

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of March 2009 meeting (Corrected)

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, March 19, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Tim:KD5KTB, Greg:KD5MFY, Dave:KC5SII, Bill:K5ECI, Mike:KD5OFF, Dan:KE5PQY, Ron:WD5HUT, Cynthia:KE5LIG, Bill:KC5OKG, Sam:KD5EUS, Al:KD5BA, and Tony:KE5KWN. Guests: Jim Poindexter and Bill Blom:N5NDS.

Tim:KD5KTB called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

The Club welcomed guests Bill Blom:N5NDS, who is a former EARC president (circa.1994), and Jim Poindexter, who is attending a licensing class.

Minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved. Minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved with the following additions and corrections: date of meeting was February 19th; attendance also included Vonda Keck and Della Mondick; correct spelling to Meghan:KE5NQG.

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from the Club secretary to Willow Road Christian Church. Mike:KD5OFF on behalf of himself, and Bill:KC5OKG on behalf of Martha, expressed their appreciation to the Club for cards and flowers. Membership: The Club extended its sympathy to the family of Richard:KD5ZOY upon loss of Alta's mother (the grandmother of Cynthia:KE5LIG.) The Club recognized the appointment of Ron:WD5HUT and Tim:KD5KTB as ARRL Official Observers for this region, and the notation of Bill:K5ECI as a "Best Fist" in the ARRL Straight Key Night 2009.

The Treasurer's report, as presented by Tim:KD5KTB for Devon, was accepted. The club has a positive checking and savings account. The grant received from the Enid Community Fund has been deposited to the savings account.

Al:KD5BA provided late-breaking details on the Cimarron Valley Red Cross "Hero Hustle" event to be held Saturday, March 22. Volunteers are to meet at the Meadow Lake Park ball diamond near Rupe at 8:00 a.m. Use the 147.375 repeater, with back-up on 145.290. Tim:KD5KTB will be NCS, following same net format as Ambucs Tour de Trykes. Al also encouraged club members to volunteer as individuals to assist with the local TaiKwonDo tournament on April 4th from 8:00 to 1:00 at the Mark Price Arena. Greg:KD5MFY reported on behalf of the EARC repeater committee—himself, Dwayne:KC5QVS, and Dean:KL7MA—that the 145.290 machine will soon have a PL tone (141.3). Greg is preparing a tone board to install on the controller. This is necessary due to persistent interference from non-modulated signals of unknown origin. Mike:KD5OFF reported that the ARES group continues to prepare for severe weather. He discussed a need identified by local officials regarding a gap in linked repeater coverage in this part of the state. Mike is still looking for the best solution of battery power for the ARES go kit. Ron:WD5HUT reminded members of the ARES SSB net each Sunday afternoon at 2130 UTC on 7.260 MHz (alt freq 3.900 MHz) +/- QRM. Tim:KD5KTB, after inviting informal discussion on a location for EARC Field Day 2009, proposed the Cimarron Valley Red Cross headquarters (the location of the Club radio room). The motion carried. Bill:K5ECI, presented the plan developed by the ECF Grant committee and moved that that the EARC endorse the plan for engaging youth of the Enid area in the life-long hobby of amateur radio. The motion carried. Bill then moved that the EARC authorize the appointed ECF Grant committee to expend funds not to exceed the \$2,000 grant received from the Enid Community Foundation for the purchase of equipment consistent

with the purpose of the grant and with the endorsed plan. The motion carried. Mike:KD5OFF brought two finished plaques recognizing the contributions of Ray Miller:W5REC and Ken Romine:K5VCH. After formally expressing its appreciation to survivors of these two SK's, the Club will permanently display the plaques on the wall of its radio room. Dave:KC5SII reported a conversation with licensed operators in the Alva area concerning the use of an EARC repeater in a linked system. The Club gave informal approval to Dave to continue this discussion and to report the particulars to the EARC Repeater committee, who in turn will present a recommendation to the Club. Tim:KD5KTB initiated a brief discussion on a fox hunt which produced the consensus that the event would be best handled as a youth activity within the 2009 plans of the ECF Grant committee. Tim:KD5KTB declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The volunteer team for the Red Cross "Hero Hustle" event convened following the business meeting to discuss assignments, procedures and other details.

Respectfully submitted, Bill:K5ECI (on behalf of Club Secretary Dave:AD8B)