



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
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The April meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 42 members and guests attending. Following introductions, Howard AD5IJ announced that the 15th was Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at Lloyd Noble. If you have any old paint, oil, refrigerators etc you can get rid of them.

The Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Jeff KT5OK gave the Treasurers report. We have \$4491.41 with a few new dues collected today.

Repeater Report: No real problems except for an apparent open mic the other day that resulted in the repeater timing out but not releasing as it should have. After “rebooting” everything seemed to be ok. Everyone, be alert to one of your microphones being stuck on, maybe in the seat of your car etc. as it happened again the next day.

CORA Report: Met on April 1st. The IRS has accepted their 501C3 application. Next meeting is April 29 when Pre Registration tickets will be made available to member clubs.

VE Testing: Jim (New Call) AD5WJ reported that Thursday resulted in 7 new Techs and since the first of Jan we have 16 Techs

and 2 Extras. (Only 2 of this group are from Norman)

Net Report: All the nets are doing very well. Mon 8PM 147.060 the NICU net, Tues 8PM 147.060 ARES Net and Wed 8PM the 10M net on 28.440.

3 Members, Mike W5EGO, John S. KD5JSD and John C. KD5SRW are going to host a 6M net on Thurs at 9:30PM on 50.150 USB. More on this as it develops.

New Technical Program: There will be a new Technical program starting soon. Jake KD5VGZ will conduct a weekly class on basic Electronics at Fire Station 7 It will probably be at 7PM Dates will be announced.

Equipment Report: K0ZOO has a HT for sale, K5HFS has a vhf mobil for sale and W5EGO has a new FT 897D and N5AQ a new Ribblaster Pro.

Technical Committee: Nothing new to report.

There was a discussion about the Skywarn Net with observations and ideas to make it more efficient. ie Using Phonetics or not, a Spotter # etc.

Old Business: 89'r Day on April 22 and Field Day June 24,25 were discussed at length. Worksheets were shown and volunteers for the tasks were taken.

Norman Regional Hosp has their new MERC Radio operating. Those that have or may volunteer to man stations at the hospital will be required to go through MERC training and complete the NIMS course. There will be an exercise there Friday June 23rd.

Work towards our 501C-3 status is ongoing.

New Business: The June meeting will be moved forward to June 17 to avoid conflict with HamCom in Plano and give us a meeting just before Field Day 2006.

There will be a hamfest on May 6 in Woodard.

SCARS has been accepted as a Special Service Club by ARRL.

This means we are going above and beyond in our actions and projects. The Certificate will be presented at a future meeting.

Jeff KT5OK announced that we would participate in the ARRL membership program where a member could save \$15 on a NEW ARRL membership. He made application forms available David KD5ZLG reported that the present Norman Fire Chief will be retiring in May. Mr. Vaughn has been a good friend of SCARS and we wish him the very best. One prospective replacement is the present Deputy Fire Chief.

The meeting was adjourned..

73 de WG5T
Bill