

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF APRIL 2017 MEETING
April 20, 2017 (ARCLight-20170420.pdf)

NOTE: THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT PENDING ADOPTION BY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLUB.

The Enid Amateur Radio Club held a regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 20, 2017, in the Conference Room of the Salvation Army Chapel, 220 West Pine Avenue, Enid, OK.

Members present: S.Cotter/KD5EUS, A.Fox/KD5BA, B.Keck/K5ECI, B.Nokes/W5EIY, D.Plank/KE5PQY, V.Sanders/KF5CUR, J.Scouten/KG5CWV, G.Spillman/KF5CUT and K.Whites/KD5ONG.

V. Sanders, Club President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and opened the floor for updates on the welfare of several absent members.

Motion by G.Spillman, seconded by B.Keck [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed and as posted to the EARC website (ARCLight-20170316.pdf)).

Motion by G.Spillman, seconded by A.Fox [CARRIED, unanimous] to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed, showing in detail that, with all outstanding bills reconciled, the Club has positive checking and savings account balances at SNB as of this meeting date.

Upcoming events-

- Smokin' Red Dirt BBQ Cook-Off, April 21st. A.Fox will coordinate Club involvement at the invitation of Newspaper Holdings, Inc. He called for volunteers and circulated a sign-up sheet. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at SNB ATM/Drive-Thru. Use FRS radios on Ch.10. The event sponsor is Hanor & Roberts Ranch of Oklahoma.

- Chisholm Trail Special Event Station, W5E, April 25-30. The event sponsor, the Menasco Amateur Radio Club/KC5NX, has invited ham operators in eight communities along the Chisholm Trail from Georgetown, TX to Abilene, KS to participate in the event. Enid operators will identify as W5E. Activities in addition to personal station QSOs will include portable operation from the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center on Saturday, April 29th, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. V.Sanders is the local coordinator. The overall event coordinator is J.Stanfield/WB5UDA, Cleburn, TX.

- 2017 ARRL Field Day, June 24-25. J.Scouten outlined plans for the Club to operate from the MERC property on South Van Buren,

possible from the highly visible space in front of the building.

Old Business—

– Continued discussion about identifying well-attended annual events in surrounding towns where the EARC might introduce the Club and demonstrate ham radio. Possibilities include—

- Ames Man Day (in 2017 on Saturday, March 25 at noon.) A day to shoot, eat, burn, and ride. Sponsor is Chisholm Irrigation of Enid, but proceeds go to program to dig water wells in Niger. 18401 South Banner Road; about seven miles SE of Ames.

- Goltry Annual Pig Roast and Cake Auction (in 2017 on Saturday, May 20; 5:30–7:30 p.m. Held in the gymnasium, sponsored by the local fire and rescue team.

- Lahoma Palooza (in 2017 on Saturday, July 15). A full day of family fun, food and special activities.

- Drummond Watermelon Feed (in 2017 on August 11. Held in the city park. Usually starts mid-afternoon. Sponsored by local FFA.

New Business—

–General discussion regarding the EARC/W5HTK repeater situation. Need to repair a fitting on MERC tower. Consensus to seek Board of Directors guidance as soon as possible.

Motion by J.Scuten, seconded by B.Nokes [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Keck/K5ECI, EARC Secretary/Treasurer