

OUARC Meeting Minutes

6 December 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held at Asian Buffet (Alameda & 12th Ave. SE)

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thurs., 3 January, QTH of N5OP and N0MGC
- Next SCARS meeting is 9:30 a.m., Sat., 8 Dec. 2007 @ F.S. #7

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Jerrod F., Chris P., Dan D. (visitor), Zac F., Kim E. and Pam W. and their two future hams

Old Business:

- Storage of stuff at QTH of N5UWY still pending.
- No word on when weather radios will be distributed across campus. Robin will contact Matt B. for an update.
- An OU tax receipt still has not been issued to the daughter of KM5MJ, who made a very generous donation of equipment to the club in March 2007. We wish to get this tax receipt to KM5MJ's daughter before tax season. Robin and Jud are attempting to arrange this receipt, but without a geology student in the club, this may require some additional measures (see New Business).
- OUFUCU account opening still pending. (Robin T., Somer E.)

Committee reports:

- *Website committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Repeater committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Publicity committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Contesting chairperson:* OUARC participated in Skywarn Recognition Day in conjunction with SCARS on 1 Dec. OUARC members covered the overnight portion of the event. In total, over 500 QSOs were logged; it is believed at least 200 of those were logged by OUARC members.

New Business

- Robin T. proposed that the club move (on paper only, not physically) from the Geology Department to the School of Meteorology. The purpose of this move would be to facilitate the issuance of the tax receipt mentioned under Old Business, because there are multiple meteorology students in the club. Discussion of this possible move was tabled until Robin T. can investigate further the implications and paperwork required for this to occur. More discussion will occur in January.
- Chris P. reported that one arm of our G5RV fell down (broken support rope) and the whole antenna has been reeled back into the shack. Efforts to re-install it in the tree have been tabled until after finals. (At the time of this writing, I note that the apparent misfortune may have been a blessing in disguise, considering the ice storm that damaged practically every tree in Norman on 10 Dec.)

- David G. (via Robin) updated the group on the status of Wal-Mart's 2008 weather radio programming event, to be held 5 April 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. David G. has requested that at least 500 radios be stocked per store, and that the facility be better equipped than it was in 2007 (with battery kiosks right next to the programming kiosk, for example).
- David G. (via Robin) announced the storm spotter training schedule for Spring 2008 (<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/skywarn/spottertalk.php>) and the National Severe Weather Workshop (www.norman.noaa.gov/nsww2008), which will be held the weekend of 6-8 March 2008.
- It was proposed that OUARC will work ARRL Field Fay in 2008 in conjunction with SCARS. After some discussion, in which a motion to this effect was put forward, seconded, and passed by a unanimous assent of voting members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.