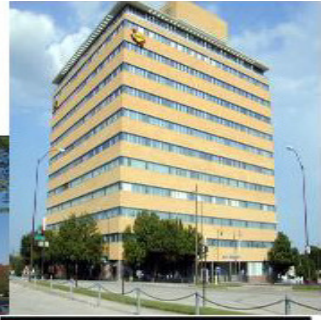




# THE SIGNAL



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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

## PREZ SAYZ:

In case you did not know, we had to move our meeting place because Shilo's started closing on Tuesdays. Per our polling, members wanted a new meeting place. I found a place I want to try. Freeway Cafe 5849 S 49th W Ave Tulsa, OK 74107. They have a meeting room we can use. Meeting is Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:00. Come early if you want to eat with us (6:00). Next, we are looking for SAGS to help out with DAM JAM 2022. If you want to help, please email me and I will put you on the list. If you are a new Ham or never been a SAG before, we have a ride along to help train you. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Also, I hope to see everyone at the new meeting place.

TRO President  
Paul Young - KE5EHM

## NEW MEETING PLACE FOR AUGUST 23rd IS FREEWAY CAFE:

The TRO meeting for August will be at **Freeway Cafe, 5849 S 49<sup>th</sup> West Avenue in Tulsa** at 1900. Come 30 minutes to an hour early if you plan to eat.

## TRO JULY 21<sup>st</sup> VE TESTING SESSION:

At the July 21 2022 **TRO/Red Cross** VE Testing session: The following applicants met with success.

- Mr. Warren Crook KI5VWF of Broken Arrow upgraded Technician to General class.
- Ms. Linda Barnett KI5VYF of Tulsa upgraded Technician to General class.
- Ms. Leslie McDonald of Broken Arroe new Technician.
- Mr. Gregory Martin KB5VDA of Tulsa upgraded Technician to General class.
- Mr. Lawrence Duncan KI5URK of Tulsa upgraded Technician to General class.
- Mr. Logan Ledbetter of Tulsa new Technician.

All six applicants got what they came for, four upgrades to General and two new Technicians.

Note, Linda Barnett KI5VYF is no relationship to the VE Jerus Barnett AI5Q.

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The VE Team was Bob Cehlenik KF5EQX, Jerus Barnett AI5Q, Justin Painter AL5SW, and Merlin WB5OSM.

Our next session at the Red Cross will be September 15, 2022 19:00 hrs.  
Contact Merlin WB5OSM 918-520-7668 wb5osm@hotmail.com for more information.

Also, VE teams received information from the ARRL that users trying to pay the application fee for license renewals, upgrades, etc., should do it from a computer, not a tablet or smartphone. There is some kind of bug in the system. In other VE Testing news the new Technician Question pool went into effect on July 1.

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**MINUTES OF 07/26/2022 TRO MEETING:**

TRO General membership meeting 7/26/2022

Meeting was held at Shiloh's Restaurant - President Paul Young presiding. 12 members were present.

Regular business:

Minutes from the May meeting as published in TRO Signal: Motion to approve - Ray, second by Don APPROVED

Treasurer report as published in the TRO Signal: Motion to approve - Bart, second by Paul T. APPROVED

Old business:

No new info on potential site for the .805 repeater. Paul Young to make further inquiries with building manager.

Status is unknown on River Spirit site for 444.950 repeater.

New business:

Presentation and funding request for APRS upgrades from Paul Teel. Requested amount: Not to exceed \$500.

Funds to be used for mast antenna hardware/cable purchases and repair/replace components of tracker boxes. Fund request also notes the donation of coax, connectors, and jumpers by Bob Buford.

Motion to approve: Ray with a second by Steve - APPROVED

General announcement: a new Engineering Chair is needed to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of the previous chair. Any interested member should contact a member of the Executive Committee to volunteer.

Adjournment @ 1940 hrs - Motion by Merlin, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted -  
Bart Pickens, N5TWB  
TRO Club Secretary

**TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 08/16/22:**

<b>Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7241.25</b>
Checking Beginning Balance	<b>\$3416.31</b>
08/15 Steve Miller reimburse for GoDaddy tulsahamradio.org 10 year domain name renewal	-\$211.70
Checking Balance	<b>\$3204.61</b>
PayPal Beginning Balance	<b>\$265.36</b>
PayPal Ending Balance	<b>\$265.36</b>
Cash Beginning Balance	<b>\$70.00</b>
Cash Ending Balance	<b>\$70.00</b>
Savings Beginning Balance	<b>\$3489.58</b>
07/29 Interest Earned	+0.59
Ending Savings Account Balance	<b>\$3490.17</b>
<b>Total TRO Account Balance</b>	<b>\$7030.14</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 08/16/2022

**HAM HOLIDAY FOLLOW UP:**

Ham Holiday 2022 is “in-the-books” and it was another great event. This year the Oklahoma City hamfest was held in person at Oklahoma City Community College after a two-year hiatus. The OKC hamfest has been held since 1974 in the Oklahoma City area. A hamfest is a place for amateur radio operators to meet and greet their fellow hams, buy and sell their radio equipment, learn some new operating modes or upcoming activities, and just have fun.

On Friday, the hamfest operated from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and was followed by a banquet that featured our ARRL West Gulf Division Director John Stratton N5AUS. John gave us an update on the information from the most recent ARRL board of directors meeting, HOA legislation, congressional involvement, current issues in the amateur radio community, and future plans of the ARRL,

The flea market tables were filled with goodies of all sizes and shapes. Everything from microphones, to radios and amplifiers, were displayed and were available for sale. Associated Radio, Derby Radio Shack, and Lee Rhode had their commercial wares available for sale.

Educational forums were offered on ARRL/ARES activities, Winlink, AREDN Mesh Network, Parks On the Air (POTA), AUXCOM, YLs, antenna building kits, and the Oklahoma DX Association were mostly standing room only.

Raffles offered attendees many prize-winning opportunities throughout the weekend. The winner of the grand prize Yaesu FTDX10 radio was Coy Day N5OK. This year there was an extra raffle that gave us a chance, for \$20, to win a deluxe ICOM 705 package that included the automatic antenna tuner, external case parts, an external display, and other goodies. Steve Duskin NE5SD walked away with that great radio package with a HUGE smile on his face.

The SCARS VE Team held an exam session that netted new technicians and a new general.

This year the Fox 25 television station showed up to provide local news coverage, the Oklahoma News Network ran some stories on their network of 50 radio stations, and our friend Jason Johnson KC5HWB, from Ham Radio 2.0 stopped by on Saturday to get a view of the hamfest.

So, if you missed it, our next local hamfest will be the Texoma Hamarama on October 21/22, 2022, and the next OKC Ham Holiday will be July 28/29, 2023.

See you there!

## ENGINEERING REPORT:

No major changes to any of the repeaters.

### REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 ? ? ? ? – Down  
146.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3  
(Keetonville receiver) 81<sup>st</sup> & Lewis – Working  
146.940 (-) PL 88.5 Sun Building, 9<sup>th</sup> & Detroit – Working  
927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7) CityPlex - Working

Metro Link:

444.1 (+) PL 88.5 Skyline East 41<sup>st</sup> & Skelly Drive – Working  
444.725 (+) PL 88.5 GRDA tower NW of Skiatook – Working  
444.950 (+) PL 88.5 ? ? ? ? – Down



### ARES Net

Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays on the 147.39 MHz repeater  
4<sup>th</sup> and if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Meetings are held at Shiloh's Restaurant at 2604 North Aspen in Broken Arrow.

### **Tulsa Amateur Radio Club**

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)  
Meetings are held at Tulsa University Keplinger Hall Room 3140 (west of Harvard & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcwa.org) for meeting information. I couldn't find it.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:contact@rcwa.org) or (918)734-0869

### **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](mailto:nq2j@cox.net) or (918)853-8118

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

**Our Yahoo Group:** <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WA5LVT/info>

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