



# ENID AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## E.A.R.C. HAS BUSY WEEK!

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club has had a very busy September.**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the EARC helped in Kingfisher County with the community of Hennessey to celebrated Pat Hennessey Day. This is another first time invitation to assist in a parade. In August, the EARC helped in Waukomis with their Sooner Celebration.

Sam, KD5EUS, was contacted by Wanda, KC5GTW, about helping line up wagons and horses for the celebration. She had heard of the work the EARC has done in the past. Things went well and the club has been invited to return again next year.

Sam wanted to thank these folks for helping: KD5BA, KC5OKG, KE5ECI, N5SPY, KC5SII, KC5TTD, KD5ZOZ, KE5BCR, K5ETC, KC5GTW, and KE5ECH.

Following the Hennessey parade the Club was asked to help with crowd control for Security National Bank's 100 year celebration on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The main charge for the members was to keep onlookers from getting too close to the enormous fire works display. 6-8 club members were needed for this event.

Just a couple of days later on September 17<sup>th</sup>, Enid held its annual Cherokee Strip Celebration. The *Enid Amateur Radio Club* has the daunting task of lining up parade participants. This year's celebration attracted over 80 entrants. Club members were asked to arrive for "parade duty" at 8:30 am with the parade starting around 10 am. Trying to organize floats, fire trucks, hot rods, and old cars that stretched for 4-5 blocks was no easy task. Listening over the radio to club members asking "where is number 45?" or "let that person get in ahead of the old cars" you would have thought the parade was a disaster. But all the folks of Enid saw was a finely orchestrated event with no hint of how much work was needed to pull it off.

Al, KD5BA, said that the club received a thank you card for the work done from the Enid Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber said that everything went smoothly.

Al had this comment to sum it up.

*"I appreciate all the good help we have had for so many events over a short period of time. I think we are being discovered! We need to always remember we are representing amateur radio and a lot of people are watching what we do and say. So keep up the good work."*

*The Enid ARC meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. The meeting is held at the American Red Cross located at 1023 W. Elm, Enid Ok.*

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**LOCAL NETS**  
**Mon-Enid Amateur  
Radio Club 8pm  
145.290-  
Kay County  
Amateur Radio  
Club 9pm 146.970-**

**Tue.-Noble County  
Repeater Group  
8pm 442.925+  
pl 141.3**

**Wed-Wheat Straw Club  
8pm 146.640-**

**Thu.-Stillwater Amateur  
Radio Club 7pm  
145.350-**

*If you would like your club's  
net listed here, contact the  
EARCNews.*

**EARC BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**2005  
Dean Feken-KL7MA**

**2006  
Al Fox-KD5BA**

**2007  
Dave Locke-KC5SII**

**2008  
Mike Cofer-KD5OFF**

**2009  
Greg Veit-KD5MFY**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Oct 17-19-City Wide Disaster Drill (contact  
Al-KD5BA to volunteer)**

**Oct 20-EARC Meeting/Election of 2006  
Officers**

**Oct 29-Scare on the Square**

**Oct 31-Halloween**

**Nov 5-Enid Hamfest**

**SCARE ON THE SQUARE**

Al, KD5BA wants everyone to mark their calendars for October 29. The **Enid Amateur Radio Club** has been asked to help with the Scare on the Square parade. "The organizers (of the Scare on the Square) have seen what we did with the Cherokee Strip parade and sought our help" Al said. "They had about 9,000 people in the area of the square last year and were overwhelmed. With Count Gregore here this year they expect possibly more." he continued. There will be more information coming at the next EARC meeting on October 20.

VE testing is conducted on an as needed basis. Contact Tom Worth-N5LWT at 580-233-8473 for reservations. Please allow about one week for preparation.

Tech Night  
When: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of  
each month  
Where: Autry Vo-  
Tech  
Electronics  
Room  
Time: 7p.m.



**BIRTHDAYS**

## NOVEMBER

- 1-Chalee Locke KD5KKD
- 2-Tim McAnally KD5KTB
- 3-Dean Feken KL7MA  
Theresa Locke KC5TTD
- 6-Frank Penner KC5PCI
- 26-Tom Worth N5LWT

BE SURE TO WISH THESE FOLKS A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

### EARC 2005 Officers

President

Dave Locke  
KC5SII  
580-758-1328

V. President

Mike Cofer  
KD5OFF  
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Dwayne Posey  
KC5QVS  
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Dave Chael  
KC5GUD  
580-242-3445

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Dean Feken  
KL7MA  
580-336-3326



## 2006 CLUB OFFICERS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

According to the *EARC* By-Laws, October is the month that new officers are to be elected.

The nomination committee consisting of Greg KD5MFY, Bob KD5ZOZ, and Dave KC5GUD spoke with potential candidates and reported these names for consideration:

President- Al Fox KD5BA  
V. President-Mike Cofer KD5OFF  
Secretary-Dave Chael KD5GUD  
Treasurer-Dwayne Posey KC5QVS

Also in accordance with the By-Laws, nominations can also be taken from the floor.

All club members are encouraged to make arrangements to attend this months meeting.

# ENID HAMFEST NOVEMBER 5

*Once again the best hamfest in Northern Oklahoma is about to begin!*

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Enid Hamfest will be held once again in the Hoover Building located at the Garfield County Fair Grounds in beautiful Enid.

The Enid Hamfest Group was originally started by Fred WA5OU, Dick NJ5S(sk), and Tom N5LWT (not to mention their families). The idea was to give an enjoyable and *affordable* hamfest. The coordinators of the Enid Hamfest work each and every year to keep the entry fee, door prize tickets, table, and lunch prices at a minimum. To this date the entry fee has only been raised once, from \$1.00 to \$2.00. And you can't beat the prices in the kitchen!

The Enid Hamfest is one of those events you can go to and still have enough money after getting in the door to get your new equipment.

The talk-in frequency will be on 147.375+. Be sure to arrive early for donuts and coffee. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

For more information you can go to the Enid Hamfest website at <http://www.enidhamfest.com/>

*Information taken from the Enid Hamfest website.*

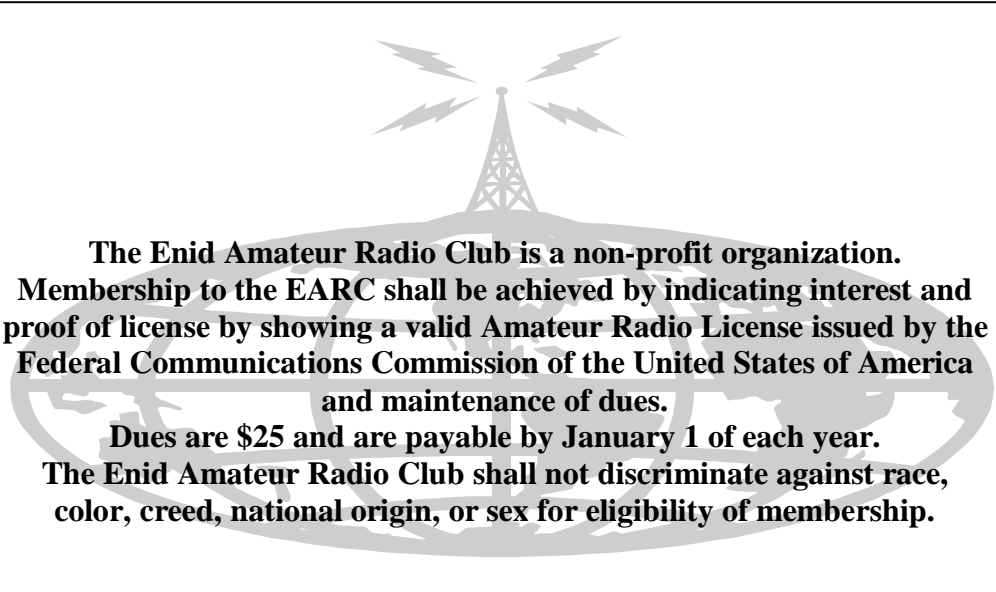
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**The Enid Amateur Radio Club is a non-profit organization. Membership to the EARC shall be achieved by indicating interest and proof of license by showing a valid Amateur Radio License issued by the Federal Communications Commission of the United States of America and maintenance of dues.**

**Dues are \$25 and are payable by January 1 of each year. The Enid Amateur Radio Club shall not discriminate against race, color, creed, national origin, or sex for eligibility of membership.**

# SPOOKY STUFF

**Enid - Briggs Auditorium** - Reports of an apparition of a man seen in the balcony.

**Enid - Clay Hall at Phillips University** - This haunted dormitory was condemned by state in the early 1980's. Voices have been heard here along with piano playing. Recordings of ghostly women singing have also occurred.

**Enid - Earl Butts Dormitory** - Dormitory said to be haunted because of being constructed on an Indian burial ground. Reports of students being visited by spirits at night. Spirits disappear and are never seen by same person more than once.

**Enid - Longfellow Jr high school** - in the night you can hear a person yelling. Sometimes during the day you can hear footsteps and lockers shutting and in the 2nd floor science room you can hear an explosions.

**Enid - Imo Cemetery** - there is said to be a glowing head stone in the cemetery but when you walk up to the head stone it will stop glowing and if you go south of the head stone there are claw marks on another head stone and if you go to the back of the cemetery there is an old Indian burial ground they say you can hear voices and people touching you.- **April 2004 Addition - the Imo story about the grave has been completely investigated and is in fact tower lights across the street from the cemetery that give a reflection off the marker... the burning effect takes place as soon as it gets dark and goes away as soon as it gets light, when you walk up to it - at any point you can clearly see the lights in the background... from the ground point of view. It does in fact look like it is on fire, esp from the road at night but is in fact only an illusion.**

**Helena - Sturgeon's corner** - A man named John Jo Weezer was Hit by a Combine at night to this day you can here Weezer moaning in pain around harvest every year.

**Ponca City - Poncan Theatre** - This theatre is one of the oldest buildings in Ponca City. People have reported hearing footsteps when nobody else is present, seeing people who disappear quickly afterwards, and classic ghost stuff like that. In the basement, some people have reported hearing the beating of an Indian drum nearby. Also, there is a stain in the ceiling that closely resembles blood. People have made every effort to remove it: washing it, painting over it, etc. But it always comes back after a few days.

**Ponca City - Roosevelt Elementary School** - this old school built in the early 30's there have been reports of books falling off shelves and in the basement a couple of kids came out screaming saying they say a shadow run by the window also in the 50's a kid had hung himself on the stage in the auditorium janitors say light switches come on on the stage after they turn it off

**Stillwater - Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity House** - Three fraternity brothers were killed in an accident in 1977 while they were building a theme float for homecoming. The scaffolding fell into a power line and electrocuted them. The house reportedly is haunted by strange sounds, things moving around, lights and sink faucets turning off and on. Apparently the house mother's (who was there preparing for the school year)nephew had a bad encounter there while staying there at night, in which he claimed to see something. - **Side note: that numerous students have been killed during homecoming float preparations and rumor is Alpha Gamma Rho had actually stopped making a homecoming float because of how many people had been killed over time. Mainly the deaths occur from scaffolding set too close to the power lines on Washington street.**

**Stillwater - Stillwater high school** - In The Stillwater High School in room 201, late at night you can her strange voices coming from the vent. The teacher doesn't even hold class in the room anymore. The voices occur at random times, and the faculty has repaired the air conditioner but the voices wont go away.

**Stillwater - Sudent Union Hotel and Conference Center** - Lights will be turned on and doors locked and unlocked mysteriously throughout the Union, hair standing up, felt cold breezes, at times a glow of light & Shadows can be seen.

**COURTESY OF THE SHADOWLANDS WEBSITE AT [HTTP://THESHADOWLANDS.NET/](http://theshadowlands.net/)**



# Minutes of Last Meeting

EARC Minutes

15 Sep 05

Vice President Mike Cofer KD5OFF called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance: Mike KD5OFF, Dave KC5GUD, Greg KD5MFY, Al KD5BA, Dwayne KC5QVS, Bill KC5OKG, Bill K5ECI, Bob KD5Zoz, Ken K5VCH, Gene N5SPY, and Miqueas KE5CAU.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as published in the club newsletter (motion by Greg KD5MFY, second by Al KD5BA).

The treasurer's report was submitted by our new treasurer, Dwayne KC5QVS, based on the August bank statements. The long-awaited club audit and inventory was completed by club president Dave, Theresa Locke, and Greg KD5MFY. Thanks to all for their time! The treasurer's report was approved as presented (motion by Al KD5BA, second by Greg KD5MFY).

Membership/Newsletter: If your e-mail will not open or accept the newsletter, you can read it or download from the club web site.

Activities: Tonight, the club will participate in the Enid/Cherokee Strip fireworks display. This Saturday (17 Sep), Cherokee Strip Parade. Al reminded us that there will not be a run or walk this year. 10:00 start time, please be in place 08:30 at Mark Price. Future events: November Enid Lights up the Plains (same plan as last year), the Friday after Thanksgiving.

## Old Business:

Treasury Audit. Mike and Theresa completed the audit on 14 September. We discussed the importance of the new treasurer getting books that had been freshly audited prior to taking office, *every year*. Greg KD5MFY completed the club audit, and Dwayne KC5QVS has a copy of the club inventory.

Elections: Bob KD5Zoz and Greg KD5MFY met recently and came up with the following recommendations for Club Officers:

President: Al KD5BA  
VP: Mike KD5OFF (second term)  
Secretary: Dave KC5GUD (second term)  
Treasurer: Dwayne KC5QVS (continuing term)

Recommendations for Board Members:  
Dean KL7MA (5 year term complete). Dean agreed to nomination to a second term, which would take him thru 2010).

We will be voting this slate of nominations next club meeting 20 Oct 05. Important: we will also be taking nominations from the floor (if anyone cares to submit additional nominations) prior to the election. If you're interested in running for office (most of us simply to choose to run *from* office), let Dave KC5SII know, and show up for the October meeting.

KM5DH memento: No action was taken on a memento for Dan KM5DH.

*Hams in the Library* program. Discussion centered on club donations to area libraries: 3 junior highs, high school, and the public library. While the club readily accepted donating multiple copies of the ARRL publication *Now You're Talking*, several asked the question, "*what does the ARRL recommend we do*?" As these are technical books, no opposition to our planned donation was anticipated from anyone in the library. The club would place a donation notification inside the front cover, enabling prospective hams to contact us if interested in ham radio. How would we advertise availability of the books? Lots of unanswered questions, and the issue was tabled without further action for now.

Club Tower: We're *very close* to a tower for the club! The members discussed FAA clearances and who would "own" the tower, and installation. Since tower installation is so critically important, the club agreed that we should install the tower ourselves, instead of hiring an independent contractor to do the work. It *has* to be done right, and we have the expertise to do it right (albeit slowly). The tower would be purchased by the club, and donated to the Red Cross, who would then claim ownership (and liability). Dave KC5GUD said he'd talked with the Vance airspace manager about the tower, and this installation would be considered a "no impact" due to the relatively low antenna height and distance from the base. Dwayne KC5QVS has physical possession of the tower at Wheat Capital, but it has not been paid for as of today. Dwayne said the cost of the tower was \$80, and a suitable base would be around \$35. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$115 from the club treasury to purchase the tower. The EARC will provide the labor to erect the tower, but the Red Cross would pay for concrete. In an unprecedented move, Ken Romine K5VCH whipped out his checkbook, and offered to pay for the tower himself, and then donate it to the Red Cross. Stunned, the club quickly moved and seconded to accept his extremely gracious offer. Wow! Thanks Ken!

Mike, knowing this act of generosity was impossible to upstage, accepted a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Following the meeting, most of the membership reconvened downtown at Mark Price arena for an outstanding, up close and personal seat for the fireworks display. If you missed it, you missed it!

Respectfully submitted,

Dave T. Chael  
KC5GUD  
EARC Secretary