



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society

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The meeting was called to order by Pres. KD5DOB with 50 members and guests attending. I believe this is a new record.

I think another record was also set in that three generations of the Sullivan family were present. Bob KD5JPL brought his son Rob WB5FTF and Grandson Jonathan KE6ZFJ. It was nice to have them visiting from Pleasanton, CA

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved and the Treasurers Report was given. We have \$xxxx.xx currently. The next big expenditure will be to reimburse Ken N5KUK for the Duplexers purchased at Ham Holiday for our back up repeater. We got a real bargain on this expensive item.

Repeater Report: Seems to be functioning OK now after several instances of receiver sensitivity problems on the + side. It's hard to diagnose or fix anything when it fixes itself.

CORA Report: The last meeting was held last Sat and new officers elected for 2007. We will not meet again until Jan 2007 to start

planning for HH 2007. If you would like to represent SCARS as a Dir. at the CORA meetings let one of the officers know. They meet once a month prior to HH at the Salvation Army Hdqtrs on SE 44th.

VE Testing: The VE team tested 4 people Thurs night, resulting in 3 new Techs and a General. An XYL from Burkburnett, TX traveled to Norman to take the Exam. Publicity about VE Team activity pays off. The VE testing in Sept. will be cancelled as the meeting room has been booked that night. The next session will be Oct. 12. We will, however, have a special session on Aug. 21st for the people completing the Technician Class conducted by Don WA5TAW.

Net Report: All our nets are doing well. Occasionally the 10M net on Wed nights will attract someone from outside our area, based on the propagation gods. We are looking for volunteers to conduct the ARES Net on Tues nights. If you can hit the repeater you can call the net. If interested let one of the officers know. The NICU net has had good attendance. Topics are certainly desired. If there is something you would like them to discuss or cover let Melody W5DNA know.

Equipment Report: Jeremy K0ZOO has a nice IC 718 w/MFJ tuner and a GAP Eagle antenna for sale. This is a nice little radio (10 – 160 M) and a good deal on a complete station.

Technical Committee: The UHF antenna on the tower has finally

been moved to the SW leg of the tower at about the 150ft level. We were lucky to find out the light(s) were needing replacing, thanks to KC5OU and the County called the commercial climbing crew and they moved our antenna while doing that job. A bargain for us!

We also want to establish a group of members to be potential Control Operators for the repeater. More about this as our project of a back up repeater goes on.

Old Business: OU Club/Howdy Week event. We may help them with a table at the Publicity Day part of Howdy Week on Wed the 23rd from 11 to 3.

New Business: David KD5ZLG will need help with a Emergency Exercise at Reaves Park on Wed Sept 13. There will be training for it at the VoTech on Mon. the 11th. If you can help, contact David. We will meet again on the 9th so be prepared to let him know if you can help.

Hamfests are coming up. One at Gainesville, TX on Aug 26, Paris, TX on Oct 14 & Lake Texoma Lodge Oct 28

The meeting was adjourned and Don WA5TAW presented info about the books and pubs available through the ARRL. Just about any aspect of Amateur Radio is covered.

Tnx and 73 de WG5T
Bill