

OUARC Meeting Minutes
10 January 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held at N5OP and N5MGC's house

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thurs., 7 February, at Pepe Delgado's (tentatively)
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 12 Jan. 2008 @ City Hall (not F.S. #7 as previously announced)
- Wal-Mart weather radio programming event scheduled for 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sat., 5 April 2008 and both east- and west-side locations.

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Somer E., Jerrod F., Chris P., Zac F., Kim E. and Pam W. and their two future hams

Old Business:

- Storage of stuff at Pete L.'s still pending; Chris P. plans to approach Peter L. about this after the SCARS meeting on 12 Jan. (20 Jan. is a backup date.)
- Still waiting for word from Matt B. on whether or not OUARC's help will be needed for weather radio programming and distribution on campus. (Robin T.)
- OUFUCU account opening will probably occur sometime next week. (Robin T., Somer E., Jud A.)
- Discussion resumed on a possible change-of-affiliation of OUARC from the Geology Dept. to the School of Meteorology, largely for ease of paperwork. Robin T. contacted Sarah Tarrant at the Center for Student Life and learned that all that is required is a change in their record system. Voting members present voted unanimously to approve this change. OUARC is now affiliated with the School of Meteorology, effective 11 January 2008.
- The G5RV antenna at Cross Center is still down. We cannot risk putting this antenna back up until numerous dangling tree limbs and ice storm-damaged trees are removed. Becky Watson with OU Physical Plant estimates a removal time of 6-8 weeks(!).

Committee reports:

- *Website committee:* No members present.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Repeater committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Publicity committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Contesting chairperson:* Nothing to report.

New Business

- Robin T. and Chris P. learned (at the most recent CORA meeting) that ARRL has a so-called "club commission membership recruitment program" (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/club-commission-program.html>). OUARC is an ARRL-affiliated club. If OUARC members wish to join ARRL or

renew their ARRL membership, they can do so via OUARC, and OUARC will retain a portion of the dues as commission. OUARC members interested in joining ARRL can fill out this form:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/clubapp.pdf>, and turn it in to Robin T. or Somer E. along with a check for the full amount of ARRL dues (\$39 for one year) made out to OU Amateur Radio Club. OUARC will retain \$15 for each new membership and \$2 for each renewed membership, and forward the application and dues remainder on to ARRL.

- Looking forward in 2008: Robin T. distributed calendars (unabashedly ripped off from CORA's calendar) outlining club activities through mid-summer 2008, along with a proposed checklist of activities leading up to ARRL Field Day (28-29 June 2008).
- Kim E. proposed that OUARC contact NWCARC about possibly obtaining cabinet and roof space on the NWC for some of OUARC's equipment. Robin T. will try to arrange a meeting with NWCARC and OUARC members to discuss this.
- It was decided that OUARC will sell off some more of its equipment (possibly at Ham Holiday) this year in order to raise funds. A shack inventory will be done in the coming months to determine which items to sell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.