

OUARC meeting
07 Dec 2006

Reminders

1. Thanks to everyone who has already paid dues for the 2006-2007 academic year. Any slacker who has not yet paid dues should arrange to deliver \$8 (half price to cover half of the academic year) to Jud Ahern's office in the Geology department, located in Sarkeys Energy Center. Make checks payable to "OU Amateur Radio Club". The hall of fame and shame is at: http://ouarc.ou.edu/Members/no_list.htm
2. A club directory (so that club members can contact each other directly) is in progress. If you would like other club members to be able to contact you, send an email to Robin with any of the following information that you want others to know: name, website(s), IM screen name(s) and service (ex: PSmith271828 (AIM)), call sign, email address(es), phone number(s).
3. For those who were using the shack at night last month and aroused the attention of OUPD, they now have a letter on file with Robin's contact information and the appropriate permissions for us to use the shack.
4. Next SCARS meeting: 9 Dec 2006 at 9:30a at Fire Station #7. Next SCARS party: 13 Dec 2006 at the Golden Corral.
5. No on-air meeting this month (21 Dec 2006) due to vacations in celebration of the winter solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Eid ul-Adha.
6. Next OUARC meeting will be on 4 Jan 2007 at 7:30p at Moe's Southwest Grill, 788 Asp Street.
7. Questions? Comments? Nasty remarks? Send email to ouarc@ou.edu and Jud Ahern will forward it to the right person.

Quote of the meeting:

"I don't know who they are. Arrest them." --Robin Tanamachi

Minutes

Meeting was held at Temezcal Mexican Restaurant. In attendance: Robin T., Chris P., Jason B., Steven S., Laura K., Gerard J., Zac F., Jeff S., David G., Somer E., Matthew M., and anyone else who didn't sign in.

1. Old business

- Some people still haven't paid dues. Dues are \$8 for the spring semester iff an individual has not already paid for the 2006-2007 academic year. Make checks payable to "OU Amateur Radio Club".
- According to legend, the club has a mailbox in the student union. Robin will look up the mailbox number. Club mail is received at that mailbox or via the Jud Ahern Express ("OUARC c/o Jud Ahern, The University of Oklahoma, School of Geology and Geophysics, 100 East Boyd Street Suite 810, Norman, OK 73019").
- Officers wrote thank-you cards to SCARS and Larry for their generous donations.
- Chris helped Robin construct the wreath for the Hanging of the Greens. It is now hanging at OMU.

- Skywarn recognition day was enjoyed by all who braved the weather and attended. The first taste of HF has encouraged several members to go for the next higher license.
- There was a misunderstanding last month between OUPD and club members that were using the shack at night. Specifically, OUPD saw several people carrying electronics equipment in and out of a campus building that is not normally occupied at night. OUPD now has a letter on file with Robin's contact information and the appropriate permissions for us to use the shack.

2. Committee reports

- Website committee: Some potential designs were discussed. Jeff and Laura are individually working on templates.
- Skywarn committee:
 - Some members met with the VP's assistant. Another meeting will be scheduled so that Robin and Dave can attend.
 - Dave's general advice is to be persistent and develop a list of specific tasks.
 - Matt hasn't heard anything from OU Housing but will send another email.
 - Tasks: physically go to the dorms and ask to see the RAs' weather radios, try them, check reception, and bring a list (OK/not OK/needs to be fixed) and extra batteries.
 - Issue: information dissemination (how do we get the info to the RAs?). One thought is to work with OU Nightly to add a "what does this mean for you on campus" article.
 - Start small and work up. Suggestion: put a small graphic on the cover of the OU Daily the day before to raise awareness of the possibility of severe weather.
 - We are planning to do a radio check in January, and it is thought that OUARC has been delegated this small task to see how we handle it before the club is asked to take on larger responsibilities. Tell Dave before we go knock on doors so he can tell OUPD.
 - Issue: recognition of special needs. Identify groups such as ESL students, hearing impairment, mobility impairment, etc. and determine how they will get the information about severe weather (what it means, where to go, what to do). OUPD isn't an emergency management group, so if we can come in with suggestions and answers, they might be receptive.
 - Goals for January: radio check and special needs groups
- Repeater committee: We have a repeater.

3. New business

- Mark calendars: March 8th, NWC, annual training.
- Keith has a storm spotter frequency website. He'd like to convert it to a database for simplicity and to clean it up. He'd also like it to be web accessible. Jeff, Jason, and Steven will work on it using some combination of Access, MySQL, and PHP.

- Robin is putting together a directory so that club members can contact each other. It may eventually be accessible through the club website (password protected). Send Robin an email with any of the following information that you would like to have included: name, website, IM screen name(s) and service (ex: PatSmith (AIM), PSmith271828 (MSN)), call sign, email address (es), phone number(s).
- David Grizzle and the Citizen CORP Grant. Dave wants to formalize a volunteer program. There are grants for community outreach things. If the club had \$X, what would we do with it? Equipment, outreach, public service. If you have ideas, email them to Dave by 31 Dec 2006 so he can submit it for the grant. With 77 counties and \$18000, he might be able to get something. More information: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>

4. Next semester ideas (excluding Storm Ready activities)

- Publicity on campus-- interest in ham radio exists but there is no info out there. Robin will find out more.
- Dallas HamFest
- OUARC booth at next year's WeatherFest
- 89ers day special events station
- contesting
- Run an event station and field day out of the EOC, using the EOC station.
- Emergency preparedness exercises. Try to get involved with state Homeland Security, CDC, etc.
 - January 23rd statewide exercise. Participation requires ICS (Incident Command System) certification for "100-700" (refers to particular modules). Dave will send a link to the email list. Plan a time to do this with Dave, perhaps after a SCARS meeting or after one of the Thursday evening meetings. Tentative plan is to do group ICS stuff on January 13th after the SCARS meeting, but this needs to be confirmed. Individuals can also do it online at their leisure.
 - Can also raise awareness of the club by getting the OU Daily to do a story on the club's participation