



SCARS

**South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society**

14 May 2005

The meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 35 members & guests attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer KT5OK reported we have \$3775.32 in the club account.

Repeater Report: KC5OU was not in attendance but had notified us that SBC needed to fix the phone line to the repeater. KT5OK reports that this has been taken care of.

CORA Report: N5KUK reported on the last meeting which had to do with Ham Holiday 2005 primarily. Things are proceeding toward a very good event.

VE Team Report: K5JVS reported we had 4 people test Thursday. 2 are now new Technicians and awaiting their call assignment and 2 are new General Class. Paul

Enouen passed the 5 wpm code test then the General exam and Tibor Ramiriz the General written exam.

Net Report: The Tues. 8PM VHF ARES net and the Wed. 8PM 10M nets are doing well. The ARES net continues to attract +/- 30 checkins and the 10M net 8 – 12 stations.

As the solar cycle bottoms out, make use of the excellent ground

wave potential for local contacts on 10M.

New/Used Equipment: WA5TAW has acquired a new Yaesu VX5R HT.

Technical Committee: WA5TAW may have a few more 12 v batteries to give away at the next meeting. He is also looking for persons or topics for the Tech Program at our meetings from July on to Dec.

CW Class: The class has concluded and one member has taken and passed the 5wpm code test. A couple of others will reschedule for next month.

89'r Day: A great Special Event.

Over 15 members came by &/or helped. We made over 80 contacts and are processing over 20 QSL's.

We are happy to report we received a "Good Operator Report" from WS8RM Wayne, an ARRL Official Observer in Ohio. This was a pleasant surprise and appreciated.

New Business: WG5T reported there can be a price break on QRZ Callbook CD's if 10 or more ordered. Anyone interested sign up with him at the end of the meeting.

WA5TAW reported attending an Emergency Preparedness Exercise at Norman Regional Hospital. He was observing to see how we might help them in times of emergencies. He is seeking 3 volunteers to help with communications there.

Field Day 2005: The small pavilion has been reserved and we are into the planning stage. Generator, antennas, radios, publicity, food and the like.

Gayland KC5MMU asked if anyone in the area was dabbling in fox hunting or had direction finding capability in case it was necessary

to track down any signals. He also addressed some questions as to our Repeater being used in times of severe weather. The repeater may ID "Thunderstorms Watch" or "Tornado Watch" in times when there is no active net. When deemed necessary by Skywarn or the EOC it will then ID "Emergency Net". At this time, listen up and if you wish to report from your place of residence or go mobil report same to the Net Control. When KD5DOB conducts the weekly ARES Net the controller will also be set to announce "Emergency Net"

WA5TAW also reported a ham that was wishing to dismantle his station and he was looking for volunteers to help in this.

The club had at least 5 members help in the OKC Marathon. Thanks guys.

Technical Program: KA5DFO, Michael gave a great presentation on his selection of a Force 12 C4 Triband beam antenna, its construction and placement on his tower. His considerations were: quality construction, no lossy traps, multiband capable, cost (vs a SteppIR) and assembly. He topped it off with a Cushcraft A148-10S VHF beam. Good job Michael.

The meeting was adjourned.
73 de WG5T