



## SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio  
Society  
July 9, 2005

The July meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 39 members and guests attending. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved and the Treasurers Report was given by KT5OK. We have \$3712.39

Repeater Report: KC5OU was not present, however no problems have been reported.

CORA Report: N5KUK reported the next meeting was this same afternoon and the emphasis is still on preparing for Ham Holiday. They have modified the constitution to reflect a change to a 501C status.

VE Report: NW0K reported we had 4 people testing resulting in 2 new Techs, 1 General and 1 Extra.

Net Report: The Tues. ARES Net and the Wed. 10 M net continue to do well.

Equipment Report: Howard AD5IJ reported he bought a Power Pole Crimping Tool at HamCom then won another. So one is for sale. Jack K5JVS has a 300w MFJ tuner for sale. Al KB5ZVX can take orders for embroidery on hats and shirts and also has some patches on hand for immediate sale. Bill WG5T has installed a "tower cam" at +/- 47ft on his tower and can now tell which way his yagi is pointing.

Boy Scout Event: Thanks go to Fred N5HZX, Dan KD5JPR, Gayland KC5MMU and Austin KE5COM for setting up an HF station at Camp Kickapoo for the Cub Scouts to experience Ham Radio. It was a hit.

Field Day: Once again we made it through another Field Day. With lots of help and cooperation we should score more points than ever before. Before leaving Reaves Park a number of members had a "brain session" to talk about things that went well and things that didn't. Nothing serious of course but there are some things we can do a little different next year. There was more discussion today about preparing new hams to be able to confidently man one of the stations. A very good suggestion was, next year to utilize 89'r Day as a training session since it is a little more slow-paced and we can control our contacts. We could also have a "class" to demonstrate the logging program that is vital to submitting an entry and go over the operating procedures.

### New Business:

September is Preparedness Month on a National level. We might want to look at a class, exhibit or event in conjunction with this.

Ham Holiday: SCARS has the responsibility of numbering the tables, manning the table at the back door where exhibitors check in and conducting the VE Texting. We NEED volunteers to spend a shift at the check in table so that 2 or 3 people won't have to carry the load for the entire hamfest. KT5OK reviewed a MFJ product.

Their product #664, Radio Voice Mail accessory. This may be something we would like to add to our VHF repeater. The Technical Committee will look at it.

Technical Program: The August meeting program will be by Interstate Batteries. Larry W5LHG who helped us at Field Day works for them.

The meeting was adjourned and Bill WG5T and Ken N5KUK presented a program on the construction and placement of wire antennas and the use of the EZNEC Modeling software to evaluate them.

73 de WG5T  
Secretary