OUARC (W5TC) Meeting Minutes

8 June 2008, 7:00 p.m. Meeting held at Rudy's BBQ, Norman

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Thurs., 3 July 2008, location TBD.
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 12 July 2008 @ F.S. #7
- Next CORA meeting will be 1:00 p.m., Sat. 12 July 2008 @ Salvation Army.
- <u>HamCom</u> is 13-14 June in Plano, TX.
- <u>Ham Holiday</u> is 18-19 July 2008 in Oklahoma City.
- ARRL Field Day is 28-29 June 2008. Setup begins at 8 a.m. at Reaves Park.

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Jerrod F., Aaron B.

Old Business:

- Robin T. did not have time during May to work on the new OUARC logo, but hopes to have it done soon. (Robin T.)
- Robin T. reported that one copy of the Tech license manual and two copies of the General license manual have been ordered. One of the General manuals will replace the old one in Youngblood Library; the other two manuals will go into the NWC library. Two new Extra class manuals (9th ed.) will be ordered after the question pool changes in July. (Robin T.)

Committee reports:

- *Website committee:* No members present; however, a desirable page design has been identified (see <u>here</u>) and Zac F. will try to emulate it. The goal is to have our web site redesigned and launched before the start of fall semester to attract incoming students.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* No members present.
- *Repeater committee:* Jerrod F. reported that Mike S. and Gary S. plan to reset the clock on N5MS, so that it doesn't say "Good morning" at 10 p.m., etc. The UHF repeater is still in storage at Zac F.'s; the club is still seeking an install site. Will look into using the NWC roof, although we know that Ken B. has two UHF systems already installed up there. It was decided that this action would be tabled until after the cabinet purchase in July.
- *Publicity committee:* No members present. Chris P. to contact the Howdy Week committee.
- *Contesting chairperson:* OUARC will work Field Day this year in conjunction with SCARS. We will use SCARS' call sign (W5NOR).
 - Setup begins at 8 a.m. at the Reaves Park picnic pavillion. On-air operations begin at 1800 UTC (1 p.m.) Saturday and end at 2100 UTC (4 p.m.) Sunday.
 - Robin T. will be the primary contact for the 2 m station, Chris P. will be the primary contact for the 6 m station. We still need someone to be in charge of the two "listening" stations (accessible to the public). If

someone wishes to volunteer for this duty, please send e-mail to Jerrod F. (<u>twisterj@gmail.com</u>)

- Important: We need OUARC night owls to cover the overnight "shift" (~10 p.m. 6 a.m.). Pack your bug spray and Red Bulls and come on out! This is the time when we get the rare and valuable DX contacts...
- **Don't forget the teardown!** We'll be breaking down the station after 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Robin T. will be responsible for picking up the two NWCARC IC-7000s for Field Day from Doug F. on 27 June. She has also reserved the SORO pop-up tent for this event. Jerrod F. and Chris P. will be responsible for getting all other OUARC equipment from the shack to Reaves Park.

New Business

- Ham Holiday table: It was agreed that OUARC would reserve a table at Ham Holiday again this year (but without chairs or electricity) in order to sell a few items for fundraising purposes. Jerrod F. agreed to be in charge of coordinating this. All OUARC members are invited to contribute their unwanted electronics items to sell, with the understanding that half the sales price will go to OUARC.
- It was suggested that OUARC print some T-shirts to sell for fundraising (at Ham Holiday and elsewhere).
- Gary S. has been asked to identify volunteer ham radio operators to act as Game Day Frequency Coordinator (along with two assistant coordinators) at OU home football games starting this fall. Interested persons can contact Gary at <u>gskaggs@ou.edu</u>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.