



## SCARS

South Canadian Amateur  
Radio Society

February 14, 2004

The February meeting was called to order by President Bill, KD5DOB with 37 members and guests in attendance. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK gave the Treasurers Report and we have \$xxxx.xx in the bank with more membership collections today. He reminded all that those not renewing by next months meeting would be dropped from the roles.

Repeater Report: Ken, KC5OU reported via the repeater that all was ok.

CORA Report: Ken, N5KUK has attended 2 meetings since last month. Work is going on in preparation for Ham Holiday in OKC on July 16-17. It will also be the ARRL State Convention. Admission will remain at \$10 at the door or \$8 with pre-registration. Ken will have tickets for those members wishing to purchase them early. The amount spent on prizes has risen to \$2000 this year with the main prize being an Icom 706 MK II G. Also the first 1000 people through the doors will receive a gift. Ken also encouraged members to consider subscribing to the Salvation Army A-OK monthly newsletter. You can do so by emailing [jone\\_scott@uss.salvationarmy.com](mailto:jone_scott@uss.salvationarmy.com). The areas biggest Hamfest will be HamCom in Arlington, TX June 18-19. There will be an OK ARRL Section meeting there as well.

VE Team: Jim, NW0K reported three people tested this morning, resulting in 2 new Techs and one upgrade from Novice to Tech. Congratulations guys.

Members were reminded of our Nets. The Tues 8PM ARES Net on 147.060 with CW practice after and the Wed 8PM 10M net on 28.440 with CW ragchew on 28.100 after.

New Equipment: John, KD5JSD reported on the two new battery chargers he has. One a plug in and the other a solar powered unit. KD5VGZ, Jake reported on his new Alinco HT, and Earl, KB2LWS reported on some Linux software that is available.

Old Business: We will have a Special Event in this years 89'r Day celebration in April. Probably at Andrews Park.

New Business: Bill, N5AQ polled the members on who might be interested in his having another beginners CW Class on Tues nights. He will start at 7:30PM on 147.060 before the ARES Net at 8PM If you are looking to upgrade and need the 5wpm code here is a good vehicle to help you along. The OU club has announced they will hold an Antenna Day event on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Admission will be \$5 and you can learn about different antennas and even have the option to build one for yourself. Perhaps we can get them to join us for our next meeting then adjourn to the event.

The meeting was then turned over to Jeff KT5OK, Gayland KC5MMU, Ken N5KUK and David KD5ZLG for a presentation on SKYWARN in preparedness for the upcoming severe storm season. Jeff showed a dash-camera video by an OHP officer who was tracking the Tornado as it went through Moore and up to the GM Plant. This stressed the need for "accurate" reports as to the storms track and location. He then gave an overview of the SKYWARN organization. Ken, N5KUK discussed the function of the Weather Service and use of the 145.410 Repeater. This is a Listen Only frequency for us as it is the link between SKYWARN, REACT and the Weather Service. Beginning March 15 the running through June 15 you can hear daily Oklahoma Hazardous Weather Outlook reports at 7:30 AM and 12:30 PM on this frequency.

Gayland, KC5MMU told of his role as the Emergency Manager for Moore and the interaction between Volunteers/ Emergency Mgmt/Weather Service and TV. These are the players in a severe WX scenario and all depend on each other. Hams play a big part in this obviously and are interspersed among each of these groups. We are not weather experts, medical technicians or the like. We know and practice communications and we

can improvise well when needed. David, KD5ZLG reported on the role of SCARS in the City of Norman emergency preparedness program. Thanks to him we have been noticed and have received some nice comments from the various City Offices.

The general plan when severe weather approaches is that REACT spotters will deploy about 1 hour ahead of the storm to the South and Southwest. Other spotters under the direction of SKYWARN will either be mobil or report from their homes probably a little closer in. Gayland in Moore, Jeff in the field and David at the Norman EOC will coordinate communications.

As a member of SCARS, when we are faced with severe weather or any emergency for that matter, TURN ON YOUR RADIOS! Someone will be on 147.060 directing things. If you can go mobil, great. However reports are also needed from those at home.

In order to be the most effective you can be, members are encouraged to attend a Spotter Training class on Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Moore Norman Vo -Tech. 7PM in the Seminar Center. This will better prepare us for emergencies.

With that the meeting was concluded.

73 de N5UMH  
Secretary