

OUARC (W5TC) Meeting Minutes

7 August 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held at Panda Garden, Norman

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Thurs., 4 Sept. 2008, either at the Cross Center Shack or the NWC (TBD).
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 9 August 2008 @ F.S. #7
- CAC Howdy Week: 27 Aug. 2008 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the South Oval. (See minutes.)

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Somer E., Dan D. Chip L., Aaron B., Nate S.

Old Business:

- Robin T. reported that the Tech. and General Class license manuals for the NWC and Youngblood libraries arrived; she will coordinate with Don Graham on pickup. Extra Class license manuals will be ordered with the proceeds from Ham Holiday.
- Evie B. (from UOSA) informed Robin T. that the cabinet was ordered on 29 July but arrived damaged on 6 August. The top of the cabinet was smashed and as a result, the front door wouldn't close properly. A replacement is on order. The Buddipole was also ordered on 29 July and is in transit. (Robin T.)
- Jerrod F. reported (via Robin T.) that approximately one hundred dollars was made at Ham Holiday from the sale of a rotor and miscellaneous other items. Thanks to all those who contributed items for sale and helped staff the OUARC table!
- Howdy Week plans remained unchanged. Volunteers will be needed on Wed., 27 Aug. to staff the OUARC recruitment table on the South Oval between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; an e-mail to this effect will be sent out later in the month.
- Robin T. passed around QSL card and banner designs (see last page of minutes) and solicited input. Both are very basic and feature the club's new logo (see July meeting minutes). The banner will probably be ordered from Hard Edge Graphics in Norman. The QSL card printing is 2-color (no bleeds) and will need to be priced out. It was suggested that a digital image of the Sower or an aerial shot of OU campus be placed on the back side of the card, which is currently blank and reserved for address space. Those present decided that the one-sided card should go ahead for the moment; any changes will be considered after feedback on the first lot of cards is received.

Committee reports:

- *Website committee:* No members present, however, a beta version of the club's new web site design is available at <http://www.w5tc.org>. (Chris P., Zac F.)
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* No members present.
- *Repeater committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Publicity committee:* No members present.

- *Contesting chairperson:* School Club Roundup will be 20-24 October 2008; we plan to pick one day and work it. The National Weather Festival will be 8 Nov. 2008. OUARC hopes to work this event in conjunction with NWCARC and SCARS again, similar to last year.

New Business

- Becky W. (the landlord of the Cross Center buildings) reported to Robin T. that roof work on Cross Center D will begin on 8 August and last approximately one month. Club members are asked not to park their cars immediately next to the building while the work is in progress or risk damage from falling roof debris. Robin T. requested roof access after the work is completed for antenna installation; Becky promised to get back to her about it.
- Aaron B. reported that he had tremendous fun putting together a keyer kit that he picked up at Ham Holiday, and proposed a program (perhaps at a future meeting) in which club members could order and construct an HF kit such as the RockMite-40 from Small Wonder Labs. This motion was tabled until the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.