

## **SCARS**

South Canadian Amateur Radio Society April 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 29 members and guests in attendance. After the usual introductions the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer KT5OK gave his report and we have \$xxx.xx in the bank. Some membership money is still coming in.

Repeater: There has been a squelch problem with the UHF receiver at the main site causing voice on the "intown" to be covered up with noise. Ken, KC5OU has tweaked it and it appears to be ok now.

CORA: N5KUK reported there was no meeting last month. He will have tickets for Ham Holiday by May. ORSI: N5KUK attended and served as our representative. They assured him SCARS information will be in the next Repeater Directory. They are looking into ways of making more repeater pairs available in the state as well as protecting pairs on the freqs higher than 70cm.

VE Team: Two people tested this AM resulting in a new Tech and an upgrade to General with code still to be completed satisfactorily.

Net Report: Bill, N5AQ has started over with a basic CW class at 7:30

PM on Tuesdays, prior to the ARES

net on 147.060. If you still would like

to satisfy the 5wpm code requirement

this is an easy way to get there. Join him.

Equipment: No new items were reported.

Old Business: 89'r Day will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at Andrews Park. We'll set up a HF rig and the city would like some help with VHF communications around town and the event site. Field Day plans ongoing for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday of June at Reaves Park.

VA Project: Don, WA5TAW reported a successful event at the VA Center where a HF rig was set up and our hobby was demonstrated to about 15 residents and some staff members. A contact was made on 20M and PSK 31 was demonstrated as well. The Activities Director there will be in touch with us as to any interest in a class.

New Business: Howard, AD5IJ reported a "pulsing" noise on HF in his neighborhood. (NE Norman) An Electric Co. Transformer is suspect. Thanks to Janice and Jack Cochran for the very nice embroidery work on shirts and hats.

Earl, KB2LWS asked about the possibility of having a hamfest or tailgate party in Cleveland Co. David, KD5ZLG and Bill, KD5DOB discussed the availability of Weather Radios being available at a City discount if anyone was interested. Earl, KB2LWS suggested a booth at the mall to program the radios that others had already purchased.

The meeting was adjourned and some attended the OU club Antenna Day

Event. This, by the way, went very well and a number of hams from OKC and Choctaw attended along with Coy Day, N5OK the ARRL Division Mgr. Coy isn't just in it for the politics. He is an accomplished DX'er. The description of his antenna system was very informative

73 de N5UMH Bill