

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

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, August 20, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Bill:K5ECI, Sam:KD5EUS, Ron:WD5HUT, Tim:KD5KTB, Dan:KE5PQY, Mike:KD5OFF, Greg:KD5MFY, Bryan:KF5BYO, Christina:KF5CJZ, Katherine:KD7IFW & Delmar, Darian:KE5NQF, Chris:KE5OCU, Herbert:KE5OCW, Bill:KC5OKG, Al:KD5BA, Bill:K5ECI, Dave:KC5SII, Jess:KH5HYK, Dave:AD8B, Jerry Brown, Mike Stuber

Jess:KA5HYK called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

M/S/C to accept the minutes of the July 2009 meeting as published.

Al:KD5BA introduced Jerry Brown, former liaison between the Red Cross and the radio club. As a member of the VFW Jerry presented the club with a request for communications support for the Veterans Day parade planned for November 7 between the hours of 9 AM and noon. Specific parade plans are not finalized. It is being organized by the Garfield County Veterans Alliance and will probably follow the general outline of the Founder's Day parade in September. He was aware that the parade date is the same as the Enid hamfest. Jerry is hopeful that a few hams would be still able to assist. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jerry, Al:KD5BA, or the Post Commander, Mike Helman.

The ECF Committee has scheduled September 19 to work with scouts on their Radio merit badge. Materials are already available. Dave:KC5SII will take the lead in organizing the class. The committee also plans to follow up the next weekend with activities for scouts during JOTA, Jamboree On The Air.

Tim:KD5KTB introduced Mike Stuber of AMBUCS Bikes for Trykes. The Tour de Trykes will be held on September 5. Approximately 200 riders are expected. The courses will be similar to last year's. Our net control station will be inside this year. Riders will begin leaving the David Allan Memorial Ball Park at 8 AM. Tim:KD5KTB provided a list of items needed for the control station and suggestions for operators including a list of break tags. Tim requested operators make use of break tags and tactical calls during the event to facilitate communications. Equipment will be loaded at the Red Cross at 6 AM. Other volunteers should check in at the ball park by 7 AM. The long course will probably have riders on it until 2 PM. The 145.29 repeater will be used for this event with 147.15 as the alternate.

Al:KD5BA reported on the coming Cherokee Strip Parade on September 12. There will be a 5K, a 10K, and a kids run around the square. The parade begins at 10:30 AM. Volunteers will meet at the Mark Price Arena at 8:30 AM. We will assist in organizing the order of march as parade units line up. Volunteers will have the opportunity to march as a group at the end of the parade ahead of the longhorns. Operation will be on the 147.375 repeater. Volunteers will need HT's, safety vests and comfortable shoes.

Al:KD5BA also reported on the coming attempt to set a Guinness record for the number of kites flown at one site. The goal is to fly 950 kites on Thursday, September 10, south of the Votech as a fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity. The organizers would like to have 20 radio operators for communication. Since we are not likely to be able to provide anywhere near that number, it is suggested that FRS radios be used for this. Individual

club members may volunteer their service.

Bill:K5ECI reported on ECF committee activities. He has prepared a report to the Enid Community Foundation. The committee is about ready to make equipment purchases with the grant money. Our next opportunity to make application for funds will be next summer.

Jess:KA5HYK reported that he as appointed members to the nominating committee, the finance audit committee, and the equipment audit committee. The members of the nominating committee are Dan:KE5PQY, Al:KD5BA, and Mike:KD5OFF. Members of the finance audit committee are Richard:KD5ZOY, Ron:WD5HUT, and Bill:K5ECI. The members of the equipment audit committee are Greg:KD5MFY, and Dwayne:KC5QVS.

Ron:WD5HUT was presented a certificate from the ARRL recognizing his position as our new net manager.

Tim:KD5KTB gave a report from the treasurer indicating current balances, outstanding activities and projections. The projections show that the club will be close to exhausting its funds next year. Members are encouraged to look for sources of third-party funds. It is agreed that the club should cover the cost of the club web site previously covered by Tim:KD5KTB. A detailed report is on file with the club secretary.  
M/S/C to accept the treasurer's report as given.

Greg:KD5MFY reported on the 444.4 repeater. The repeater unit is not functioning, 500 feet of hardline is contaminated with water, and the antenna may be bad. It is estimated that it would require \$4000 to \$5000 to put it back in service as it was. Any repairs to the antenna and/or feedline would require licensed and bonded climbers. The current location of the 444.4 repeater is excellent. However, since it is also the location of the 145.29 repeater, if we lose permission to be on the tower or if the tower is damaged we could lose both repeaters. In the past the Stateline Repeater Group has indicated a desire to put a link on the 444.4 repeater. Now Stateline has problems with its current linked system and is not currently interested in linking. Further discussion was tabled until next month.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.