



THE TRO SIGNAL

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Meeting place for the February 27, 2018 meeting will be at Reasor's Deli

Redbud Cafe Meeting Room
inside the Reasor's in Jenks, OK,
446 South Elm Street
Come early to eat.
Meeting begins at 1900.

2018 TRO Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee - Consists of Ben WB5VST (Past Prez), Ray Young, K5CFY, Kelly Baker, N5TUG, Richie Scroff, W5OKL and Stan Callahan, KA5STN.

PRESIDENT Paul Young, KE5EHM
VP Tommy Stroud, KD5OPH
TRES Steve Miller, AA5V
SEC Paul Teel, WB5ANX
TRUSTEE Merlin Griffin, WB5OSM

*** Nominating Committee: Report**

- Jan membership meeting - Nominating Committee present 1 nominee for each principal office and accept nominations from the floor.
- Nominee to provide bio for February SIGNAL.
- Election at February Membership meeting.

TRO Officer Bios for 2018

President Paul Young, KE5EHM - I worked at Safeway/Homeland for 23 years; retired from them and started working at a heating and air conditioning company. I got my ticket (license) in 2005, to do storm spotting. After a short time I found out there are so many things to do with Ham radio. I joined TRO and other radio clubs to help support the repeaters in and around Tulsa. I help out on all events that I can. Looking forward serving as TRO President.

Vice President Tommy Stroud, KD5OPH - I got my Ham License in 2001 and joined TRO in March 2005, through the years served in various key positions to include Club President, Vice President, Activities Chairman and recently Membership Chairman. Also in conjunction I have helped out major organization by working with event committees in roles of Communication Director to include Williams Route 66 Marathon, American Diabetes Association, Post Oak Challenge Bike MS 150. I am a founding member and have over 20 years as Captain, Firefighter / EMT with Oak Grove Fire Department. I was also a founding member with the Wagoner County Firefighter Association serving 10 years on the Executive Board as Chairman or Vice Chairman. I am an ARES DEC, Skywarn Storm Spotter and Storm Chaser for Tulsa Channel 8 First Warn Storm Team, I serve in Christian Music Ministries at Oak Grove Baptist Church of Catoosa.

Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V – I have been Treasurer for the TRO for ten years in the past and it is my fourth office held in TRO since becoming a member in 1978. I have been the Site Chairman of the 146.94 MHz repeater since 1981. My interest in amateur radio began with earning the Amateur Extra Class license and Commercial Radiotelephone license in 1978. I have been a member of ARRL since April 1977. Additional membership activities include my participation in the planning committee for Green Country Hamfest, Inc., VE test examiner, webmaster for TRO and Green Country and as an active member of Skywarn. Retired from my occupation as a Lead Programmer Analyst for Tulsa County.

Secretary Paul Teel, WB5ANX - has been involved in Amateur Radio since 1969. He took an early interest in electronics and radios and got his novice license (WN5ANX) while in middle school. Many a day working CW on HF with home built 3 element beam and inverted V. He upgraded to a General class license in high school. That spawned an interest in VHF and working with TRO. While in high school he helped Pat Devlin with repeater work at the channel 6 TV tower NW of Tulsa and the "Golf Ball" water tower site near 81st and Harvard. After a long gap he is actively involved in amateur radio and currently serves as the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Tulsa County.

Trustee Merlin Griffin, WB5OSM - First licensed in 1971 at WN5EMG as Novice class operator. At that time Novices could only operate with 75 watts DC Input, CW (Morse Code) only, and Crystal Controlled. I decided to start out on 40 meters, but it seemed like the three frequencies I picked were all occupied by Short Wave Broadcast stations all running at least a 1/4 megawatt. Radio Moscow was probably running a full megawatt. Another restriction on Novices was that the license was good for only two years and was not renewable. If your license expired before you upgraded then you had to sit out for a year and retest to get back in. I wasn't able to get my code speed up to 13 wpm at the time, and didn't have money for VHF equipment, so I had to sit out for a year. One Saturday Morning at Derrick Electronics in Broken Arrow, I met Preacher, W5DRZ, an older gentleman at the time. He encouraged me to get back in and he and another ham gave me my second Novice Test. I got back in as WN5OSM. After both operating and practicing every night for a while, I was able to pass the 13 WPM code test, along with the 50 question written test and upgrade to General, and the FCC issued my

present call WB5OSM. Then after about another year I took and passed the Advanced class exam, and about another year, year and a half, It was summer and I was a little bored. So, just for something to do, I got my code speed up, and stuffed my brain full of more electronic theory and passed the Extra Class exam. Except for the Novice test, I had to take all of my tests from the FCC. At first they came to Tulsa four times a year, then twice a year, then once a year. Then they stopped coming at all. When they were doing this they were in OKC on the same day. So if you couldn't get there on that day, your only options were to get to either Kansas City or Dallas to one of their district offices. Also, keep in mind that they only gave the exam during normal business hours. So, to take any exam above entry level you had to take off from work or school. I always said there had to be better way, so when the VE Testing program started up I got my credentials and have been an active VE ever since.

OK, the rest of it:

Past president of TRO

Trustee TRO

Site engineering chairman for the 146.88 repeater

President Green Country Hamfest INC.

Vice-president of Oklahoma Repeater Society Inc., also serve as their Tulsa District Officer, and State Frequency Coordinator.

Volunteer Examiner.

When I'm not busy doing ham radio, I have been employed by the City of Tulsa W&S Dept for almost 39 years. I am called an Environmental Monitoring Officer which means I am the computer geek for their chemistry lab. So I am part chemist and part computer geek. I've been married to my wonderful wife Lynda for the last 12 years. By the way, she holds a tech license, KE5VYN. We fist met a storm spotter training class, then I took her on a few fox hunts. She was so impressed with ham radio, that she got her license. When I introduced her to some of you, I just gave her first names and call signs as we do. She asked me "Do any or your friends have last names of just these weird letters and numbers?" I thought about it for a few seconds and said well not really!

January 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018 1900 hrs.

Redbud Cafe, 446 South Elm Street, Jenks, OK

Open with introductions at 1904 # Present 30

Reading of Minutes: December 12, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes motion to accept as sent to members via email.

Treasury Report: Updated and emailed to members 01/22/17 motion to accept and carried by vote.

Engineering: Report by Chairman Joe Gorkos - N5TEX, 146.94 repeater is worse from the lightening hit than we thought. Duplexer burnt, antenna bad, coax jumper at antenna bad, surge protector bad and probably audio chip burnt out in controller. Heliac is good.

Proposed to replace the repeater with Yaesu 1X with most current firmware, 3 year warranty for \$400.00. Replace duplexer Decibel Products 6 pack \$500.00. Antenna will probably be replaced with half of a Decibel Products 224. Cost unknown.

Motion made by Ken Baucum – KG5CBM and seconded by Tom Shaw – K5OVT to purchase the Yaesu 1X and the duplexer. Passed by vote of membership.

Officer Nominating Committee this year was Ben Joplin – WB5VST, Ray Young – K5CFY, Kelly Baker – N5TUG, Richie Shroff – W5OKL and Stan Callahan – KA5STN.

Officer nominations made by committee:

President Paul Young – KE5EHM

Vice-President Tom Stroud - KD5OPH

Secretary Paul Teel – WB5ANX

Treasurer Steve Miller – AA5V

Trustee Merlin Griffin – WB5OSM

No nominations from the floor.

Those nominated reminded a biography must be submitted to be published in the February TRO Signal newsletter.

Motion to close business meeting by Joe Gorkos – N5TEX and seconded by Ken – KG5CBM. Passed by membership vote.

Close business meeting at 1920.

Program was presentation by Rocky Keys – WB5NJU about 147.39 repeater and others he maintains.

Treasurer's Report of February 25, 2018

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balances \$5211.44

Checking Beginning Balance \$1704.42

02/15 3259 Yaesu for DR-1XFR - Refurbished -\$400.00

for replacement of 146.94 repeater

Checking Balance \$1304.42

PayPal Beginning Balance \$46.22

PayPal Ending Balance \$46.22

Cash \$30.00

Balance \$30.00

Savings Beginning Balance \$3430.80

12/31/17 Interest +\$1.12

Ending Savings Account Balance \$3431.92

Total TRO Account Balances \$4812.56

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 02/25/2018

New Members

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 me-ters. 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 for more information.