



# THE TRO SIGNAL

**Tulsa Repeater Organization**

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## CHRISTMA PARTY 2017

NOTICE! Change in location. TRO will hold our Christmas Party on December 12 at the **Freeway Café 456 S Sheridan RD.** We know this is short notice, but this is due to the fact that the entire Delta Café chain has ceased operation effective at close of business on December 7, 2017. We especially thank Joe Gorkos N5TEX for finding us a new meeting place on very short notice. The format of the party will be a dirty Santa gift exchange. This is where everybody brings a small item, \$10.00 or less in value or something from your ham shacks junk box. It needs to be wrapped. A participants name is drawn and he/she will pick one of the gifts. The next person who's name is drawn has the option to pick a gift from the pile or steal someone else's gift. If your gift is stolen, you can pick another one from the pile or steal one from someone else. A gift may only be stolen twice. Then recipient no. 2 gets to keep it. *Continued on page 2.*



Freeway Café 456 S Sheridan Road

## NOMINATIONS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's that time of the year again where we will be trying to put together a slate of officers to lead the **TRO** during 2018. The nominating committee consists of a past president and four members at large not currently serving on the Executive Committee. Ben Joplin WB5VST is the past president chairing thee committee. He may be asking for your help during the Christmas party. If

you would like to server on the nominating committee you can contact him by email [ben-jl@aol.com](mailto:ben-jl@aol.com) If you are willing to serve as an officer in 2018, he would like to hear from you. It is believed that Mark N7XYO said that he could serve another year and continue as president. Merlin WB5OSM is willing to continue on as trustee. We have a vacancy at the secretary position for sure,

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY CONT. FROM P1.**



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In addition to the dirty Santa exchange, we will have some prizes not subject to stealing. \$50.00 cash, \$20.00 cash, and \$10.00 cash. Also some left over prizes from Field Day. So come out to the Freeway Café near 4th and Sheridan. Get there about 18L30 if you plant to eat. Family is welcome. Party will get under way at 19:00

**TRO/RED Cross VE Testing Results**  
September and November Sessions

**September 21st Session**

Gerrad Burris, Tulsa, Unlicensed to General!

Etna Dudenholffer, Tulsa, New Tech

Sandra Springer KG5UZD, Prague, Tech to General

Eugene Snyman, Locust Grove, New Tech

Andrew Walsh KD7PFQ, Locust Grove, Tech to General

Melvyn Boyd KG5TER, Pryor, General to Extra!

Seven Candidates on the Roster six actual candidates. Mr. Boyd succeeded on the Extra on his second attempt. Hey success is success. Everybody got what they came for.

VE Team: Eli W5PPD

Skipper NQ2J

Kevin Af5SW

Don KG5NNO  
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Tulsa Repeater Organization**

Treasurer's Report of November 13, 2017

**Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balances \$5890.41**

Checking Beginning Balance **\$2400.55**

10/24 3254 Ben Joplin – WB5VST Wouxun KG-UV920P-A  
-\$253.97

10/31 3255 Steve Miller – AA5V 2 WDT Dinners 1 unpaid WDT Dinner  
-\$42.16

Checking Balance **\$2104.42**

PayPal Beginning Balance

**\$56.22**

PayPal Ending Balance

**\$56.22**

Cash \$5.00 10/24 Donation +\$25.00

Balance \$30.00

Savings Beginning Balance \$3428.64

10/31/17 Interest +\$0.73

Ending Savings Account Balance \$3429.37

Total TRO Account Balances \$5620.01

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V  
11/13/2017

“TO CATCH THE READER’S ATTENTION, PLACE AN INTERESTING SENTENCE OR QUOTE FROM THE STORY HERE.”

**OFFICERS CONTINUED FROM P1**

No word yet on the VP position and treasurer's slot. The VP runs the meetings when the president is absent and is also in charge of coming up with a program after the business meeting each month. Hey we have a projector and screen now. So we can

Play interesting videos from DVD or the web. Or do Power Point presentations. So that makes this job a little easier. It doesn't mean that the VP has to come up with the program himself. If you have an idea for something cool, just let the VP know. The secretary keeps the minutes of the club meetings and the executive committee

meetings. The treasurer of course keeps track of the club's finances. Accepts the dues and pays all the bills. Then generates the financial report every month. Any member in good standing can serve in any of these positions. You should be a club member for at least one year.



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## VE TESTING CONT.FM P2

November 16 session.	Larry Cloer, Broken Arrow, New Tech	KG5NNO, congrats on the new call sign Don.
Richard Howard KB0QYF, Brookline, MO., Tech to General.	Jeff Armantrout KG5VVE, Owasso, Tech to General	Merlin WB5OSM lead both sessions. The next session is scheduled for January 18, 2018 back at the American Red Cross Chapter 10151 E 11th St Tulsa. Barring Ice and Snow on the ground Contact Merlin WB5OSM 918.520.7668 or email WB5OSM@hotmail.com.
Steven Skaggs, Tulsa, new Tech.	Andrew Walsh KD7PFQ, Locust Grove , General to Extra!	
Timothy Snyman, Locust Grove, New Tech	Nine Candidates, all but one passed. Al but one got what they came for. The VE Team	
Alejandro Gutierrez, Tulsa, New Tech	Eli W5PPD	
Calvin Easterling KG5VVI, Tulsa, Tech to General	Skipper NQ2J	
	Don W8AW, formerly	

AT THE LAST *TRO* MEETING

Tulsa Repeater Organization September 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes October 24, 2017 1900 hrs. Delta Cafe, 41st & Garnett Open with introductions at 1910 # Present 34 Reading of Minutes: September 26, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes motion to accept as sent to members via email by Paul Young - KE5EHM and second by Ed Compos - K5CRQ, voted to approve. Treasury Report: Updated and emailed to members 10/25/17 motion to accept by Ben Joplin - WB5VST and second by Ray Young - K5CFY. Motion carried on vote. Engineering: Report by Chairman Joe Gorkos - N5TEX, 146.94 repeater is down, all other systems up. Ben Joplin - WB5VST reported new APRS Dual Band is installed in the portable Net Control station. Activities: Report from Paul Young - KE5EHM - Boy Scouts (JOTA) 10/21/17 - Paul Young - KE5EHM, Ray Young - K5CFY and Ben Joplin - WB5VST to work this event. About 120 kids and 30 or 40 viewed amateur radio station. Trustee: Merlin Griffin - WB5OSM - Nothing to report. Old Business: Mark Conklin - N7XYO - we still need volunteers for Secretary, Public Relations chair and Activities chair. New Business: Chairman Kenneth Baucum - KG5CBM - motioned for vote to not work the Route 66 Marathon. Stan Callahan - KA5STN seconded. Members approved. Ben - WB5VST reported one Argent died in the Net Control Station for events. Bob Buford - W5RAB has a new one to sell for \$250.00. Motion made by Ken - KG5CGM and

seconded by Paul - KE5EHM to purchase the Argent from Bob. Motion approved by members. Announcements: Need volunteers for TRO Secretary, PR Committee Chair and Activities chair. Ken - KG5CBM made motion to adjourn meeting and Mark Thrash - WB5MBK seconded. Approved by membership vote at 1918. End of Business: 1918 Program this month is presented by Weather Decisions Technology's Steve Miller - WX5RFD VP Marketing and Mike Wolfenbarger VP Development. RadarScope software was created by Weather Decisions Technology.

Green Country Hamfest  
2018

Will be held April 13th and 14th 2018 back once again at the Claremore Expo Center. Admission will be \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door. Flea Market tables \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. 1st Prize will be the Elecraft KS3, deluxe (DXer's dream) Transceiver, all modes 160-6 meters. The rest of the prize package is still being worked out. On-line pre-registration begins right around the 1st of the year. Go to [Greencountryhamfest.org](http://Greencountryhamfest.org) for more information.

HELP WANTED  
PR CHAIR  
OFFICERS FOR  
NEXT YEAR,  
ESPECIALLY  
SECRETARY



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