

South Canadian Amateur Radio Society Norman, OK

June 14, 2003

The June meeting was called to order by Pres. Bill, KD5DOB with 30 members and guests present. Sec. Bill, N5UMH submitted the May meeting minutes for approval and Treas. Jeff, KT5OK reported we had \$2005.04 in the bank.

Ken, N5KUK gave a CORA report. Preparation for Ham Holiday, July 19th is proceeding well. He had tickets available for those wishing to register early. SCARS will again be manning the back door issuing flea market tables. We will need some help on this please. The VE team will be testing there Fri. Checking in at 6:30 PM and on Sat. at 12:30PM.

The VE team will be testing at our meeting site, Fire Sta. 7 beginning in August. Check in at 8AM.

KD5VGZ, Jake reported purchasing an IC2100 and all is fine except the display is very difficult to see. So if you are considering one of these, check it out. Don, WA5TAW reported the band pass filters for the club are done and a work party will be formed to finish the others.

Members are reminded of the Tues night ARES net at 8PM on 147.060 with a CW training class following. Bill, N5AQ is doing a great job with this. Now is the time to learn or brush up on your code. No need to shy away from this, as its in the privacy of your own home. Our 10M Rag Chew net is on Wed night at 8PM on 28.440 followed by a slow CW net on 28.100. Here too, is a chance to use your new-learned skills in a low key setting. Members were also encouraged to join 10-10 International if able to participate on the 10M band. This world wide organization was formed years ago to keep activity going on 10M when the solar cycle was in decline. The next few years will certainly be in this category.

Discussion turned to Field Day and we should be in pretty good shape. The Governor of Oklahoma has proclaimed that week"Amateur Radio Week" in Oklahoma. We are working on the Mayor to do the same in Norman. A press release is ready and we will soon be at Lions Park.

Earl, KB2LWS has offered a back up tribander if needed. We'll not do a GOTA station this year. Radios will be provided by Mike, KC5GRZ Bill, N5AQ and Don, WA5TAW. Doug WX5DF will also use his for Demo of SSTV and Solar power.

Norman Emergency Director, David Grizzle asked about the club providing classes on Emergency Communications to city personnel as well as Ham classes. There was discussion about changing the email addresses of members on the webpage to try to prevent spam-bots from getting them. There are a couple of alternatives and change of some kind will be made asap.

There was discussion that CORA was looking at a group umbrella policy that would cover all club activities. More on this later. Dan, KD5JPR moved that the club pick up the fees for our area ARES coordinator to take available classes. This was approved. Earl, KB2LWS informed the club of his website http://www.internetremotebase.com This is a new mode of operating that you might want to check out..

Thanks and 73 N5UMH Bill