

OUARC Meeting Minutes
6 July 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Van's Pig Stand, 320 N. Porter Ave.

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thurs., 2 August, location TBA.
- Next SCARS meeting is 9:30 a.m., Sat., 14 July @ Norman Municipal Bldg.

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Laura K., Chris P., Stan K.

Old Business:

- Field Day logs have been tabulated. We made more than 60 HF contacts. Chip L. also made two demonstration mode contacts (ATV and digital) along with a valiant attempt at APRS. We should also receive bonus points for agency visitors and press coverage. Our records will be submitted to ARRL in the next week or so. A Field Day checklist is in preparation.
- The last antenna at the antenna site near Wayne, OK still has not been removed. Dave G. and Robin T. went out to re-survey the site on 3 July and found that the house is still on the market and weeds in the backyard are taller than either of them. Dave G. is trying to arrange a bucket truck, possibly on short notice, within the next few weeks.
- If anyone in this club is a geology major, please contact Jud Ahern (jahern@ou.edu) ASAP to help with the acceptance of the KM5MJ donation earlier this year.

Committee reports:

- Website committee: Nothing to report.
- Skywarn/StormReady committee: Nothing to report.
- Repeater committee: Nothing to report.
- Publicity committee: We need ideas and bodies for our Howdy Week and Sooner Orientation recruiting efforts. E-mail Chris P. (publicity chair). Stan and Chris proposed elevating a G5RV on two tethered balloons on the South Oval, as a demonstration. It is unknown whether or not we will get permission to do this.

New Business

- Due to the departure of Matt M., KE5IAR, from OU (thanks and good luck Matt!), the office of OUARC Secretary for 2007 – 2008 is open again. Robin T. will open a one-week nomination period for a new secretary. If there are multiple nominations, an election will be held at the 2 August meeting. This office needs to be filled before the start of the school year for UOSA registration purposes.
- All shack keys need to be returned to Robin T. (NWC 5355) immediately! Thanks to those who have returned their keys already.
- Chris P. proposed that OUARC participate in IARU HF World Championships on 14-15 July 2007 [<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/iaru.html>]. The contest runs from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. It was decided by those present that OUARC will

participate from the shack, using its own equipment and the G5RV currently strung up outside the shack. Volunteers are needed to operate at all times, contact Chris with your availability. [*Follow-up*: Robin requested permission from the Cross Center landlord to access the roof in order to temporarily elevate the G5RV for the contest; this permission was denied because the Cross Center roof has been declared unsafe until further notice due to deterioration of the roof.]

- As part of our shack clean-out effort, it was decided that OUARC members will attend Ham Holiday 2007 at the OK State Fairgrounds. We plan to have a table on Saturday, 21 July 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need volunteers to stand by the table and sell things. We are currently going through the shack, labeling things that need to be sold. If there is something we absolutely need to get rid of (or keep), please e-mail Robin to identify it.
- Matt Biddle has been in contact with Robin concerning a mass weather radio programming effort sometime in August. More details forthcoming.
- It was decided that OUARC should participate in ARRL's School Club Roundup contest on 14 – 19 October 2007 [<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/scr/scr.pdf>]. A committee will soon be formed to plan operations.
- Chris P. expressed concern about music heard on the frequency of the N5MS repeater. He is investigating and will contact Mike Salem with the details.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.