

OUARC (W5TC) Meeting Minutes
4 December 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held at Van's Pig Stand, Norman

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Thurs., **8** Jan. 2009, location TBA.
- Next SCARS meeting will be 9:30 a.m., Sat., 11 October 2008 @ F.S. #7
- Thanks to all club members who have paid their 2008-2009 dues. OUARC dues 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. **We will be sending in a batch of club commission forms to ARRL on or about Dec. 10th.** Please remit [this form](#) to Robin T.

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Dan D., Jerrod F., Erin F., Chad F., and Aaron B.

Treasurer's report:

- Robin T. reported making deposits totaling \$59 (club dues and ARRL club commission forms), and paying out \$45 to UX5UO Print for QSL cards. The club currently has \$132 in checking and \$10 in savings.

Old Business:

- Robin T. ordered 1000 QSL cards (2+0) from [UX5UO Print](#). Delivery estimated around 1 Jan. 2009.

Committee reports:

- *Public service committee:* Nothing to report
- *Repeater committee:* Nothing to report.
- *Contesting committee:*
 - Skywarn Recognition Day (<http://hamradio.noaa.gov>), 6 p.m. Friday, 5 Dec. 2008 – 6 p.m. Saturday, 6 Dec. 2008. OUARC will work this event in conjunction with NWCARC. Volunteers were requested for the overnight hours and all the hours were covered.
 - School Club Roundup (<http://www.arrl.org/SCR/>) will occur 9-13 February 2009. Aaron B. suggested that the club participate.

New Business

- Robin T. handed out a list of W5TC achievements for 2008 (attached) and asked for suggestions for club projects for 2009.
- Aaron B. suggested that the club purchase an ICOM HF rig in order to take advantage of the ICOM antenna tuner that is installed on the NWC observation deck. Robin T. if this item should be put in the club's 2009-10 UOSA budget. Aaron B. suggested that the club try to raise funds themselves, so that the rig

would be club's own asset. Suggestions for fundraising methods included: selling off old, broken, or seldom-used equipment on ebay; being more aggressive in getting delinquent club members to pay their dues; buying and reselling inexpensive "emergency kits" or weather radios. (Additional suggestions are welcomed!) Aaron B., Robin T., and Jerrod F. agreed to go through the shack again in early January and identify items to sell. Aaron B. and Jerrod F. agreed to identify a "target rig" (perhaps the IC-706) with a price tag < \$1,000 new.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

List of OUARC accomplishments for 2008 (in no particular order):

- Applied for and received a UOSA budget allocation, with which we purchased: An equipment cabinet, a Buddipole antenna (February)
- Affiliated with the School of Meteorology (March)
- Participated in ARRL Field Day with SCARS (June)
- Participated in the ARRL School Club Roundup contest (October)
- Participated in the National Weather Festival (November)
- Participated in Skywarn Recognition Day with NWCARC (December)
- Debuted new club web site, <http://www.w5tc.org> (September)
- Howdy Week recruitment activities and station on South Oval (September)
- Obtained new club QSL cards (November)
- Placed equipment cabinet in the observation deck of the National Weather Center (October)
- Placed a current set of ARRL license manuals in both Youngblood and NWC libraries (September)