



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society

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March 8, 2008

The March meeting was called to order by Vice President John Sauer (KD5JSD) with 35 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 a treasurer's report of \$2557.08 after paying \$27.00 for the phone bill and a deposit of \$76.00. As usual, everybody was reminded that today was the deadline to pay your dues or your name would be removed from the club roster until the dues for 2008 were paid.

REPEATER REPORT: N5KUK reported that all repeaters seem to be working okay as of right now. The new repeater is operational however is not in service as of yet but could be if an emergency was to arise. But, the reason the repeater is not up and running yet is due to a few loose ends to fix before it is put in service.

CORA REPORT: N5KUK reported that several vendors had committed to Ham Holiday, including Rad-Comm. There is still an attempt to get an Icom representative there however they

will likely not show. The hopes, at least, are to have materials from Icom there to pass out like last year. And it was reported that CORA was still in search of a printer for fliers and the USPS was mentioned as a possible way of doing this.

VE TEAM: It was reported that 5 people showed who had preregistered and 1 walk-in. As a result, there are 5 Techs. One of those Techs attempted to upgrade to General but unfortunately did not pass the General class exam.

NET REPORTS: All nets are up and running. Another unofficial net on 14.250 USB on Monday evenings at 7 PM will continue. KT5OK reported on the first official SkyWarn net activation this past week. Although the severe weather luckily passed the area, it was reported that there still needs to be some work on the use of spotter numbers.

New / Used Equipment: There was discussion of the K3 Elecraft HF radio.

TECH REPORT: N5KUK reported that the new repeater was still under construction with hopes of installation soon but no ETA at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported by W5NZS that the club has been incorporated for 29 years. Who incorporated us is still in question. There is talk of just starting from scratch with a new name / incorporation to make things much

easier. Everybody was reminded that the Norman 89'r Day was scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008. The exact location has not been determined but we will have a special event station which has already been published by the ARRL thanks to WG5T.

NEW BUSINESS: KD5ZLG reported that there might be some future conflicts with use of the Fire Station #7, our normal meeting location, due to a new class that has started. Information will be passed along the website and emails if our meeting location changes.

Everybody was also informed that the SCARS club meeting for June will be held on June 7, 2008 instead of the second Saturday due to conflicts with Ham-Com in Texas.

TECH PROGRAM: John Sauer gave a quick presentation on amateur radio license plates for Oklahoma drivers.

With that, the meeting was closed at 10:07 AM.

73 de WX4CHR
-Adam Krech