

## OUARC (W5TC) Meeting Minutes

4 September 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held at NWC, Room 5600

### *Reminders:*

- Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Thurs., 2 Oct. 2008, at Café Plaid.
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 13 August 2008 @ F.S. #7
- OUARC dues for 2008-2009 are a very reasonable \$15/year or \$8/semester. Your dues help support this club and its activities throughout the year! In addition, payment of dues is a prerequisite for acquiring keys to the shack and borrowing equipment. Please remit dues to Robin T. or Somer E.
- ARRL Club Commission Membership Recruitment Program: OUARC is an ARRL-affiliated club. Our club receives \$15 for each new ARRL member and \$2 for each renewing member. Interested persons can remit [this form](#) to Robin T.

### Meeting Minutes:

*In attendance:* Robin T., Jack R., Brian R., Zac F., Gary S., Keith B., Dan D. Aaron B., Nate S., Jerrod F.

### *Treasurer's report:*

- Robin T. reported that the club made a deposit of \$101 from Ham Holiday sales. The club currently has \$201 in checking and \$10 in savings.

### *Old Business:*

- Robin T. reported that owing to a mix-up, Don Graham was not able to order license manuals for OUARC, nor will he be able to in the future. Robin T. is now exploring other avenues for acquiring these manuals, but may not be able to get the instructor discount.
- Robin T. (with help from Somer E. and David G.) took possession of the cabinet and Buddipole from UOSA.
- The Buddipole was used successfully at the Howdy Week booth. However, it does not have legs, and a tripod had to be borrowed from David G. Robin T. proposed that a tripod be acquired from [Buddipole.com](#) at a cost of \$75 plus \$11 shipping. After some discussion, this purchase was so moved and agreed to by a majority of members present.
- It was also suggested that the club acquire one of the Buddipole telescoping masts at a cost of \$99 plus shipping. The priority for this purchase was deemed to be lower than that for the tripod. It was agreed that this item should be included in the club's UOSA budget for 2009.
- The cabinet is currently in storage in the office of Gary S., who generously assembled it in his ample spare time. Robin T. has a meeting scheduled with Dean Snow on Sep. 11 to discuss possible placement in the NWC observation deck.
- There was discussion regarding how the keys for the shack and cabinet should be distributed, since there are only a limited number of each. Robin T. currently has the shack keys and a spreadsheet of who has them, and Gary S. has the cabinet keys. It was agreed that payment of club dues should remain a prerequisite for

acquiring keys, but that the keys would not be given out unless requested and unless the requester signs a key agreement. Robin T. agreed to draft up an agreement for keys and present it at the October meeting.

- Robin T. showed off OUARC's new banner (funded by UOSA), which is to be used for display at events.
- Robin T. presented (again) a design for an OUARC QSL card, and inquired about people's experiences with card printers. Gary S. suggested [UX5UO Print](#), who did the QSL cards for NWCARC.
- Work continues on the roof at Cross Center. No new news on possible antenna installation until after the work is completed.

#### *Committee reports:*

- *Website committee:*
  - Zac F. officially debuted the club's new web site: <http://www.w5tc.org>, which is run on WordPress blogging software. Officers have all been given accounts and can add events and announcements to the site.
  - An OUARC group also exists on Facebook.
  - Keith B. inquired about the status of converting his Skywarn repeater database; Robin T. said that Jeff S. created a shapefile for it for [GRLevel3](#) months ago. Keith B. expressed a desire for the database to be made a feature on the new OUARC web site, or at least a prominent link.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Repeater committee:* Zac F. and Jerrod F. described the club's UHF repeater for the new club members and pondered the possibility of installing it in Cross Center iff the club gets permission to mount antennas on the roof.
- *Publicity committee:* Seven new signups at the Howdy Week booth. Yay!
- *Contesting chairperson:* Same as last month.
  - OUARC will work the School Club Roundup one evening during the week of 20-24 October 2008; the exact date/time has yet TBD.
  - The National Weather Festival will be 8 Nov. 2008; OUARC will table this event from approximately 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- The "Contest chairperson" position was expanded into a Contest Committee.
- In keeping with the KISS principle, the Web Site, Skywarn/StormReady and Publicity Committees were consolidated into the Public Service Committee.
- A number of people volunteered for committee duty. The committees for 2008-2009 will be:
  - *Public service committee:* Robin T., Zac F., Jack R., Brian R., David G.
  - *Repeater committee:* Zac F., Jerrod F., Aaron B.
  - *Contest committee:* Jerrod F., Aaron B.

#### *New Business*

- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The following persons paid dues: Robin T. (\$15), Jack R. (\$8), Keith B. (\$15), Aaron B. (\$15).