



SCARS

**South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
8 October 2005**

The October meeting was called to order by President Bill, KD5DOB with 36 members and guests in attendance. After introductions the minutes of the last meeting were summarized by Ken, N5KUK and approved. Treasurer Jeff, KT5OK was not present but had reported recent expenditures of \$15 to 10-10 International, \$100 each to the Red Cross and Salvation Army and \$132.50 to CORA for Tower Ins.

CORA Report: There has not been a meeting since the last SCARS meeting but due to some defective planning there will be one later this day. About 40 min after the kick off of the OU/Texas game.

Net Report: Fred, N5HZX reported on his 10M net and announced that the next guest net control operator will be Michael, N5OKU. Fred hopes to return to net control duty the following week. Bill, KD5DOB reported a new record for check-ins to the Tues night ARES net. 41 people checked in. Thanks to all. There is no other known VHF ARES net in the state that can come close to attendance like this.

Repeater Report: Don, WA5TAW was not present to report on the

Technical Committee investigations on repeater improvement. Several options are being looked at including repair of the current repeater and completing the backup repeater to make it immediately usable in case the current repeater is destroyed.

VE Team: 5 people tested Thursday night. 4 passed their elements.

Equipment Report: One member has acquired a new VX6R Yaesu and another has had to send in his Icom HF rig for repairs.

Old Business: Doug, WX5DF reported that the antenna rotor cable is on hand for the Red Cross station but has not yet been installed. The Red Cross has also received a donation of a Kenwood TX-530S HF rig. It appears to be in pretty good shape and is being checked out.

New Business: None brought up.

Program: Jim, WD5HPU set up and described his new Buddi-Pole antenna. He says it cost about \$470 delivered in the same configuration he has. The manufacturer however, is behind on supplying as their entire stock has been bought up by relief agencies following the hurricanes.

The meeting adjourned.

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I was not present for the meeting as I was at my 50th High School

Reunion, where there were a lot of old people...

Tnx to Ken, N5KUK for taking meeting notes...