



# ENID AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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*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.*

*Weekly net is every Monday at 8pm on the 145.290-repeater.*

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## There's a Storm Brewin'!

The National Weather service hosted its annual spotter training on March 8 at Autry Vo-Tech. Dan Miller, Meteorologist with the forecast office in Norman, was the speaker. He wanted to thank all who work with the NWS for their help. He said that what the NWS really needs from spotters is for them to "paint a picture with your words" by describing what you see, feel, and hear. Dan said that even in Tornado

Alley tornadoes are rare. "Even though Oklahoma will average 50-55 tornadoes a year, most spotters will never see one" he said. He also said that there are several tools for spotting but stressed two way communications as most important. So important that they have between 1-3 operators who monitor the ham radio links during severe weather.

Dan discussed the many products that are available to spotters and the public which include the Hazardous Weather Outlook. This product is read on the 442.925 repeater in Perry at 0730 and 1230 local each day during storm season. The NWS also will give radar updates here during severe weather. The NWS webpage for the Norman county area is [Cont pg. 5](#)

## HAMS IN ACTION



**KD5ZOZ helps a future ham**

One way that the hams participated was to help visitors send Morse code. Each person would send the international distress code of S.O.S. and then tap out their name on portable keyers. After this was accomplished, they would have a special ticket punched that would allow them to enter into a drawing that the school was having later.

Everyone was amazed how easy it was to send a message using a time tested method of Morse code.

Several ham operators participated in Autry Vo-Tech's annual job fair. This was a way for the school to show off what it has to offer. Amateur radio was set up in the electronic department where several students have been taking Technician and Code classes conducted by Sam-KD5EUS. Several students passed their "Tech" test and have become active in amateur radio recently.



**KD5EUS pounding out a message**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!**

## **EARC 2005 Officers**

### **President**

**Dave Locke  
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### **Treasurer**

**Ken Romine  
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### **Secretary**

**Dave Chael  
KC5GUD**

If a deaf  
person  
swears, does  
his mother  
wash his  
hands with  
soap?

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



**A** famous American... I believe he was a democrat, once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." That's true for most worthwhile endeavors. The Amateur service is no exception. The Amateur service exists for several reasons, self-training, technical investigation, and intercommunication. to name a few.

The principals of amateur service include:

- a. Recognition and enhancement of the amateur service to the public.
- b. Contributing to the advancement of the radio art.
- c. Encouragement and improvement... provide for advancing skills in Communications Technical phases of the art.
- d. Expansion of the existing reservoir of trained Operators, Technicians and Electronics Experts
- e. To enhance International Goodwill.

What does the amateur owe, in return, for the privilege of operating and experimenting in the amateur bands? There are several ways hams contribute. First, adherence to a set of rules and behaviors. I touched on that last month. How else can an amateur contribute to the service? One of the biggest contributions one can make is through the continued proliferation of the amateur service. Specifically B, C, and D.

There are several ways the amateur can help the service. One of the best is through the active advocacy of the hobby. Solicitation of membership and promotion of services go a long way towards improving our lot in life. Another way is through education. Holding, or helping teach, classes for upgrades or initial licensing is a great way to give back to the service.

Many people might say, "I'm not qualified to teach amateur radio classes." Sorry, there are no qualifications for teaching amateur radio. Everyone has his or her strong points. You may not be an expert at schematics but you might have a firm understanding of the FCC regulations. If not, pick an area and become an expert! My experience has been that people often learn as much from teaching as by attending classes.

Several local hams reached out in the last year or so offering classes. The product of their efforts has been several new amateurs in the community. I applaud those efforts and thank those who have been involved. We've seen a surge in activity in the last year primarily to the addition of several new amateurs in the Enid Area. Although only a couple of the new hams joined EARC, I think what's good for the service is good for the EARC.

There's a good chance we will be asked to give several classes to Red Cross members in the very near future.

Be ready to contribute!

Dave



# SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 6-12



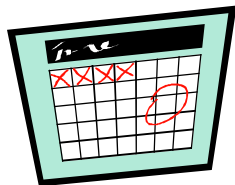
## BIRTHDAYS

April

3- John Russel-N5UOF

6-Ralph Gandy-N0KOU

Be sure to wish these folks a  
Happy Birthday!!



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mar. 6-12** Severe Wx.  
Awareness Week

**Mar. 11** Kay Co. MIPS  
Exercise

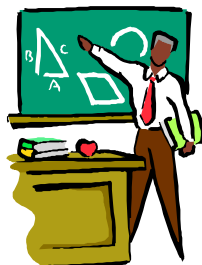
**Mar. 18-19** Green Country  
Hamfest

**Mar. 17** St. Patrick's Day-  
EARC Meeting

**Mar. 20** First Day of Spring

**Apr. 5-7** Red Cross Drill

**Apr. 7** GARFCO ARES  
Training



### TECH CLASSES

A new technician class will begin March 21. This will be a 6-8 week training session.

The location is in Lahoma Ok. at the First Baptist Church on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Garfield. Time of classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. For more information contact Sam-KD5UES at (580) 233-0048.

Now is the time to start going over your severe weather safety procedures. As of February 20 we have already had a severe thunderstorm and if some of the forecasters are correct, this spring could be closer to normal than in the past years. Apparently El Nino is getting geared up. The NWS will have safety tips posted on their web site at a later date. In the mean time, here are some tornado safety tips.

*If a tornado was approaching, would you know what to do? Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornadoes. The following are instructions on what to do when a tornado warning has been issued for your area or whenever a tornado threatens.*

- In homes or small buildings, go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.
- In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping centers, go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head.
- In high rise buildings, go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.
- In cars or mobile homes, abandon them immediately!! Most deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter.

*If no suitable structure is nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.*

And don't forget...disconnect your antennas and check your grounding system.

Go to [www.srh.noaa.gov/oun](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun) for more info.



Sign up for the ARRL's "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications" Course online.

**EMCOMM level 1**

First Monday of each month.

**EMCOMM level 2**

Second Monday of each month.

**EMCOMM level 3**

Third Monday of each month.

Go to <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> for more information.



Remember if you have equipment to sell or are looking for something send all information to [EARCNews](mailto:earcnews@hot.com).

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**ATTENTION ALL EARC MEMBERS**

Our next club meeting will be held at the Enid Fire Station Number 1 in Enid on March 17 (wear something green). We will have a short business meeting that will be followed by a tour of the Garfield County Emergency

Management Weather Center. Mike Honigsburg, GCEM Director, will conduct this informative outing. Be sure to pass the information on to any club member you see. This is also a good way to invite an amateur radio operator who doesn't have a club to check out the EARC. For more information contact Mike-KD5OFF at 580-242-2865 or send a note to the **EARCNews** at [earcnews@hotmail.com](mailto:earcnews@hotmail.com).



**The Cimarron Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross** in Enid will be conducting a drill on April 5-7. Mike Cofer-KD5OFF, Emergency Coordinator for the Garfield County ARES, will be present on April 6 for this tabletop drill. He is asking that any ARES member that can assist to contact him. You will only need to be available for a "phone call confirmation" that an operator is available for communications.

GARFCO ARES will also need someone to attend the debriefing on April 7. That should only take an hour.

VE testing is conducted on the first Saturday of each odd month during the year. Contact Tom Worth-N5LWT at 580-233-8473 for reservations.

### What a great Answer....

In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity about our government and its policies, we should remember Prime Minister Blair's words to his people.

During a recent interview, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain was asked by one of his parliament members why he believes so much in America, and does he think America is on the right track?

Blair's reply—"A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in...and how many want out"



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** K.L. (Ken) Romine **FCC Call Sign:** K5VCH

**Other Call signs I have held:** WB5ZOK

**I received my first license in:** Albuquerque, NM

**I have been in Amateur Radio Since:** 1976

**Birth Place:** Rossville, Ill. **Family:** Wife, 1 daughter, 5 grand, 5 great

**Occupation:** Retired **Nickname:** Hunk

**Community Activities:** None at present

**If I had a different job, I'd be:** Marine Sniper

**Club positions I have held:** All

**My favorite Amateur Radio activity is (was):** Search & Rescue

**My favorite mode is:** **My favorite radio is(was):** Crystal set (1935)

**My other hobbies are:** fabricating Indian Jewelry

**The biggest honor I've ever received is:** Bronze Star; Air Medal

**No one (or few people) know that I:** Assembled Nuclear Devices

**I wish I knew how to:** Pass Extra Class

**My favorite junk food is:** None

**My favorite restaurant is:** Red Lobster

**My ideal vacation is:** Visiting tropical islands

**My favorite magazine is:** American Rifleman

**I regret:** Not being able to use college scholarship

**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** Share with my extended family & EARC

**If I had three wishes, they would be:** Death to all terrorists, Death to all terrorists, Death to all terrorists.

*EARC News note:* My thanks to Ken for his participation in the Member Spotlight. Remember to return your questionnaire to Mike-KD5OFF or e-mail to [earcnews@hotmail.com](mailto:earcnews@hotmail.com)

**Storm** cont. from pg. 1

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/home.php>. You can go here during any type of severe weather event for more information.

Dan spoke about the part that amateur radio plays in giving "ground truth" about severe weather. We had 17 amateurs in attendance with two coming from Perry.

In closing, Dan wanted to remind everyone to **GET IN**-as far as possible, **GET DOWN**- as low as possible, and **COVER UP**-with whatever you can find.

# Minutes of Last Meeting

Enid Amateur Radio Club (E.A.R.C.) Minutes-2-17-05

**President:** Dave Locke-KC5SII

**Vice President:** Richard Herndon-KD5ZOY

**Treasurer:** Ken Romine-K5VCH

**Secretary:** Dave Chael-KC5GUD

Dave L called the meeting to order at 19:00 local.

## Minutes of Meeting:

The minutes for the meeting dated 1-20-05 were read and approved by a majority vote of the members present.

## Treasurer Report:

Ken gave the treasurer's report and was approved by a majority vote of the members present.

## Ways and Means Report:

Dave updated the members on the Red Cross proposal and there was some training discussion.

## Repeater Status Report:

The 145.290 repeater still has noise. Greg has another radio ready to take out the north site to replace it. There was also some discussion that there may be problems with the 147.150 machine.

## Training Report:

There was some discussion on training.

## A.R.E.S. Garfield County-State Report:

Mike reported that the Garfield County ARES will resume training starting March 3. The meetings will be held at the Red Cross starting at 7pm. And continue to meet the first Thursday of each month. He also reported that the Red Cross will have a drill on April 5,6,and 7. There will also be a storm spotter training class on March 8 at 7pm at the Autry Vo-Tech.

## Activities & Upcoming Events Report:

Al reported that the March of Dimes will have a meeting on March 18 about the annual walk. He will have more information at the next meeting. Tri-State is the last Saturday in April.

## Old Business:

No old business.

## New Business:

The club insurance came up. Al motioned to pay the insurance with Ralph making the second. The motion passed with a majority vote of the members present.

Ralph will borrow the club's HF radio to research remote control options.

The March club meeting will be held at the Enid Fire Station Number 1. After the meeting, the club members will get a tour of the Garfield County Emergency Management Weather Center conducted by Mike Honigsburg, Director.

Ken made the motion to adjourn at 19:55 with Ralph making the second. The motion passed with a majority vote of the members present.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Cofer-KD5OFF.

If the police  
arrest a  
mime, do  
they tell him  
he has the  
right to  
remain  
silent?

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