



South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
Norman, Oklahoma

Saturday, May 11, 2002

The May meeting was called to order by Secretary Bill, N5UMH in the absence of President Tom, KD5ENL and VP Ed, N3US. Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK gave the treasurers report and we have \$1546.41 in the bank.. Ken, KC5OU was not present for a Repeater Report but it was mentioned that the amplifier was suspect and Ken might want to send it in for refurbishing. He has an alternate that can be used in the meantime. Last meetings minutes had been posted on the website and were reviewed by Bill, N5UMH.

It was noted that HamComm in Arlington will be on us soon. In fact it falls on next months meeting weekend. Any new hams that have not been to a Hamfest would enjoy this one. Announcement was made that another member, Steve Sapp AC5VS had passed away unexpectedly. Our condolences to his family.

Field Day was discussed. The fourth weekend in June will be here before we know it. A volunteer would be really appreciated to ram rod the GOTA station. Pins have come in and several members got theirs early. (\$5 each) We should be OK on equipment and just want to encourage all members to try to schedule some time at Reaves Park and participate. If you are a little "mic shy" this is a good time to get your feet wet. There is no pressure and lots of guidance available.

CORA will be having a meeting in OKC this same afternoon and will be discussing Ham Holiday at the Fair Grounds. If you can't make it to Arlington, try to make it to this one. SCARS will once again be working the "back door" and checking in the people renting tables. It will be in the Made in Oklahoma building. July 19 & 20.

Gayland, KC5MMU reported that the interference problem with the City of Moore frequencies had been found. It turned out to be a faulty Tornado Siren.

Don, WA5TAW reported that he had a number of working computer power supplies and if anyone would like to do a project, like the one described in QST, he would fix them up. They can be converted into a useable PS for ham gear.

There was time left for more information from Bill, KD5DOB and Jeff, KT5OK, about our ARES progress. Pictures were taken by Dave, N5KUJ for the ID cards. You are reminded to check into the ARES net each Tuesday evening at 8PM on the SCARS repeater. Jeff and Bill have been doing a great job. This past Tues we tried a Simplex experiment and most everyone was able to hear well enough to conduct a net. The next net or maybe two will involve message handling.

Jeff also described the Oklahoma Dept. of Public Safety Special Amateur ID that can be obtained and passed out the form to do so. Showing that you are an Amateur Radio Operator, it can possibly get you into an area that has been sealed off to general traffic in times of emergency.

Leroy, KF5KJ listed some ham gear for sale. It has been posted on the SCARS webpage. If you are in need of a complete HF station, PS and antennas included, he can fix you up. Welcome to Carl, KD5SDM from Purcell who visited with us today.

With that the meeting adjourned to allow for picture taking.

73 de N5UMH
Bill