Meeting Minutes

19:00 Tuesday, September 2, 1997
Energy Center 723

- Call to Order / Introduction
  We had a record number of people at our meeting! So many, that we had a sign-in that I'm not embarrased to show below! FYI, a quorum is the smaller of ten voting members or a majority of all voting members. See the Bylaws for more information.
- Reading of Minutes
- September VHF QSO Party
  - Starts Saturday September 13th at 13:00 and ends Sunday September 14th at 22:00. *Corrected 9/9/97*
  - We will be running as "limited multi-operator" from the roof of the Energy Center. Most of the contest uses single side-band so we need multi-mode VHF rigs. Last year was a lot of fun and we did very well. The contest is much more relaxed than field day.
  - Don KJ5KB has a VHF antenna that could be refurbished. Don also volunteered to contact people a few days before the event to find out when people can show up.
- Club Room
  The penthouse of CEC looks good but won't be free anytime soon. The machine room on the 15th floor of the Engergy Center could work but only if the key problem can be resolved. Jud W5JA is going to look into getting space in the Union tower. Other space in CEC seems to have fallen into the "ice + hell" category.
- Kit Building
  - Jud W5JA has some kit specifications including a 1.8 to 22 MHz multi mode receiver for $49.95 and a W1AW receiver for $29.95.
  - Look at www.tentec.com and www.cshowcase.com (Radio Adventures) for kit ideas.
  - John KC5VEI has confirmed that we can use one of the EE labs for kit building.
  - A 6m beacon seems like a good idea for gaining club publicity, but it could take anywhere from 2 months to 1 year to get an assigned frequency.
- UOSA Renewal
  Registered students need to see John KC5VEI to sign our registration form.
- Football Sales
  John KC5VEI has arranged for the club to sell OU souveniers at football games. On a typical day, this could earn $100 to $150 for the club as well as generating strong publicity and contacting many OU ham alums. This will usually mean manning a booth on the east side of Gould Hall from 08:00 to 18:00. The first game is **this** Saturday so contact John KC5VEI ASAP if you can help.
- Simplex Net
  There has been an OUARC simplex net on 147.470 MHz every non-meeting Tuesday at 19:00, but John KC5VEI is usually the only one who shows up. Everyone seems to think the net is a good idea, but has trouble remembering. Don't make John lonely! Check in Tuesday at 19:00. This is a good time to discuss ideas between meetings.
- OUARC Discussion List
  Likewise, check out the ouarc-discuss mailing list. To subscribe, send email to majordomo@nwc-1.cs.ou.edu with the following line in the body:

  subscribe ouarc-discuss *your@email.address*

  You can also see an archive of past discussions at http://nwc-1.cs.ou.edu/~ouarc/Docs/library.html.

- Technical Presentations
  We still need more ideas and volunteers to do tech talks at meetings. At the next meeting, Robert KD5CAE will talk about Search and Rescue operations. A talk on Satallite radio is tentatively scheduled for November.
- Code parties and License Classes
  Jud W5JA is checking to see if there is interest in code practice parties or quick license classes prior to the big class in January. Contact him if you are interested.
- Field Day with SCARS?
  Don KJ5KB brought up for discussion the idea of having a combined Field Day with SCARS, the Norman

area ham club. There was much discussion and most people seemed amenable provided that some details could be worked out. There is plenty of time to think about this, so the discussion will continue.

- Red Cross
  - The HF rig at the Red Cross is fixed and will be put back soon.
  - New and better furniture has arrived and needs to be moved into the ham shack. Contact Don KJ5KB to help out on September 20th around noonish.
  - October 11th and 12th will be a simulated emergency test conducted from the Red Cross ham room. Contact Don KJ5KB for more information.
- Dues
  Annual Dues are prorated on a trimester basis. This means that if you have not paid your dues since last fall, you owe the club $15. Please give a check or cash to an officer or mail your dues to

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OUARC c/o Sooner Center
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Norman, OK 73019-4052
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- AES Discount
  If you buy something from Amateur Electronics Supply, give a copy of your invoice to the club and we will receive a purchase credit of 1% of the amount you spent.
- Technical Presentation -- Intro to Packet Radio
  John setup and demonstrated a packet radio station using a very old IBM terminal, a TNC, and his 5 watt handi-talkie.

Attendees:

Seth B. Noble	KC5OPQ	CS
Abram Hudson	KM5LL	AME
Robert Clinton	KD5CAE	
Jud Ahern	W5JA	Geology & Geophysics
Keith Brewster	N01AW	CAPS
Don Byrer	KJ5KB	NWS
Viswamath Shankar		
Bill Tanksley	KC5TMI	Geog
Peter Laws	N5UWY	NSSL/CIMMS
Brett Ramirez		
Jonathan Moody	KB0ZYT	CS
Michael Johnson		DCTS
Jeff Taylor		DCTS
Stan Kilmer	KB5RVT	DCTS
Jared P Bostic	KB5PSP	CS/Mesonet
John Patrick	KC5VEI	EE