

OUARC Meeting Minutes

6 March 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting held at the shack, Cross Center Building D, Norman

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thurs., 3 Apr. 2008, at the NWC (room TBD), with dinner afterward.
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 8 Mar. 2008 @ F.S. #7
- Wal-Mart weather radio event: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sat., 5 Apr. 2008 and both east- and west-side locations.
- ARRL's Club Commission Recruitment Program: OUARC members interested in joining/renewing with 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.

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Jerrod F., Chris P., Dan D. (←our newest member!)

Old Business:

- Somer E. and Robin T. attempted to open an OUFCU account, but were told the club needs to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to do so. (No, we're not technically an "employer", but we need an EIN for tax purposes.) Robin T. and Kim E. have filed form SS-4 with the IRS. (Robin T.)
- Tax receipt is being sent to the daughter of KM5MJ for the equipment donation last spring. (Robin T.)
- Somer E. and Robin T. submitted our club's budget to UOSA on 21 February. Most of the requests (totaling about \$1100) were for one-time allocations for equipment. Will hear about awards in late March. (Robin T.)
- The G5RV antenna at Cross Center will remain down for the foreseeable future, as all of the trees around Cross Center have now been cut down. In light of these developments, the club will now focus on setting up a satellite shack in the NWC (Robin T., Chris P.)
- NWCARC and OUARC are attempting to procure a locking cabinet for some radio equipment to be stored on the observation deck of the NWC. Club members visited OU Surplus on 4 March, but they didn't have anything fitting our specifications. Chris P. identified a cabinet model that may work and which costs less than \$300. The two groups will meet again on **12 Mar. 2008 at 11:45 a.m. in the NWC Flying Cow Café** to discuss; any available OUARC members are welcome to attend. (Robin T.)

Committee reports:

- *Website committee:* No members present.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Nothing to report.

- *Repeater committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Publicity committee:* Chris P. reported that he attended the CORA meeting on Mar. 1st. The notes from that meeting will not be reproduced here, as they are available elsewhere. Robin T. reported that she will now be submitting our meeting notes to the statewide ham radio newsletter A-OK. (Chris P., Robin T.)
- *Contesting chairperson:* Nothing to report.

New Business

- John L.'s presentation postponed to April.
- William F. (Butch)'s presentation cancelled due to illness. **If any club members are also members of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and are available on 30 April 2008 to help with a local communications drill, please contact him ASAP at WilliamF@health.ok.gov. Thanks!**
- **Gary S. of NWCARC requested help with a "QSL party" on Saturday, 15 March 2008, starting at 10 a.m. in NWC 3910.** Work will consist mainly of envelope stuffing and addressing. The more people that show up, the faster the work can get done!

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.