

# Amateur Radio Club at Kansas State University WØQQQ

## Minutes - September 28, 2008

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This was a working meeting in 401 Seaton Hall.

- We evaluated the WØQQQ 2m repeater, as there was some concern about the audio quality. We have a call in to the repeater's creator, KCØIWH. The repeater does function, but probably needs attention.
- A new wooden base has been constructed for the Cushcraft R-5 antenna. It's very sturdy, and looks like a picnic table for kids. Thompson's Water Seal™ was applied to the wood.
- This was a historic gathering, as tonight the venerable Pepsi® machine was carted down the stairs via a rented appliance dolly, and taken off to parts unknown. The machine was part of our club for over 25 years, but its time had come. A final 65¢ was added to the club treasury just before it rode off into the sunset. RIP to the machine known as "The Appliance."
- Members gathered on the roof to successfully monitor a pass of AO-51. One of the members had a dual band (2m / 440 MHz) antenna, and we heard calls from all over North America. One of the members served as the az-el rotor for the antenna. Here's a [chart](#) of the satellite's passes. Learn more by visiting [AMSAT](#), the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation.
- Lawrence Chen, WØLKC, joined the club tonight.
- The meeting marked one of the highest attendances of the KSUARC since the early 1980s, so it was decided to go with Sunday evening 6 p.m. meetings for the rest of fall semester.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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