



## SCARS

South Canadian Amateur  
Radio Society  
Norman, OK

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The August meeting was called to order by President Bill, KD5DOB with 32 members present. The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed by Sec. Bill, N5UMH and approved. Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK reported we had \$1901.33 in the bank.

Ken, KC5OU gave the repeater report and all is OK with the exception of problems with the Phone Patch. The telephone company will have to run a new line to the repeater shed and simply put, this will have to be coordinated with the Sheriffs Dept. Jeff and Ken will continue to work on this. Ken, N5KUK gave the CORA report. The last meeting was mainly a wrap-up of Ham Holiday. Slightly fewer people attended this year but the increase in admission/tables permitted more profit to ensure there will be such an event next year. They are looking at alternate sites, with the hope of finding one that would accommodate our needs but not cost as much. A center in Midwest City is one of them. Next year we also need to change our table numbering technique so that the numbers can be removed easier.

Jim, NW0K reported the VE team did the first testing at FS #7 and all went well. 3 people tested, 2 making General and one Tech. Congratulations. The VEC's have recently announced an initial proposal for a new entry level license. More on this later.

Working with David Grizzle, the Emergency Manager, we will be offering a Technician License Class in September. It is aimed at local Fire, Police and other emergency personnel but will be open to

anyone wishing to enroll. There will be no charge for the course and if possible the cost of the VE exam on the final evening will also be waived. The classes will be Mon and Thur. nights the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and the next week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. They will run from 7 to 10 PM. A study guide will be provided so that reviews can continue between the nights of classes, but it will be turned in at the conclusion. If you know of anyone wishing to get their entry level ham license notify them of this and ask that they pre-enroll with the Instructor. Don, KA5TAW, 364-9457 or email at [dgraham@express56.com](mailto:dgraham@express56.com)

The ARRL also offers 3 courses on emergency communications and we will look into providing a class to those who would be interested.

At this point the discussion turned toward the CW issue that is soon to be acted on. The merits of keeping or doing away with CW as part of the licensing process is an emotional topic for some. There will always be CW by those that like it and wish to use that mode. The discussion is whether it should be part of the licensing process.

Net Report: A new feature. Bill announced our Tues night ARES net and CW training class at 8PM on 147.060 along with the Wed night 10M ragchew on 28.440 at 8PM followed by a CW ragchew on 28.100. This is a fun way to both learn the code, improve the code and use some of the equipment we have. There were 24 check-ins Tues night. Great.

New Equipment: Hal, NX5A reported he bought an ICOM W32 HT and had nothing but trouble but upon exchanging it the problems were solved. He likes it very much.

Old Business: A team of Larry, W5NZS and Don, WA5TAW will look into providing a program on Amateur Radio to local civic clubs.

New Business: Tim, WA5LTM presented the views of the local Red Cross chapter in revitalizing the ties with SCARS. Both John Tankersley, WD5HCI and Sandy Clark the new Emergency Services Dir for the Red

Cross are wanting to set up equipment for amateur radio use and procure more for mobil units at the facility. It was voted that the club officers study the situation and make the appropriate decisions on the equipment that was there and what sort of relationship exist between SCARS and the Red Cross.

Emergency Manager David Grizzle was not present but his visions and plans for utilizing SCARS in the EOC were outlined. One of the first items is to determine what members will agree to go mobil in times of emergency, where they will go and the location of those that stay at home and report.

A motion was passed that the club respond to the FCC notice of receiving comments on the Broadband over Power Lines issue. It is also requested that each member go to the site [www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs) and give your thoughts on Docket ET 03-104. This is something that if it goes through could wipe out the practical use of HF on the amateur bands.

Al, KB5ZVX reported a source for getting hats monogrammed, patches etc. It has been a while since we purchased t-shirts, jackets and the like. Maybe it's time to look into this.

With that we adjourned...  
73 de N5UMH  
Bill