



South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
Norman, Oklahoma

Saturday, June 8, 2002

The June meeting for SCARS was held at the Norman Moose Lodge. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by club Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK.

A number of our members were not present at this meeting. They had succumbed to the call of the HamComm hamfest in Arlington, TX. Still, there were a fair number of people present at the meeting. We began with the usual introductions of those present. Jeff gave the Treasurers report. Ken, KC5OU was not present, but we went ahead and pronounced the repeaters in good condition.

Jeff, KT5OK invited anyone who was interested in joining ARES to do so. Applications were on hand at the meeting. He also reminded everyone about the State Special Amateur Radio Identification Cards. Applications were also available at the meeting. Jeff had called the State and clarified that Technician Class license holders CAN apply for the card. There was some question due to discrepancies between the application and the card itself. Those have been laid to rest.

Then we moved on to a general discussion of Field Day. For those who still aren't aware, Field Day will be held at Reaves Park in Norman. We will set up at the small pavilion starting at 8AM on Saturday, June 22nd. The official start time for Field Day activities is 1PM on Saturday. The event runs for 24 hours, ending at 1PM on Sunday, June 23rd. We need all the help we can get for the setup on Saturday morning. Radio operators are also needed for any portion of the 24 hour period, especially overnight. Some of the bands stay open and contacts are made all night long. Bill, KD5DOB is coordinating the GOTA (Get on the air) station. This

station takes the place of the Novice/Tech station of years past. It is operated under Bills call sign and can operate on any band. If you are a "newbie" or haven't done much HF work here's an opportunity. Bill is sending letters to local officials inviting them to come experience Field Day with us. We want to stress to them that we are willing and capable of assisting with local emergencies. Articles will be submitted to local papers and it has been added to the Access OK Cox.Net webpage under Events/Norman/Reaves Park.

That was the extent of the "business" portion of the meeting. It was a rather informal event this time, so we exchanged some good war stories and went on our way.

Thanks to Jeff KT5OK for being my "scribe" for today.

73 de N5UMH
Bill