



South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
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The April meeting of SCARS was called to order by Pres. Tom, KD5ENL. There were 25 members in attendance and it was good to see several new faces. New hams and guests.

Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK was at his storm chasing/reporting location looking out for us but reported via repeater that all was well with the Treasury.

Secretary Bill, N5UMH gave the minutes of the March meeting with no changes or additions.

Louis, KC5ABI reported that the pavilion at Reaves Park was reserved for us for this Field Day. No certificate as such was provided so it was felt we needed to get this just in case we were checked in the middle of the night.

Pres. Tom gave a CORA report. CORA is in a transition and there are a number of issues that hopefully will be resolved this day at the meeting in OKC. The printed C&E needs to be done away with to make way for an on-line version published on the CORA website. The Constitution demands some considerations however and this will be the primary focus at the meeting. We will have 2 or 3 members in attendance. Ham Holiday preparations are going as planned and looks as if this event will go off as hoped. This year it will be in the Made in Oklahoma Building.

Craig Cochran, N5KYF was visiting to let us know of his upcoming Technician Class to be held on 2 consecutive Saturdays. The 11th and 18th of May from 9AM to 4 PM. Testing will be on the 18th. Craig is targeting Boy Scouts and Home School students but not limited to this of course.

At his last session which was held on 2 consecutive days he had 7 of 10 pass the exam and another later. Craig is looking for hams that could help with demos at the class. He would like to provide students with a look at HF, Packet, APRS and etc. If you could help in anyway he would be very appreciative.

David Gates, N5LCL also reported on the class we held recently and had 3 new hams come out of it. It was suggested that in the future we might also include sessions for the other licenses and possibly CW.

A brief discussion was held on Field Day and it was felt we are in pretty good shape for it. Fred, N5HZX will be contacting the local Scouts, inviting them to come and take part if they wish. We should be OK on radios and equipment but could sure use a CW station as Bert and Carmen will not be joining us this year. Things have a way of coming together at that event, despite our efforts.

Bill, KD5DOB announced that he is in the process of designing Photo ID Cards for ARES members. They hope to have a wallet card and a clip-on card as well. He is also looking at a OHP registration program of some sort that would identify Hams and allow them access into a site. We will also hold our first ARES Net on the 147.060 repeater next Tues the 16th at 8PM. Jeff, KT5OK will be net control. Bill has also talked with the Cleveland Co. Sheriff Dept and they appear to be very glad to cooperate with us in our efforts. Dan Burchett, KD5JPR has recently completed one section of the ARRL Emergency Radio Course and can be a valuable part of this program as well.

An ARRL video on DXing and specifically the South Sandwich Is. DXpedition was shown after the meeting was concluded. The hams that were VP8SSI for 2 weeks faced some incredible obstacles and even danger to provide this contact to their fellow hams.

See you next month

73 de N5UMH
Bill