



SCARS

**South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society**

9 September 2006

The September meeting was called to order by President KD5DOB with 43 members and guests attending. The Minutes of the Aug meeting were read and approved. Treasurer KT5OK gave our report and we have \$4409.03 in the bank.

Repeater Report: No serious problems. There are reports of the + offset not working at times.

CORA Report: No meetings till 07

VE Team Report: 3 people tested Thursday resulting in a new Tech, a Gen and an Extra.

Net Report: The Tues ARES Net continues to have good check-in attendance. John Thomason, WB5SYT, the Oklahoma ARRL Section Manager has appointed John, KD5JSD as Net Manager for the Cleveland County ARES Net. John will be looking for other members to share the Net Control duties. Adam WX4CHR and Jim KE5HJH will be joining the crew soon. After the net Bill, N5AQ has been having a CW practice net. If you would like to develop your CW skills listen in. It's for beginners.

The Wednesday N5HZX Memorial Net on 10M has continued to attract 12-15 check-ins. Anyone with 10M capability is urged to join

in. 10M can be an effective band for local communications also and no repeater is required.

On Mondays, join Melody W5DNA for the NICU Net. Aimed at newcomers but not limited to that.

Equipment Report: John KD5SRW has a new in the box Heil Clear Speech Speaker for sale. These are super for filtering out noise. Ed, N3US has a Compaq Laptop and 9913 Coax for sale. Larry, W5LHG has a Chevy Cavalier for sale that comes with ready-made antenna mounts and pre-drilled holes for more. (Radios not included) Jud, W5JA has a couple of VHF mobile rigs for sale. Gary, WB5ULK has a new PSK Interface and will soon be on Digital Mode.

Old Business: Hal, NX5A and Dee, KF5OZ attended the Joplin, MO hamfest and reported a great time. David, KD5ZLG will be involved in an Emergency Communications Exercise on Wed the 13th. This is to demonstrate that various local jurisdictions can talk to each other when an emergency arises. If you would like to help, please contact him. The Exercise will run from 7AM to 1 PM and most will be at Reaves Park.

To continue on with the idea of a Wind Power Special Event, KD5DOB, N5AQ and WG5T visited the Bergey Wind Generator facility. The tour was very interesting and Mr. Bergey was receptive to the idea of setting up at his facility and having a 1 day Special Event. This will be next year some time.

Janice Cochran is not able to continue the patch-embroidery work for SCARS. If you know of a

local business that would do us a good job for a reasonable price let one of the officers know. We thank Janice and Jack for their work.

New Business: Newcastle will be hosting CERT training coming up. 8 sessions, once weekly.

The annual Route 66 on the Air event started at 7PM our time last evening and will run through the 18th. This is a fun event and you can find the 17 stations from Chicago to Santa Monica on most any band.

OU ARS: Robin reported they had 12 people attend their first meeting. They have set Sept. 30 as a Work Day for the Shack/Antenna.

The meeting was adjourned and Michael, N5OKU gave a presentation on using the proper equipment for Tower climbing. The new harness arrangement is a lot better than the old belt with a couple of clips. His experience with <http://www.gemtor.com> was very good. He found them most accommodating to get you into the right piece of gear for you.

Thanks Michael

73 de WG5T

Bill