



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society

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The Feb meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 43 members and guests attending.

The minutes of the Jan meeting were read and approved. Treas. KT5OK reported that with bills paid and dues arriving we had \$3970.27 in the bank. Members are reminded that dues for 2006 Are due now.

Repeater Report: No problems.

CORA Report: Ken N5KUK reported that preparation for HH 2006 is moving along. It was decided that in place of one single pre-registration prize they would give away a Dual Band (VHF/UHF) Mobil and up to 3 VHF mobiles if the budget allowed. Hopefully this will stimulate pre-registration activity. Then the grand prize will still be an IC-706 or equivalent. The next meeting is March 4.

VE Report: One person tested Thurs night and passed the Tech Exam and the CW Exam.. Good job Jim Williams.

Technical Committee: They are looking at upgrading the code in our present repeater controller or possibly obtain a new, more modern controller and use our old

one with the back-up repeater we hope to put together.

Net Report: The Tues ARES Net and Fred's Wed. 10 M nets are well attended. The check-ins we have for the ARES net should soon be shown in the Salvation Army A-OK Ham Radio Newsletter.

Equipment Report: Jim WD5HPU brought a portable HF antenna set up to sell. Mike W5EGO reported that Extreme Audio did a great job wiring his automobile for his ham gear.

New Business: Melody W5DNA has suggested we have another net on the repeater, aimed especially at the new hams/members in the area that do not have HF privileges. The idea being to get them on the air and talking. Hopefully any questions or issues they have could be addressed in a low-key informal net. Look for more notification of this, on the repeater or via email.

Another suggestion worth looking into is in times of a local Amber Alert, making the appropriate announcements on the repeater. Another question made was if we could be more help to David Grizzle the Emergency Dir in the testing of sirens in the Norman area.

Old Business: Preparing for 89'r Day will be upon us soon. We hope to have some of the newer members come and participate in both the set up and operation of a HF Station. This would be a good time to get your feet wet so that when Field Day arrives you will be a little more comfortable operating.

With that the meeting was adjourned and Jeff KT5OK and

Gayland KC5MMU presented a very nice program on Skywarn and ARES. They explained the sequence of events that lead to the setting of the Skywarn Net and subsequent activities that tie our repeater with the Wx Service, Norman EOC and the Moore EOC. The dates of the Upcoming Storm Spotting Classes were also announced. For full information go to the SCARS website and Links to other sites including Skywarn. A portion of the CD on Storms of 2005 was shown also. This CD is available via the Wx Service.

Severe weather is not too far away. Please try to attend a storm spotting class if you can and then participate in the nets if and when needed.

73 de WG5T
Bill