

OUARC Meeting Minutes
6 September 2007, 7:00 p.m.
The shack, 3rd floor Cross Center Building D

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thurs., 4 October, location TBA.
- Next SCARS meeting is 9:30 a.m., Sat., 8 Sept. 2007 @ F.S. #7

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Stan K., Andrew R., Keith B., Laura K., Somer E., Thomas T., Jerrod F., Chris P., Larry H.

Old Business:

- We gave a quick review of this summer's accomplishments, which included Field Day/Emergency Communications Festival, IARU HF championships, shack clean-up, sales of old equipment (and acquisition of some new equipment) at Ham Holiday, re-installation of the G5RV after it was blown down in a storm, and the successful dismantling of the KM5MJ antenna in Wayne, OK.
- With regard to the latter item: It's currently in three pieces. The antenna is in storage at F. S. #7 because it is too large to fit in the shack. The rotator and mast are still in Wayne because they were too long to transport safely. (Chris is planning to use a trailer on this piece.) And the rotator control box is in the shack.
- No word on when the locks in Cross Center are to be changed. Robin will ask the landlord (Becky W.) for an update.
- No word on when weather radios will be distributed across campus. Robin will contact Matt B. for an update.
- Club members set up and operated an off-grid HF station during Howdy Week's student organization recruitment event on the South Oval on Aug. 22nd. We used the Yaesu FT-900R radio and Stan's Buddipole antenna; Stan and David Grizzle also provided batteries to run the station. The event attracted a lot of foot traffic, and we signed up about 10 new people. Way to go!

Committee re-formation: All committees are being "rebooted" for the 2007-2008 academic year.

- *Website committee:* Chip L. was nominated in absentia to head up this committee, as he has already configured a potential new web site for the club. If he accepts this nomination, he is to appoint additional members as he sees fit.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Chris volunteered to head up this committee, and will contact David Grizzle concerning plans for this year. Chris will appoint additional members as he sees fit.
- *Repeater committee:* Zac F. was nominated in absentia to head up this committee, seeing as he is in possession of a repeater. If he accepts this nomination, he is to appoint additional members as he sees fit.
- *Publicity committee:* Chris volunteered to head up this committee. Robin will assist, and Chris will appoint additional members as he sees fit.

- *Contesting chairperson:* Jerrod F. reported that he succeeded in registering an HF special event station for the National Weather Festival. (See further discussion under “New Business.”)

New Business

- Robin volunteered to be the club’s SCARS liason. The club will make an effort to ensure that OUARC is represented at every SCARS meeting, which should not be a problem considering that there are at least five overlapping members.
- Jerrod F. reported that he succeeded in signing up W5TC as an HF special event station for the National Weather Festival. However, it was then learned that WX5NWC was the intended call sign. It was suggested that a note be posted on the club web site saying that either call sign might be heard on the air during the festival. The “official” hours of the festival are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 20th at the NWC; however the station may continue to operate beyond that time frame if there is sufficient demand. The current plan is to use a Field Day-type setup outside of the NWC; in the event of inclement weather (ha ha!) this station will be moved indoors to a location specified by Rick Smith. It was proposed that OUARC officers and SCARS representative(s) meet with Rick Smith to finalize plans for the festival. Robin will contact Rick Smith about this after meeting with the SCARS secretary (Adam K.) at the SCARS meeting on Saturday.
- **Club dues for the 2007-2008 academic year (\$15) are due.** The dues are used to pay for incidental items and repairs to club equipment throughout the year, and entitle the club members to access the shack and its equipment. Dues can be given to either Robin T. or via campus mail to Jud Ahern (Geology, 826 SEC). Annual dues were collected from: Robin T., Stan K., Chris P., Laura K. (one semester), Andrew R., and Keith B. Thank you!!!
- Three amendments to the club’s constitution were proposed. (A copy of the proposed amended constitution should be attached to this message.) These amendments are now open for discussion and will be voted upon at the October meeting.
 1. A procedure would be introduced for replacement of the club’s faculty advisor in the middle of a term. (Article V)
 2. The creation of a contesting committee was proposed. (Article VII)
 3. The requirement for a 10-person quorum at every meeting would be removed. (Article IX)
- The club will soon be asked to submit a budget request to UOSA for 2008. Somer E. and Robin T. will prepare this budget very similar to the rejected budget from last spring. They plan to request the following:
 - Field Day funds
 - A weatherproof club banner
 - A box of tools
- It was also suggested that the following items be added to the budget:
 - A labeler or engraver to mark OUARC property.
 - An updated copy of the General Class license manual and a replacement copy of the Technician Class license manual, to be placed in the

Youngblood library on reserve. (These items may be reimbursed retroactively by UOSA if the budget is approved after purchase.)

- Any additional suggestions for items should be sent to either Robin T. or Somer E.
- Keith B. inquired about the status of the Skywarn database project that Jeff S. was working on last fall. Jeff S. was not present and that question will be put to him offline.
- Larry H. reminded the club that there is a VHF contest this weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chris and Jerrod provided an post-meeting demonstration of the equipment currently in our shack.