



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society

June 16, 2007

The June meeting was called to order by President Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) with 29 members and guests attending. The meeting minutes were read by Secretary Adam Krech (WX4CHR) which was approved with no corrections. Treasurer Jeff Wyke (KT5OK) gave the treasurer's report of \$2848.11 after paying the phone bill for the phone patch on the VHF repeater and various items, such as the surge protector for the UHF Repeater.

REPEATER REPORT: Ken Brown (N5KUK) informed us that the UHF repeater was down last month due to a lightning strike being the culprit but was up and running now. It was also reported that the VHF machine was doing fine right now.

CORA REPORT: Bill Baker (WG5T) reported that CORA was on track with Ham Holiday in July. The rent was still discussed because of the increase per day on the OKC fairgrounds. He also clarified for any new members present that CORA was not a profit-seeking organization but rather its main goal was to function Ham Holiday. It was also reported that the area

where the snack bar is located for Ham Holiday was going to be used this year for ticket sales and small seminars which will in turn give more room for tables for vendors.

VE TEAM: Bill Baker (WG5T) reported that since the May meeting that 20 people had tested with 7 new Technician Licensees and 13 upgrades. Jack Springer (K5JVS) also reported that SCARS would be offering testing at Ham Holiday as in the previous years.

NET REPORTS: The NICU net on 147.060 (Monday at 8:00 PM) and N5HZX Memorial net on 28.445 USB (Wednesday at 8:00 PM) both reported good participation. The ARES net on 147.060 at 8:00 PM on every Tuesday with the hopefulness that others might want to be net control.

New / Used Equipment: Bill Roberson (N5AQ) reported he purchased a Tiny Track III and GPS, as well as a transceiver to operate APRS. Glen (KE5DVB) reported that he purchased a Yaesu FT-60 Dual Band HT and case. He also reported that he won a Yaesu 857D at HamCom. Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) stated he bought a LDG ZPro11 automatic antenna tuner. He also discussed the Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio that he visited. Lastly, he discussed a seminar that he was a part of at HamCom in regards to the Gulf-Western Division BPL status and the issues that BPL causes. Chip Leggett (WX9EMT) stated he bought several old Motorola pagers and an IC-2820H radio.

TECH REPORT: It was reported that the club is still in need of a cabinet and / or rack for the new repeater system. If one cannot be found for free in good condition, then it will be proposed next month to purchase one for \$800.

OLD BUSINESS: Field Day was discussed with the following people in charge of the following stations (station captains): Michael Lovegrove (N5OKU) for HF Phone; Bill Roberson (N5AQ) for CW; Don Graham (WA5TAW) for digital / PSK; Adam Krech (WX4CHR) or whomever for 6 Meter / 2 Meter VHF; John Sauer (KD5JSD) for food preparation. It was reported that the city of Norman did give a proclamation for June 23-29 as Amateur Radio Week in the city of Norman. All of this information can be seen on the website. David Grizzle (KD5ZLG) reported that he had met with 4 candidates for the new City Manager position. He stated that all candidates appeared to be open for emergency preparedness and management. He stated that it was likely that a decision could come very soon on who would be the new city manager for the city of Norman.

NEW BUSINESS: It was discussed of possibly putting OK Traders Yahoo Group link on the website. It was also discussed that many emails / questions that Adam Krech receives are already answered on the website and encouraged everybody to refer to the website often. It was also announced that Governor Brad Henry did sign SB

426 into law on May 31, 2007 and that it would go in effect on November 1, 2007. This is a big step for the ham radio community in Oklahoma! Bill Baker (WG5T) also reported that he received another QSL card from the 89'r Day event back in April. It was also announced that the next club meeting would be the last chance to purchase pre-registration tickets for Ham Holiday in July at the \$7.00 price. The price per ticket at the door will be \$10.00. Bill Lockett also discussed reviving the 501C after Field Day and trying to get that status accomplished with the IRS. Lastly, it was announced by KE5DVB that the OKC Astronomy Club will meet at the Kilpatrick Center on Friday, June 22, 2007 to look at the sun and planets after the sunset.

TECH PROGRAM: There was no tech program today.

With that, the meeting was closed by Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) at 10:52 AM.

73 de WX4CHR
-Adam