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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

PREZ SAYS:

I hope everyone is staying warm and dry with all this cold weather and snow. So far I have not lost power to my home. This month we will have election of officers.

We are looking for a Secretary, if you know of some one please let us know. Elections will be this month. Just a reminder club dues will be due on March 1, 2021. You will get a notice in the mail to mail your dues in.

Thank you in advance for you support.

TRO President
Paul Young - KE5EHM

MEETING PLACE FOR FEBRUARY 23rd IS:

The TRO meeting for February will be on the 146.94 repeater at 8 PM on Tuesday, February 23rd. 146.940MHz -600KHz offset and 88.5 PL.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR THE 03/01/2021 THROUGH 02/28/2022 FISCAL YEAR:

President	- Paul Young	- KE5EHM
Vice-President	- Tom Stroud	- KD5OPH
Secretary	- Open	-
Treasurer	- Steve Miller	- AA5V
Trustee	- Merlin Griffin	- WB5OSM

TRO 2021 OFFICER CANIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

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 to serving as TRO President another year.

Vice President Tommy Stroud, KD5OPH - I would like to say thank you to the nominating committee and the members for considering me to continue in the TRO Vice President's position. As most of you

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may know, looking back, I got my Ham ticket in 2001 and joined the TRO radio club in March of 2005, through the years, I served and continue to serve in various positions to include President, Vice President, Activities Chairman and Membership Chairman. Also in conjunction, I have helped out many major organization by advising and working with event committees in volunteer roles of Safety and Communication Director to include, Williams Route 66 Marathon, American Diabetes Association, Post Oak Challenge, Bike MS 150 and Center Of the Universe Music Festival, as a founding now-retired member I served 22 years as Volunteer Captain, Firefighter, and EMT with the Oak Grove Fire Protection District. In that time I was a founding member of the Wagoner County Firefighter Association serving 10 years on the Wagoner County FFA Executive Board as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, on a side note, in 1976 I was the First Eagle Scout in 27 years in the Catoosa area. Currently, I am working as a Freelance Electrician Sub Contractor for a major manufacturing facility and volunteer in ARES as a District Emergency Coordinator, Skywarn Storm Spotter, and work as a contracted Storm Chaser for the Tulsa News Channel 8 First Warning Storm Team. In 2004, I rededicated my life to Christ and currently serve in Christian Music Ministries at the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Catoosa. For the 2021 slate, I will continue working with the President Paul Young and the executive committee to provide whatever services that may be needed to ensure our equipment is in top operational order and ready to meet the communities communication needs, to grow our membership, and try to provide training and information but yet keep it fun and interesting for our members. In closing thank you for your support and dedication to our club and Ham Radio Communication Services ...73's KD5OPH

Secretary - OPEN

Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V – I have been Treasurer for the TRO for ten or fifteen 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., 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.

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 40 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 13 years. By the way, she holds a tech license, KE5VYN. We first met at 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 of your friends have last names or just these weird letters and numbers?", I thought about it for a few seconds and said well not really!



GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST 2022 WILL BE APRIL 8 & 9:

18 February 2021

CLAREMORE, OK – As reported in January of this year, the Green Country Hamfest would not be holding our 2021 hamfest on our normal weekend in April. Our committee had been in discussions with our vendors/partners and the Claremore Expo seeking to find a suitable alternative date for later in the fall.

As Oklahoma's largest and most attended hamfest, the Green Country Hamfest committee really wanted to make this happen. So, it is with much disappointment that we must announce that due to the many scheduling conflicts we will not be hosting a Green Country Hamfest in 2021.

We truly appreciate your support and patronage of the Green Country Hamfest and look forward to seeing everyone in April 2022.

Major prizes will be held over to the 2022 Green Country Hamfest.

There is hope of hosting a Tailgate Swap Meet later this year in Tulsa; nothing is set as of yet.
Check our website often www.GreenCountryHamfest.org for updates.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

If you have further questions please email: info@greencountryhamfest.org

73,
Green Country Hamfest
GreenCountryHamfest.org

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 02/22/21:

Treasury Report of February 22, 2021

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance		\$5742.42
Checking Beginning Balance		\$2023.97
02/22 Deposit 1-Family 1-Regular	+55.00	
Checking Balance		\$2078.97
PayPal Beginning Balance		\$171.91
PayPal Ending Balance		\$171.91
Cash Beginning Balance		\$70.00
Cash Ending Balance		\$70.00
Savings Beginning Balance		\$3476.54
01/29 Interest Earned	+0.88	
Ending Savings Account Balance		\$3477.42
Total TRO Account Balance		\$5798.30

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 02/22/2021

TRO/RED CROSS VE TESTING SESSION:

At the TRO/Red Cross VE testing session on January 21, 2021 we served nine applicants and eight met with success.

Mr. Travis Smith of Beggs OK, new Technician
Mr. Ronald Patrick W5RKP of Broken Arrow, OK upgraded to General
Ms. Lillian Hamilton of Sapulpa, OK, new Technician
Mr. Gary George of Henryetta, OK, new Technician
Mr. William Goswick of Tulsa, new Technician
Mr. James Shope of Muskogee, OK, new Technician
Mr. Michael Snyman of Hulbert, OK, new Technician
Mr. Eugene Snyman KG5VP of Locust Grove, OK upgraded to General

One gentleman attempted to upgrade to General, but didn't make it.

The VE team was:

Bob Cehelnik - KF5EQX

Jarus Barnett - AI5Q

Merlin Griffin - WB5OSM

We will be back at the Red Cross on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 19:00 hrs.
73 DE WB5OSM

ENGINEERING REPORT:

By Joe Gorkos – N5TEX

All systems except the 927.7 repeater are working.

Merlin – WB5OSM says the reprogramming of the SCOM 7330 controller is done and we will be returning the 146.88 repeater to full service once, weather and time permit.

REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 Prosperity Center 71st & Yale - Working

146.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3
(Keetonville receiver) 81st & Lewis - Working

146.940 (-) PL 88.5 Sun Building, 9th & Detroit – Working

927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7) CityPlex - Down

Metro Link:

444.1 (+) PL 88.5 Skyline East 41st & Skelly Drive – Working

444.725 (+) PL 88.5 GRDA tower NW of Skiatook – Working

444.950 (+) PL 88.5 Prosperity Center 71st & Yale – Working

ARES Net



Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays on the 147.39 MHz repeater
4th and if there is a 5th Thursday use the
TARC Super Link System 443.850 MHz PL 88.5 Hz

CLUB MEETINGS

Tulsa Repeater Organization

Fourth Tuesday of the month, except June (Field Day) and December (Christmas) 1900 (7PM)
Due to the Covid19 distancing directive the TRO meeting will be held on the 146.94 repeater (88.5PL) at 8:00PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Schedule for 2021: JAN 26, FEB 23, MAR 23, APR 27, MAY 25, JUL 27, AUG 24, SEP 28, OCT 26, NOV 23, DEC 14

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive the TARC meeting will be held on the 145.110 repeater (88.5PL) at 7:00PM on the third Tuesday of the month.

Schedule for 2021: JAN 19, FEB 16, MAR 16, APR 20, MAY 18, JUN 15, JUL 20, AUG 17, SEP 21, OCT 19, NOV 16, DEC 21

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 (7 PM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive, check the BAARC website at www.w5drz.org for meeting information.

Schedule for 2021: JAN 4, FEB 1, MAR 1, APR 5, MAY 3, JUN 7, JUL 5, AUG 2, SEP 6, OCT 4, NOV 1, DEC 6

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month at 0800 (8 AM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive, check the RCWA website at www.rcwa.org for meeting information.

Schedule for 2021: JAN 9, FEB 13, MAR 13, APR 10, MAY 8, JUN 12, JUL 10, AUG 14, SEP 11, OCT 9, NOV 13, DEC 11

VE TEST SESSIONS

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!

Due to the Covid19 pandemic check with the contact for each testing session for their plans.

Tulsa Repeater Organization

Third Thursday of odd-numbered months, 1900 (7 PM)

American Red Cross 10151 E 11th (11th & US 169) Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

Contact: Merlin Griffin WB5OSM at 918-520-7668 - leave message, or email: WB5OSM@hotmail.com

Broken Arrow Emergency Management

First Saturday of odd-numbered months - 0930 to 1100 (9:30 to 11 AM)

Broken Arrow Public Service Complex 1001 N 6th Street Broken Arrow OK 74012

Contact: Loyd Beeson, AE5MM at ae5mm@arrl.net or 918.638.2393 (text msg or voice)

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

Second Saturday of even-numbered months at 0930 (9:30 AM)

Broken Arrow Public Service Complex 1001 N 6th Street Broken Arrow OK 74012

Contact: Don Doyle AC5II at AC5II@arrl.net or 918-379-0962

Rogers County Wireless Association (New session in Owasso)

First Saturday of each quarter at 0900 (9:00 AM)

Trinity House, 9210 N Garnett, Owasso OK 74055

Contact: Dustin Dye, AB5C at: (918)734-0869 or contact@rcwa.org

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Saturday of every month at 0900

Pentecostals of West Tulsa 2124 W 41st Tulsa OK

Contact: John Carr, K5TBL at K5TBL@arrl.net or (918) 289-1718

ARRL VEC SESSION

Last Saturday of even-numbered months, 1000 to 1130 AM

Broken Arrow Public Service Complex 1001 N 6th Street Broken Arrow OK 74012

Walk-ins welcome until 1030

Contact: Skipper Smith, NQ2J at: nq2j@cox.net or 918-853-8118

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