

## OU Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

5 April 2007

Members present included: Somer Erickson, James Menjies, Andrea Dithman, KD5RAK, KB5RVT, KE5KJA, KE5IAR, KE5DZH, KE5JZN, WX9EMT, KI4LJT, KC0BSC, AC0BB.

OUARC president Robin Tanamachi opened the meeting and reminded members that elections for 2007-2008 officers will be held during the mandatory meeting on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. The last on-air meeting is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on the SCARS repeater (147.060 MHz, positive offset, 141.3 PL tone).

Other upcoming events:

- Antenna removal scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2007 at 10:00 am near Wayne, OK (see below).
- SCARS meeting 14 April 2007 at 9:30 am Norman Fire Station #7.
- The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is requesting volunteer radio operators. It will be held Sunday, April 29, 2007. Sign up at [www.okcmarathon.org](http://www.okcmarathon.org) or email Tom Webb at [tmwebb@cox.net](mailto:tmwebb@cox.net).
- REACT meeting at Moore City Hall, Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 pm.

Robin explained that UOSA affiliated organizations need to have been a club for a one year period prior to applying for (not receiving) funding, so OUARC should be eligible for funding next year.

There was a report on last Sunday's donated equipment cleaning and inventory work. The equipment is now in the OUARC shack. All members are requested to sign the thank you card if you have not already.

The antenna removal is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 am. Directions to the site are as follows:

- Take I-35 south to Purcell.
- Exit #91.
- Turn LEFT, cross the overpass.
- Turn RIGHT (south) at the 1<sup>st</sup> stop light, which will be US Hwy 77.
- Continue south for 3.8 miles, the house will be on the right.

ADDRESS: 15669 Hwy 77, Wayne, OK 73095

[ See map next page ]

\* It should take about forty five minutes to reach the site from Norman.

The plan is to take down the antennas, then finish estimating the final total value of the equipment.



[Zoom in for better detail]

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Website:

Robin reported that Keith Brewster said CAPS should be able to host the storm spotter database. He would also look into the possibility of hosting other website information.

### SKYWARN / StormReady:

Gerard Jebaily asked about where to store the antenna equipment we retrieve from Wayne. With subsequent discussion he offered to store antennas at the house he is at, but this will only be available until May. Chris Pape reported that SCARS repeater coverage is solid at all of the sites Matthew Morris had mapped out. However, due to the trees and terrain it is hard to find areas with good visibility in the area southeast of Norman.

### Repeater Committee:

No information at this time.

### Publicity Committee:

David Grizzle is requesting two to three OUARC members to volunteer to help program weather radios with SAME codes. This will occur from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday April 14 and Saturday April 21 at Norman's Wal-marts. Midland weather radio receivers will be sold for about \$25.

There is a change in NOAA Weather Radio programming training. It will now be held on Thursday, April 12, at 6:00 pm at the Oklahoma City Police Department Training Center. The address is 800 North Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City.

Gerard asked about Norman City ID badges for OUARC members. Production for these badges is still in progress.

Robin Tanamachi discussed the May 3<sup>rd</sup> OUARC election in more detail. President Tanamachi and treasurer Somer Erickson will seek re-election, but other nominations are encouraged as well. It is unknown if vice president Jeff Snyder will seek re-election, and secretary Laura Kanofsky will not seek re-election. Please email nominations to Laura at [l.m.kanofsky@ou.edu](mailto:l.m.kanofsky@ou.edu) by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 2.

Robin reported that OU had a large number of weather radios on order, suggesting that the University may request OUARC assistance in distributing them.

Chip Legett announced the SKWARN/StormReady committee is considering a follow up visit with OU Housing. Also, it has been noted there are possible issues with siren activation on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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