



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society
July 14, 2007

The July meeting was called to order by President Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) with 27 members and guests attending. The meeting minutes were read by Secretary Adam Krech (WX4CHR) which was approved with no corrections. Treasurer Jeff Wyke (KT5OK) was not present but Adam Krech (WX4CHR) was able to relay the treasurer's report of \$2788.11 after paying the phone bill for the phone patch on the VHF repeater.

REPEATER REPORT / TECH REPORT: Ken Brown (N5KUK) informed us that the + VHF repeater was having receiver problems and was likely a problem with the local oscillator. He also reported that a surge protector was installed on the UHF repeater power supply and coax cable. It was also recommended by Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) that any decision on a repeater cabinet be postponed until the August SCARS meeting to see if one might be found at Ham Holiday next week. He also reported that David Grizzle (KD5ZLG) of the city of Norman Emergency Management reported that Federal grants that he had applied for a couple of years ago were starting to come in and that

maybe within a year or so a new building will be built for the repeater site. Glenn (KE5DVB) also asked about purchasing ARRL insurance for the club for the new repeater and he stated that he would look into getting information for the club on this.

CORA REPORT: Bill Baker (WG5T) reported that CORA was on track with Ham Holiday next week. It was also stated Rad-Comm would not be attending Ham Holiday this year due to the cost of coming out here but was still selling the radios and stuff to CORA at cost for the prizes. It was also stated that Radio Ranch, DX Engineering, WB0W, etc were going to be present as vendors at Ham Holiday. The last meeting for CORA will be on 08/18/2007 to wrap-up Ham Holiday and will begin meetings in January 2008. Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) also encouraged members to support the vendors at Ham Holiday.

VE TEAM: It was reported that four (4) people showed for testing with three attempting Extra Class and one attempting Technician Class. The result was two new Extra Class operators and one Technician Class operator. Congratulations!

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. It was also reported by John Sauer (KD5JSD) that numbers were down just a bit and hoped they would be higher in the future. He also recommended that everybody program both offsets to the repeater (147.060; + and - Offset; PL Tone 141.3) as well as simplex.

New / Used Equipment: Don Graham (WA5TAW) reported that he was in search for a 2 Meter mobile radio for a good price.

TECH REPORT: This was combined with the "Repeater Report" this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Field Day was the first subject discussed. It was shown how successful we were with a thunderstorm that resulted in nearly an hour of interrupted communication time and poor HF conditions. Bill Baker (WG5T) did state that he got in contact with a 4A club and asked how they were able to operate without interference from all their radios. The reply was interesting with an interesting antenna set-up for a special event station antenna that they constructed after Field Day. It was also noted that they used nearly all 1000 feet allowed in the Field Day Rules. It was requested that members come up with ideas and suggestions and relay them to the club officers for Field Day 2008. Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) also thanked everybody for their participation in Field Day 2007. In regards to Ham Holiday on July 20-21, it was requested that about 5 to 6 members show at the OKC

Fairgrounds at around 10:00 AM on July 20 to assist in numbering the tables. Lastly, it was discussed of looking into reviving the 501C3 Tax Status for the club and will be looked into over the next month or so.

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

73 de WX4CHR
-Adam

NEW BUSINESS: Adam Krech (WX4CHR) discussed the use of the website and encouraged all members to visit it at least every 3 to 4 days for club updates. The website can be seen at www.w5nor.org. It was also discussed of suggestions for the website and that there are limitations to the website due to software and the server. It was also discussed looking at a SCARS event between now and the Christmas Party in December. The Oklahoma Centennial special event station in Guthrie had been discussed for November 16 which SCARS had been invited to transmit for 4 hours on this day up there.

TECH PROGRAM: John Sauer (KD5JSD) gave a program on pocket size radio manuals and band plans called the Nifty Quick Reference and can be seen on line at www.niftyaccessories.com.

Lastly, Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) wanted members to think about the idea of creating a board of directors within the club which would include the club officers and about 4 to 5 other members to discuss ideas and to keep the club pulse beating with activities. The idea was met with some support and will be discussed further in the August SCARS meeting.