

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

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, September 17, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Sam:KD5EUS, Tim:KD5KTB, Dan:KE5PQY, Christina:KF5CJZ, Darian:KE5NQF, Bill:KC5OKG, Al:KD5BA, Jess:KH5HYK, Dave:AD8B, Phil:K5ECH, Don Angle (guest)

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

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

Tim:KD5KTB shared a report from the treasurer indicating recent and outstanding activities, and current balances. The checking and savings accounts have positive balances. A detailed report is on file with the club secretary.
M/S/C to accept the treasurer's report as given.

We have received correspondence from KD7IFW located in Woodard with questions about license renewal. Tim:KD5KTB has talked with Katherine, encouraged her visit the club web site and invited her to attend one of our regular meetings. Dave:AD8B will follow up with information and forms for license renewal.

Al:KD5BA reported on the activities of the Nominating Committee. The committee has secured the following candidates for club office for the year 2010:

President - Mike:KD5OFF

Vice President - Dan:KE5PQY

Treasurer - Bill:K5ECI

Secretary - Dave:AD8B

Director (2010 through 2014) - Greg:KD5MFY

The candidates list will be published on the club web site.

Jesse:KA5HYK and Tim:KD5KTB commented on the actions of the ECF Committee. Equipment from the initial purchase has been received and will be tested in the coming week. Boy Scout radio merit badge classes are scheduled for October 10 and 17. October 17 coincides with JOTA, Jamboree On The Air. Anyone who wishes to help with the merit badge classes should contact Dave:KC5SII.

Al:KD5BA reported on recent community activities assisted by club members. 20 hams provided communications and other assistance for the Tour de Trykes. The operation was a success. Having two operators at the control station worked well. Tim:KD5KTB meet with AMBUCS after the Tour to discuss our involvement and possible improvements. He shared with the club a list of additional ideas for next year.

Al:KD5BA also reported on the Cherokee Strip Parade. 14 hams participated this year and again proved very helpful in organizing the parade units. Also, Al:KD5BA, Ron:WD5HUT and Sam:KD5EUS provided weekday assistance in setting up FSR communications for the kite activity at the Votech. A new North American record for number of kites in the air simultaneously was set. A coming service opportunity for hams is the Red Dirt Barbecue on April 16 & 17.

M/S/C to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Following the meeting our guest, Don Angle, gave a presentation on the Congo Radio

Project being developed by DARF/U-CAN, a joint Amateur Radio venture of Disciples Amateur Radio Fellowship (Christian Church - Disciples of Christ) and United Church Amateur Network (United Church of Christ). The project goal is to establish a 25-station HF communications network for mission stations in Equator Province, an area roughly the size of Texas and Oklahoma that lacks electric power and telecommunications infrastructures. Don shared ham radio and other experiences from his 15 years of service in the Congo. Financial support is needed to cover the estimated project cost of \$200,000. More information is available at <http://www.darfucan.org>.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B, club secretary.