

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of June 2009 meeting (Approved)

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, June 18, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Sam:KD5EUS, Dan:KE5PQY, Tim:KD5KTB, Jess:KA5HYK, Katherine Huggins, Al:KD5BA, Bill:KC5OKG, Bill:K5ECI, Ron:WD5HUT, Dave:AD8B, Mike:KD5OFF, Gilbert:KF5AKV, Bryan Bishop, Christina Bishop

Jess:KA5HYK called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the guests - Gilbert:KF5AKV, Bryan Bishop and Christina Bishop.

It was moved by Al:KD5BA and seconded by Bill:KC5OKG to accept the minutes of the May 2009 meeting as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report was given this month. Tim:KD5KTB indicated that all accounts are currently in the black. However, next month's report will include a projection of future expenses. These are likely to become a concern later this year due to reduced income. The club budget will be a topic of discussion at the July meeting.

Coming Activities report by Al:KD5BA -

August 1- YMCA Willow Lake Triathlon. Al:KD5BA will not be here to handle this event. Someone to head this up needs to be identified by our next meeting.

September 5 - AMBUCS Bikes for Trykes.

September 12 - Cherokee Strip Parade.

These and other activities are posted on the website calendar.

ARES report by Mike:KD5OFF -

The battery charger has been purchased and is currently install in the radio room. In the event of a power loss it will also automatically switch the repeater at the Red Cross to emergency battery power.

Progress on the field station continues. The power supply is now mounted. It should be operational by Field Day.

Net Manager report by Bill:KC5OKG & Salute to Bill by the EARC -

Bill reported that he has served as a net manager officially for ten years and unofficially for twelve years. He was officially appointed to the post on November 4, 1999.

Then, strangely, in 2006 he was "reappointed" to the position he was already serving at that time.

Bill wished to step down as net manger . He nominated Ron:WD5HUT to be the new net manger for the Enid Amateur Radio Club Monday Night Net. Al:KD5BA moved that nominations cease. Motion passed. Ron:WD5HUT was accepted as the new net manger by acclamation of the club.

The club recognized all the good work done by Bill over the years. The club presented him with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and now look forward to his continued presence on the net as a check-in. In turn, Bill thanked the club for the recognition and also thanked all those who had volunteered their help over the years to keep the net running properly. The club also expressed it's appreciation in the form of a check and recommends that he treat Martha and himself to a dinner out.

Field Day report by Tim:KD5KTB -

Bill:K5ECI will handle press releases for Field Day activities.

We will operate from 1 PM Saturday to 4 PM Sunday. Equipment will be set up inside the Red Cross building as much as possible before Saturday. If additional work is needed on Saturday it will wait until the start of operations at 1 PM. There will be a need for volunteer help to put one to three additional antennas at that time. The building will be open at 9 AM so early comers can at least discuss what needs to be done at 1 PM.

Katherine will coordinate who is bringing what for the Saturday night potluck dinner.

Members should email Katherine what they plan to bring at teamaspenn@att.net.

Dinner is scheduled for 5:30 PM.

Two HF stations will be set up in the radio room along with the dual-band for talk-in. If members bring additional rigs to use during Field Day, they will be set up in the meeting room. One or two extra power supplies are available from the radio room. Tim needs to know about additional rigs ahead of time so preparations can be made and if these rigs are to be used just for demonstration or for the duration of the activity. Our class of operation for the entire Field Day (2F or 3F) needs to be established before we begin making contacts. One additional station could be operated strictly as a GOTA station under a different callsign which would not affect our station class.

Additional headsets will be needed. Members are encouraged to bring their sets and splitters.

A license test session for all license classes will be held on Saturday morning at 10 AM in conjunction with Field Day activities. Walk-ins will be welcome. The cost of the test(s) is \$14.00 cash. A copy of a drivers license is also needed.

A Field Day net will be held on Saturday at 2:00 PM on the 29 repeater. Bill:K5ECI will send out notice cards to area hams who have checked into the net in the past year.

Members are requested to bring their old ham magazines to use as handouts to the public. Left over magazines can be put to good use for ECF committee activities.

Tim will be out of town Thursday night through Friday night. He needs to know our plans well before then. Check the signup sheet for opportunities to help.

Watch for updates on the website.

Correspondence report by Dave:AD8B -

The club received a email from Jerry:N5KNU, the treasurer of the Oklahoma Repeater Society, Inc. On behave of the ORSI he requests assistance in securing a location for either the society's March or September meeting in 2010. Their meetings typically involve ten to twenty people and last one to two hours. A semi-quiet room is preferred. The availability of food and drink is a plus.

It was moved by Bill:K5ECI and seconded by Sam:KD5EUS that the EARC offers to facilitate one the the 2010 meetings of the ORSI. Motion passed.

Dave:AD8B will communicate our willingness to facilitate arrangements for one of their meetings and our preference for a March date.

4th of July Fireworks Coordination by Jess:KA5HYK -

The club will again help coordinate the fireworks with orchestra at Meadow Lake. Radio communication is needed from the band shell to the golf course where the fireworks will be set up. Two volunteers with two meter equipment are needed at each location. This will insure the availability of extra help and communication redundancy. Last year there was a problem on the orchestra end due to a location too near the loud speakers. A different location and headsets should improve the situation this year. A new communication system is needed for coordinating the Fourth of July fireworks with the orchestra. This could be a good test of the ARES field station.

Memorial Plaque report by Mike:KD5OFF -

The plaques for Ray:W5REC and Ken:K5VCH are ready to be hung. This will be done at a ceremony in conjunction with the Field Day dinner. Della will be invited by Bill:K5ECI. Photos will be taken to send to the children.

Committees needed for the rest of the year -

Nomination committee - This committee will be appointed by the president at the August meeting.

Audit committee - This committee should also be appointed at the August meeting.

Board of Directors - The board needs to meet to select a chairman.

Member update -

Phil:K5ECH is home from the hospital.

Cimarron Valley Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards -

Club members are invited to attend the Red Cross Appreciation Dinner on June 25 from 6 to 8 PM at the Days Inn Conference Room. Those interested in attending should RSVP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B