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PREZ SAYZ:

Green Country Hamfest is April 10th and 11th. This is the link to get tickets. www.greencountryhamfest.org. I hope you are making plans to go. I will be there both days, make sure to come by the TRO table and say hi. The next TRO meeting is March 24, at the FreeWay Cafe 5849 South 49th West Ave. Tulsa. The meeting starts at 7:00 come early if you want to eat with some of us around 6:00. I hope to see you there or at Green Country Hamfest in April.

TRO President
Paul Young – KE5EHM

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE 03/01/2026 THROUGH 02/28/2027 FISCAL YEAR:

President	- Paul Young -	KE5EHM
Vice-President	- Don Ferry -	N5DGF
Secretary	- Bart Pickens -	N5TWB
Treasurer	- Steve Miller -	AA5V
Trustee	- Merlin Griffin -	WB5OSM

TRO MEMEBRSHIP DUES:

TRO annual membership dues are due in March. Regular - \$25.00 and Family - \$30.00

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You can make payment using PayPal. If you have a PayPal account, sign in to your account, select the Send and Request feature, then select Pay for Goods or Services. The system will ask for an email. Use wa5lvt@tulsahamradio.org. Then set the amount to \$25.00 US, add the description, “2026 TRO Membership Dues for < your name & callsign >,” designate the checking account or debit/credit card you wish to use, and submit. Both you and myself will receive confirmation emails when the payment has been processed.

Speaking of the Green Country Hamfest:

We are seeking additional people to serve on the committee. Right now Merlin WB5OSM is filling both positions of treasurer and president. Most of our meetings are held by Zoom, and we take June, July, and August every year off. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

Merlin WB5OSM wb5osm@hotmail.com

Green Country 2026 will be once again at the Claremore Expo Center 400 Veterans Parkway in Claremore. Public hours, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday the 10th and 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday the 11th. Admission \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Flea Market tables \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door (if any remain.) Commercial Booths are \$50.00 ea. Electrical Service is \$25.00 and bring your own extension cord. It needs to be a heavy duty cord and taped to the floor if it crosses an aisle. In the flea market area, if you need electricity, please reserve tables on the outside rows.

Prize package this year:

We are excited to present this, for the first ever the Grand Prize is: A complete station. Includes a Yaesu FT-891 160-6M transceiver, a 20 AH battery and charger, a rollout end fed antenna and mast. Plus, a backpack to carry it all in. In other words, a complete portable station suitable for camping or backpacking. Throw in a dual band HT and you would have a decent ARES go bag. This is the DX Engineering POTA-8. We got a good deal on this from DX Engineering.

2nd Prize is a Yaesu FTDX-10 Hybrid SDR deluxe transceiver covering 160-6M. 100W max output.

3rd Prize is a Yaesu FTM-510DASP Dual Band 144/440 MHz FM/C4FM Transceiver with Digital Audio Processing.

2nd and 3rd Place prizes were the results of a good deal from Associated Radio, who will have a booth at the hamfest.

Special Raffle Prize: a Yaesu FT-710AESS 160-6M Hybrid SDR Transceiver with external speaker. This is a very critically acclaimed rig. The receiver's capability was rated very high by Sherwood Engineering. A \$20.00 ticket will buy a 1 in 200 chance to win this very high capability HF rig. Only a maximum of 200 tickets will be sold.

Other prizes include Yaesu FT-4XR dual band HT's and a couple of dual band DMR/ Analog FM HTs.

For more info and registration is open at <http://greencountryhamfest.org>

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 03/22/26:

Treasury Report of March 22, 2026

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance	\$6625.36
Checking Beginning Balance	\$2480.12
03/22 3321 Steve Miller –	-\$200.00
Reimbursement TRO Liability Insurance	
Checking Ending Balance	\$2280.12
PayPal Beginning Balance	\$497.72
No Activity	
PayPal Ending Balance	\$497.72
Cash Beginning Balance	\$175.00
Cash Ending Balance	\$175.00
Savings Beginning Balance	\$3472.52
02/27 Interest Earned	+0.53
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$3473.05
Total TRO Account Balance	\$6425.89

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 03/22/2026

TRO SECRETARY - MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, 02/24/26:

2/24/2026 General Membership meeting

Paul Young, Presiding

9 Members present

Regular Business:

- Treasurer Report as published in The Signal: Motion to approve - Remell, second - Joe - - APPROVED

- Secretary Report as published in The Signal: Motion to approve - Shannon, second - Kenny - - APPROVED

- Engineering - all systems nominal

Activity:

- WX Spotter Training: 3/17 (since CANCELLED)

- Green Country Hamfest, Claremore: Registration is now open for the 4/10-11 event

Special Business:

- Officer election: Slate of current officers moved for return to office - Motion by Remell, second by Kenny

- - APPROVED

Ajournment - moved by Kenny, second by Shannon - - APPROVED

Respectfully submitted -
Bart Pickens, N5TWB
TRO Secretary

TRO VE Test Session Results of March 19, 2026:

Two Candidates, took the exam and both got what they came for.

Mr. Ben Yakov of Claremore, new Technician

Mr. Darin Hall of Tulsa, also a new Technician

The VE's were:

Tom Shelton K5OHM

Curtis Looper N5CEL

Don Ewing N5SGE

Merlin Griffin WB5OSM

This was our second all electronic exam session using the Exam Tools software provided by ARRL-VEC. Curtis and Don have more practice with it, than Tom or I so we kind of needed their expertise.

The next test session sponsored by the TRO and Tulsa Red Cross, will be May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM. There will be two sessions at the Green Country Hamfest, one Friday April 10, 2026 evening at 6:00 PM in the Will Rogers room at the Expo Building, Then one at 1:00 PM on Saturday April 11, 2026 in the Rogers Country Building on the NW corner of the Expo parking lot.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Engineering - Paul Teel reports .805 & .950 ready to be installed at Leonard site. Ben Joplin reports work at the Skiatook site by the city is on hold for contractor scheduling for the roof replacement on the equipment shed.

REPEATER STATUS	
146.805 (-) PL 88.5	???? – Down
146.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3 (Keetonville receiver)	81 st & Lewis – Working
146.940 (-) PL 88.5	Sun Building, 9 th & Detroit – Working
927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7)	CityPlex - Working
Metro Link:	
444.1 (+) PL 88.5	Skyline East 41 st & Skelly Drive – Working
444.725 (+) PL 88.5	GRDA tower NW of Skiatook – Working
444.950 (+) PL 88.5	???? – Down

Activities:

TRO Monthly Meeting at Freeway Cafe

5849 South 49th West Avenue. Come early to have supper. Tuesday, March 24.

Green Country Hamfest April 10 and 11

Tour de Tulsa May 2

Camp Bandage May 2

Cop Land Classic May 16

Tulsa Tough June 6 and 7

Ride To Remember June 20

Field Day June 27 and 28

Keep these dates in mind if you would like to help. The next club meeting will be February 24 at 7:00. If you would like to eat with us and meet some of the members come at 6:00. The location is FreeWay Cafe at 5849 South 49th West Avenue, Tulsa. I hope to see you there.



ARES Net

Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM

1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays on the 145.17 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 at 1900 (7PM) except June (Field Day) and December (Christmas). Meetings are held at Freeway Cafe at 5849 South 49th West Avenue in Tulsa. If you plan on eating be there 30 minutes to an hour early.

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)
Meetings are held at Tulsa University Keplinger Hall Room 3140 (west of Harvard & 5th Street)

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 (7 PM)
Community Recreation Center, 1500 South Main, Broken Arrow

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month at 0800 (8 AM)
Check the RCWA website at www.rcwa.org for meeting information.

VE TEST SESSIONS

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!

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 WB5OSM@hotmail.com or (918)520-7668 - leave message

Broken Arrow Emergency Management

First Saturday of odd-numbered months - 0900 to 1100 (9:00 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 contact@rcwa.org or (918)734-0869

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Our Website: www.tulsahamradio.org

Our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TulsaRepeaterOrganization/>

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