



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio Society

Dec 13, 2003

The December meeting of SCARS was called to order by President Bill, KD5DOB with 22 members and 4 guests in attendance. One of which was Tom Webb, WA9AFM, ARRL Asst. Section Mgr for Oklahoma. Tom gave a presentation on the ARRL's Big Project. This is aimed at promoting Amateur Radio to school children of all ages/grades, votech schools, private schools etc. The idea is for clubs such as ours to start at grass roots level in promoting our hobby, not at the top and hoping they see fit to follow up on it. We could volunteer to help with Science Projects, demonstrate different modes, contacting the ISS, contact foreign stations for a language class, show computer classes the data modes etc.

Tom also was recruiting volunteers for next years OKC Memorial Marathon on April 25th. They will need +/- 70 operators to effectively cover the event. A sign up list was passed around and response was very good. If you did not attend and would like to help out contact one of the SCARS officers. This event is quickly becoming one of the top drawing marathons in the country.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK gave the Treasurers report and we have a balance of \$xxxx.xx. It's time to pay dues, so if you have not they can be mailed to Jeff via the Club address.

Repeater Report: Ken was not in attendance and there were no known problems.

CORA Report: Ken, N5KUK stated the last meeting was pretty low key and preparations are still underway for Ham Holiday next year at the same site. (OKC Fairgrounds)

VE Team: Two people tested this morning.

The need for Bill, N5AQ to start over on a 2M CW class was discussed and it was decided

enough interest existed to do so. If you want help with learning the code, tune in to the repeater on Tuesday nights at 8PM, check into the ARES net then stick around for the CW practice.

Equipment Report: Guest KN6LE. Larry told of building a Pico Keyer Kit and recommended it to all. AA5TU, Bob reported on the noise issue with the Yaesu FT 897 and the Yaesu is well aware of it. N5AQ, Bill is in need of 1 to 2 sections of Rohn 25G tower.

Old Business: The Christmas party was held and we had an attendance of 33.

New Business: Don, WA5TAW reported there will be another Technician Class held, probably in January or February 2004. We want to get the word out to as many potential new hams as possible. Hollis, KD5VZS had a great idea of recruiting from local area Sailing Clubs. If any are interested in ocean sailing as he is they will be in need of a amateur license. Hollis, by the way, will be on his boat from December 16th to January 16th preparing for his trip to New Zealand. Look for him on or near 14.295 Mhz.

Jeff, KT5OK will give a Skywarn presentation at our February meeting. Any potential storm chasers make a note of that.

President Bill mentioned some areas that we will be involved in next year. Namely: 89'r Day Special Event, Field Day, Simulated Emergency Tests, A special event in conjunction with OU possibly, Technical sessions at our monthly meetings, involvement with the Big Project and etc.

The meeting was adjourned.

73 and Happy Holidays
N5UMH
Bill