9AFM
- Programs/Activities/CORA - Jim N5OHL
- Salvation Army Liaison - Tom N5TCG
- FCC Regulation Interpretations - Jim WV5S
- Net Coordinator - Robert N5QKI
- and Education - NEED A CHAIRPERSON.

A lot of help is needed by these people. If an area is of interest to you, please contact the chairperson.

A golf tournament is proposed and WA5JRH Hank, was appointed to organize. 10 to 12 people expressed interest.

Leonard W5MEL, recommended that a larger facility for the Christmas party be found because of last year's crowding.

ARRL REPORT:

Joe N6CL, reported that John NJ1V had resigned as the Affiliated Club Coordinator and that Tom WA9AFM, had accepted the position.

OLD BUSINESS:

The letter to Jay K5JL, was read and approved concerning the mess at Field Day.

CORA REPORT:

No CORA report was given.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

John Brassfield N5SAM,
Secretary

WR5G has served as the head of the Technical committee in the past and has done a very good job of

keeping our repeaters going. We are sorry to report that Jerry will be leaving us in the near future and moving to either Oregon or Nevada. We will still be in good hand when Hank WA5JRH, heads up this committee. New crystals have been ordered for the new solid state transmitters at the repeater site and should be installed within the next three weeks, hopefully by the time this issue is printed. Until that time, the .21 repeater will remain off the air.

Jerry W5UGM, has informed me that he has a friend who is blind and would like to have a general coverage receiver to listen to. He can't enjoy television and gets bored with nothing to do. If anyone has an older receiver, preferably one with a band switch that clicks, that they would like to donate to this individual, please contact Jerry.

One of the committees that John would like to start is one to help educate some of the newer operators in proper operating procedures and habits. It is quite understandable that when a new ham comes along that they are going to make some mistakes. Very often one of the older members will jump down the back of this individual, making him feel like a heel. There is a better way to handle these situations.

Not only do some of the newer hams operate in the wrong manner, but some of the older ones are just as guilty. It has been noted by several lately that some folks are just plain rude. As an example, there are times when two, three, or more individuals will be talking and someone will come in and completely take over the repeater.

Another gripe I hear from folks concerns the use of talkies in automobiles. Talkies are a wonderful item to have and certainly have their place, but, one place they don't belong is in an automobile without an outside
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antenna of some sort and operating some distance from the repeater site. So, come on people, if you use your talkie in your vehicle, put some kind of antenna on the outside. They're not that expensive.

It was discussed earlier in the year to have another golf tournament among club members. The ones who participated last year still have fond memories of that one and would like to have another. Yours truly fell down on the job and never did get one planned, so, Hank WA5JRH, will be making arrangements for one this fall. Let Hank know if you are interested.

It appears several missed the September meeting for failure to check their calendars. It seems everyone can remember that the VE exams are given on the third Monday night of the month and our club meeting is the following night. A lot of people knew that the exams would be given on September 21 and assumed the meeting would be the following night. However, September was one of those months that the third Tuesday didn't follow the third Monday.

With this in mind, everyone should mark their calendars now that the same thing will happen in December when we will have our Christmas meeting. The Christmas party will be held on our regular meeting night which will be DECEMBER 15. You will notice that this will follow the SECOND Monday which is the 14th of the month. More on this later.

Since our club has experienced such tremendous growth and a large turnout is expected for the Christmas party, plans are being made to rent other facilities which will accommodate a larger crowd than our normal meeting place at the Salvation Army headquarters. We are looking into the possibility of renting the Warr Acres Community Center located at the corner of N.W. 42nd and Ann Arbor. This is a very nice site with adequate kitchen facilities and ample room for a large turnout.

FUNNY BUSINESS

Two of our members are

certainly not satisfied with peanut whistles and wet noodles. AD1S is in the process of installing another humongous tower with all sorts of antennas. John NJ1V, had the misfortune of a little Oklahoma breeze come through his lot back earlier in the year and his tower came tumbling down. He has spent many hours assembling new antennas and is planning a big party to put it all in place. These guys are fanatics when it comes to working DX.

Most everyone knows that Dale N5TXE, recently took an extended vacation, which he richly deserved. I understand he and his wife really enjoyed themselves while on their trip, but it was after he returned that he really had a ball. It seems Dale was interested in doing the commercials for the Lee company and interviewed for the job, however, his voice was not high enough, so he tried to do something to help that.

Has anyone ever seen KI4GW? Does a person really exist to match that professional sounding voice one hears every morning on its way to Norman?

What's this about QDD swapping a two-meter radio for a set of Birds?

That's all for now.
K5NK

Howdy! This is NJ1V. The September meeting drew a good crowd with 56 in attendance. This was the first meeting for your new officers, and we're all glad to have this one under our belts! Tnx to everyone who attended, and I hope we can continue to attract these good numbers to the meetings. Chuck K5NK, will be handling the C&E chores for the next year, but I will try to add a little something from time to time. This month I would like to take the opportunity to share your Club's Committee structure with you. These committees, and their Chair people were discussed at the meeting. I am listing their telephone numbers at the suggestion of one of the members (a good idea). Please feel free to call and volunteer your services if you believe you can

make a contribution to a committee of interest.

Severe Weather Net and Channel 9 Liaison. Chairman: B.R. WA5BQX 282-0576. Bob will coordinate the activities of the required weather nets, as well as select members to serve as Net Controllers and Channel 9 on-site personnel. Bob will also interface with the management of Channel 9 regarding any related OCAPA business.

Field Day. Chairman Larry KF5JN 722-4564. Larry has done a terrific job in the past, and we believe will do it again next year! Membership. Chair Lady Ruthie N5RJM 340-6518. Ruthie will assist the Treasurer with some of the membership duties such as keeping the Candy Store supplied with Membership Applications, and with mailings as required.

Technical. Co-Chairmen: Jerry WR5G 677-7251 and Hank WA5JRH 755-5622. Jerry announced at the meeting that he probably would be leaving the area soon, in which case Hank will take the Chair responsibilities. Of course, the purpose of this most important committee is the care of the OCAPA repeaters and antennas systems. Jerry and Hank will be contacting prospective committee members soon. Please give them all of your cooperation.

Christmas Party. Co-Chairs: Leonard W5MEL 789-7201; Jim KASPSF 359-1299; and Ruthie N5RJM 340-6518. Please note that, as it was this month, the third Tuesday in December (December 15) comes BEFORE the third Monday (December 21), so don't forget to mark your calendars now! Also, please be aware of a change in the location of this year's Christmas Bash! Since we were pretty crowded at last year's happening, and in anticipation of an even bigger crowd, we have decided to hold the party at the Warr Acres Community Center. The Center provides a lot more room for the dining area and kitchen, as well as more than ample parking. The committee will be providing more
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Notes From A New Ham

Commentary about the way things
ought to be.

by Scott Kelly, N5VSG

*"Invisible airwaves crackle with life,
Bright antenna bristle with the energy.
Emotional feedback on a timeless wavelength,
Bearing a gift beyond price...almost free."
—Rock Group RUSH*

The lyrics written above, taken from a song called "Spirit of the Radio", seem to best express my feelings about this hobby. (Oh great, here goes VSG off onto another one of his ham-radio-as-metaphor tangents. How did you wind up with this metaphysical idiot anyway?)

Not really. These are just notes from a new ham radio operator. Just observations I have gathered throughout this first year that I have been involved in the hobby. I think the most striking observation so far, to me at least, is that I am meeting more and more hams who seem to have lost that "sense of wonder" that must have drawn them to this hobby when they began. Here's a perfect example of what I mean.

I had not been on HF for very long, perhaps two weeks after I bought my first HF rig (a Realistic HTX-100 ten-meter job, used, and worth every penny I paid for it), when I finally made my first DX contact. I nearly fell out of my chair, and missed several minutes of copy, when the guy sent "...QTH here is Victoria, B.C., Canada," which in that moment, at least as far as I was concerned, was probably the most exotic and wonderful place on the face of the earth. I sent back a "UR my first DX contact..." and spent the next forty-five minutes—to this day the happiest forty-five minutes I've spent operating a ham radio—ragchewing with this guy from Canada.

I shut the ten-meter rig off and turned the two-meter rig on almost at the same time. I was so bursting with excitement that I couldn't think of anything better to do than to share the moment with other people who would understand. Other hams.

"Hey guess what! I just made my first DX contact. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada!"

Mic unkeyed. Still smiling.

"You call that DX?"

So what.

Big deal.

I've got worked all counties, worked all states, worked all ham radio operators who are left handed and own small lap dogs, bounced a signal off of every planet in the

solar system and got DXCC two-times-all-bands-all modes once while standing on my head with my eyes closed. And brother I've got the plaques to prove it.

Cool.

Not much left to do after that, is there?

Except maybe sitting around on two meters complaining about the way everybody else runs their station.

Except maybe to gather together in small groups over cups of coffee and glasses of iced tea to run down and laugh at other hams who are not there until they show up late and then they are our friends.

Lot of fun, that.

Is it my imagination or has this article gone invidious while I wasn't looking. Does this guy have some major kind of chip on his shoulder or what?

Not really. It just worries me. You see, I'm still new to ham radio. Ham radio makes me feel like I did as a kid...on warm summer evenings laying in the grass out in the back yard with chiggers munching on my butt...gazing up into the night sky and wondering is there anybody out there?

Can you hear me?

Hello?

It's about that sense of wonder. Not how the radio works; not how we establish communication, but why. About one year and some 450 contacts after I first got on HF, I still get butterflies in my stomach when another station answers my CQ. I still tense up a little bit when they send "The QTH here is..." Is it a new state? Is it DX? Is it a station that I have worked before?






As a new ham I wonder...can I do too much? Can I accomplish so much in this hobby that eventually it has no meaning?

God I hope not.

"You call that DX?"

The answer, sir, is yes. As a matter of fact I do.

Scott works and lives in Bethany, Oklahoma.

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detailed information soon.

Education. Chairman: Brad KJOW 793-9470. The purpose of the Education Committee will be to coordinate regularly scheduled monthly classes aimed at helping our new Hams progress in the hobby, and encouraging "Elmering" by some of our more experienced members. The Salvation Army has agreed to allow us to use our same meeting facilities for these classes. Please let Brad know if there are any particular topics you wish to have covered, and of course for any of you who wish to volunteer to direct some of the sessions.

Properties. Chairman: Ed WA5YDF 943-9073. Ed has agreed to keep track of all club equipment. If any of you are aware of the location of club equipment, please let Ed know.

Public Service and Information. Chairman: Tom WA9AFM 737-6716. Tom will be responsible for providing news and bulletins of interest to news media relating to club activities.

Programs, Activities, OCAPA representative to C.O.R.A. Chairman: Jim N50HL 524-0456. Jim will be

responsible for seeking out suitable programs for the monthly meetings, and worthwhile activities for club participation. He will also attend the C.O.R.A. meetings as a permanent representative of your club, in addition to myself.

Salvation Army Liaison. Chairman: Tom N5TCG 848-0295. To insure that the relationship between the Salvation Army and OCAPA is properly maintained, Tom has agreed to represent OCAPA in any Salvation Army matter requiring our attention, and to report these matters back to the officers and membership.

OCAPA Net. Chairman: Robert N5QKI 720-0073. In anticipation that we may soon start a regular OCAPA Net, Robert has agreed to head up this committee. Robert will be needing ideas as to the net's format and focus, as well as volunteers to help share Net Control responsibilities.

Those are the new committees. I hope you will study them carefully, and if you feel you can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact the committee Chair with your ideas, suggestions, and offers to work

on the committee.

See you at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 20.

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