With his snow-white beard and jolly brown eyes, Stanley Callahan looks like Santa Claus; and in many ways, he is. Stan has spent the majority of his life volunteering to help others affected by bad weather and disasters.

It all began in the 60’s when he lost a cousin in a Joplin tornado. “Even as a child, I had a fascination with the weather and a kind of “payback” for the cousin I lost.”

And “payback” is what he did! Stan began to learn all he could about weather. He studied weather in the Boy Scouts. He soaked up as much knowledge as he could from a mentor who was a weather meteorologist for the Air Force. He got into CB radio and eventually became the very first storm spotter for Channel 8.

His initiation in disasters came on his first official day volunteering with the Salvation Army. He was called out to help feed firefighters who were working 24/7 fighting fires in Creek, Lincoln, Osage and Tulsa County. “That was my baptismal by fire,” Stan said.

During his time with the Salvation Army, Stan earned his ham radio license and his call sign KE5HPB.

Mark Conklin N7XYO and Brian Gnad KB5TSI recruited Stan into ARES. Stan has been a part of ARES for six years and, at one time, ran operations for the Tuesday night NET from the Salvation Army office.

Today, Stan volunteers in “everything my wife allows me to!” He has a truck full of equipment including an ICOMM 2720, an ADI 170, an ADI Handheld, a Yaesu HT and a Wouxon HT. He runs weather service on a Yaesu base station at his house. “I couldn’t tell you what kind of antenna I have,” Stan said. “I bought it at Hamfest two years ago for fifty bucks.” He doesn’t do HF; just 2 meter and 70 cm; all repeater work. The only HF equipment he gets to play with is on Field Day.

Stan admits that his biggest challenge with ham radio is knowledge. “I’m still dumb when it comes to the technical side of ham radio,” Stan said. “I call Ben (Joplin) to fix things. He’s my go-to guy.”

Stan has been a member of Tulsa Repeater Organization for five and half years and has served as president of the Club for the last two years. He participates in local marathons and biking events through the club. “I love working events,” Stan said.

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April:

First up I thank you for your vote of confidence for a second term. I am a person who doesn't like a lot of change. But once in a while there has to be some changes. Charles Sharpe is now the editor of the newsletter. Please send him all articles and related info for the newsletter to his e-mail address. However I did ask Cindy Downes to continue writing articles for the newsletter, starting with a monthly article, hmmm lets say Membership Spotlight or something along that line. It will be an article of a member each month to learn a little more about that person instead of just a "call sign" on the radio. When she calls on you please be gracious to her, we all would like to know a little more about you.

We are busy working with Tour-de-Cure, M. S. Society and others on our summer events. Next up is the Maple Ridge Run on Memorial Day. We will need about 10 people for that event. Contact Tom Stroud or go to Tulsa Repeaters facebook page and sign up for to help out.

Field day is just around the corner & we are working on finding a location for that. We thought that John Zink Scout Ranch was going to be the place BUT it didn't work out with the Scout office on scheduling. If you have any ideas please send them to me or any Board member.

Tornado season is already in full swing. Now is the time to go thru your equipment & give it a head to toe check up! With the most recent in DFW area goes to show that we are long overdue for the Tulsa metro area for a possible hit too. (Don't get me wrong, I'm not asking for one here. I'm just sayin...)

If you are not a member of ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, etc. I strongly urge you to do so. In the event of a local disaster this maybe the only line of communication during these events.

If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, it's not too late!! We are going to be investing some bucks in maintenance in our equipment this year & our dues pays for this.

Tulsa Repeater Organization
Treasury Report 4-16-12 for March 2012

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Respectfully submitted by
Gary Parham-KC5ZQP
Board meeting notes:
Stand advised that the MS Run will be like last year and not split Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Communications for the POST OAK will be done on simplex since the 146.88 will be down.

Steve AA5V will remove the equipment Saturday 2-18-2012 and relocate at Skiatook site.

A discussion was had on how things were done in the command post for the Route 66 run and it was suggested that a video recording be made. After a discussion the Committee decided it was in the TRO's interest not to record.

Meeting adorned at 2100 hrs.

TRO meeting notes: TRO Meeting was held at Tally's at 19:30 hrs.

Minutes were read by Stan Callahan KE5HPB and passed after a motion.

Treasurers report by Gary Parham KC5ZQM and a motion was made to accept by Ed Compos K5CRQ and seconded by Mark Conklin N7XYO and passed on vote.

Steve Miller AA5V discussed using the Sun Building for a site and everyone thought it was a good idea.

Joe Gorkos N5TEX advised the location at 209th W Ave and 41st was still being discussed.

Steve AA5V advise the move on the 146.88 repeater went well and is operating on the water tower in Skiatook. He has a cabinet that will work for the 146.94 repeater and is working on that.

Green Country Hamfest is March 9th and 10th in Claremore.

Mark N7XYO advised all the pass officer had agreed to stay if need be and a polling of the members for other nominations was done with out response and a vote elected the same as last year.

Meeting closed at 20:40hrs.

Joe N5TEX put on a presentation on the effect of Static electricity and prevention. Very good info.
It had been noticed that the transmitter may have a problem. Spurs have been noticed being transmitted on 146.805. I have not made a trip to CityPlex yet to see if we have a problem or our signal is mixing with some other signal causing this to happen. Hopefully I'll do that very soon.

I went to look at the possibilities of the site for 146.94 at the Sun Building at 9th and Detroit downtown Tulsa. It looks great for a repeater and the installation may be ultra simple because of there having been radio equipment installed there before.

I received word from Mike Reynolds - W0KIE that he received word from Explorer that it does not look like we will receive rights to put antennas on top of the Warren II Building. Looking for a place for 805 and 444.95 repeaters now.

said, “I love working disasters and love the storm chasing.”

He remembers having at least one close call in bad weather. He was driving a truck back from Okmulgee when his truck got cloud-wrapped by funnel clouds. Thankfully, the 3,000 gallons of hot oil sitting behind his seat kept the truck stable.

For the past 23 years, Stan has been earning his living by driving a bus for the city of Tulsa.

“If I’m not working or working an event,” Stan said, “you’ll find me out in the woods deer hunting.”

His wife’s name is Joyce, also a member of TRO, and between them, they have five children and eight grandchildren.

Stan really is a type of Santa Claus. He’s brought “gifts” of caring to many storm and disaster victims in Oklahoma, as well “gifts” of time to many organizations that raise money for good causes. Thank you Stan, for a job well done.

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Volunteer Week

Dear Volunteers:

In honor of National Volunteer Week, I am excited once again to share my gratitude and thanks on behalf of the Society’s South Central Board of Trustees, staff, and individuals living with MS, for all your hard work and dedication over the last year.

Uniting Our Region
You are one of more than 10,000 volunteers supporting the fundraising, programs and services, advocacy, and research efforts of the MS Society. Your accomplishments reach across and unite our five-state region, touching countless lives.

Whether you assisted a local office, participated at an event, or contributed to a committee, every hour you have given fueled our momentum. Here are just a few of the victories we achieved in the South Central Region during Fiscal Year 2011:

- Raised more than $27M
- Helped pass new laws in New Mexico, Louisiana and Texas to increase access and control costs for prescription drug therapies for people living with MS
- 244 MS Activists attended Public Policy Conferences in all five states
- 754 families benefited from direct financial assistance
- 930 people attended affiliated Self-Help Groups led by 113 volunteers
- Society grants provided salary support for nurses and social workers at 10 MS clinics
- 282 individuals participated in 35 wellness programs

MS Kills Connection, Connection Kills MS
You are a critical to this organization, a connection between lives affected by MS and the development of new treatments and ultimately a cure. Your time and talents help us raise awareness and continue to move us all closer toward our destination: a world free of MS.

My sincerest appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do!

Very truly yours,

Brad Robbins, Chairman
South Central Board of Trustees
## Area Amateur Radio Testing

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- Tulsa Tech College
- Bates Realty
- City Of Tulsa
- City of Skiatook
- Liberty Fire Department

### The TRO Proudly Serves Our Community and

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![Fire Corps Logo](Image)

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### Area Amateur Radio Community Service

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For more information about the TRO visit www.tulsahamradio.org

Want more information about the Tulsa Repeater Organization or have questions about articles in the newsletter, contact us at email address wa5lvt@tulsahamradio.net or write to:

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