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POST OAK CHALLENGE

Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3

Saturday trail runs from 0800 to 1500.

Sunday Marathons including trail and road from 0800 to 13 to 1400.

There are at least 5 operators needed each day of this event.

No problem if you want to help one of the days or both.

Tommy said he is still needing volunteers for this event.

Directions to Post Oak Lodge

From Highway 412 going West from Tulsa toward Sand Springs exit on 49th W Ave, turn right to Edison, turn left to 57th W Ave., turn right for 2.5 miles to the Post Oak Lodge entrance. There are signs at each intersection directing you to the Post Oak Lodge.

Or call for directions on the 146.88 repeater.

Please let Tom Stroud know as soon as possible if you can help with this event.

KD5OPH@tulsahamradio.org or 695-3735.

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GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST

Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th 2013 at the Claremore Expo Center again this year.

See page 5 for more information as well as
www.greencountryhamfest.org.

TRO MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

TRO memberships are due March 1 each year.
Please renew as soon as possible.

THE TULSA REPEATER ORGANIZATION

Everyone is invited to join the Facebook group "The Tulsa Repeater Organization".

If you have a Facebook account just go to and join the group. If you do not have a Facebook account then consider signing up for one.

In the **TRO** Group there is information, discussions, photos, event announcements, etc.

Thanks,
Tommy Stroud—KD5OPH

The next TRO meeting will be Tuesday, February 26th starting at 1900 at Tally's Good Food Cafe 1102 S Yale
Election of 2013/2014 **TRO** Officers



PREZ SAYS BY STAN CALLAHAN—KE5HPB



As I write this, my 2nd term is coming to a close. I was going to step down as President. We had NO nominations for President and Vice President at the close of the January meeting and nominations. After some thought and coaxing from unmentioned parties, I have decided to run for a 3rd term with Ben Joplin as my Vice President.

This month kicks off the Bike M. S. meeting for this year. This year will be a new course with new challenges for riders as well as our operations. More on this as details become available.

The NWS Storm Spotter seminar is this month at the OU campus at 41st and Yale, same as last year. Hope to see ya'll there.

I am already working on Field Day operations I am looking for new location possibilities for us, not putting aside working with TARC at Chandler Park. I just don't want to get caught at the 11th hour again. I am just exploring our options.

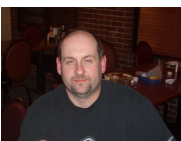
Our next event is Post Oak Run on March 2/3 near Sand Springs at the Post Oak Lodge. We are looking for operators to help with operations on that weekend. Contact Tom Stroud if you are interested or can help out.

I hope this year we will have all of our equipment up and running at full capacity.

We are looking for someone who could take over the newsletter. Charles Sharpe stepped down as editor because of work. Steve Miller is filling in for now. If you are interested in editing the newsletter PLEASE contact myself or Steve Miller. Steve will get you set-up with it. All other Chair positions will be open as well. If you would like to chair a committee you can contact the President.

With that I am looking forward to the new year.

Stan Callahan—KE5HPB



TREASURER'S REPORT BY GARY PARHAM—KC5ZQP

Treasury Report for January 2013

Not available at time of publishing

Checking ending balance:	\$1696.89
Ending savings balance:	\$1912.53
PayPal balance:	\$195.88

NEW TRO MEMBERS:

- Gordon Gambill—WD5HFF in August
- Jesse Burngamer—KF5QIO in August
- Kenneth Clark—KD5JD in December
- Charles Burka III—KF5SUO in December
- Justin Layton—KE5IQZ in January
- Austin McClain—KF5TMT—in February

Welcome to our new members on the repeaters and to join into any and all TRO activities.



MEETING MINUTES BY Ed Compos—K5CRQ

TRO Meeting January 22, 2013

Meeting call to order by President Stan Callahan KE5HPD at 1700 hrs.

Introductions made of the members.

Minutes were read by Secretary Ed Compos K5CRQ and a motion was made by Ben Joplin WB5VST and seconded by Steve Miller AA5V to accept and passed on vote of the members.

Treasurers report presented by Gary Parham KC5ZQP and motion made by Ed K5CRQ and seconded by Joe Gorkos N5TEX to accept and passed on vote of the members.

VP Joe N5TEX read a radio gram to Merlin Griffin WB5OSM from KF4CU. And had no report.

Tom Stroud KD5OHP reported that meetings for up coming events were underway and Fleet feet is having a small run Sat Jan 26th from 800 to noon and needed 3 operators.

March 2 and 3 will be the Post Oak Challenge a sat and sun and expects 1000 runners.

There are talks to help with the Free Wheel which is a week long event. More to come on this event.

Spotter Training is 2-16-2013 at 9am at the Schusterman center 41 and Yale.

Engineering report by Steve Miller AA5V; .88 - he adjusted the audio and its seems to be doing ok.

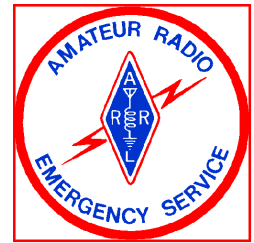
Finalizing the equipment needs for the SUNCO building.

Ben Joplin discussed a test they did with the range of the APRS in the northern area of Tulsa area and did some mapping to determine needs in the further.

Green County Ham fest is March 8th and 9th 2013 in Claremore Oklahoma at the Claremore Expo building. Lots of neat prizes a Helicraft K3, KX3 and Icom FD880 just to mention some. They are planning to have a Special events station KT5GC at the event.

Merlin WB5OSM made comments in reference to the club officers for next year and No one accepted for the nomination of President and Vice - President. Ed Compos K5CRQ agreed to continue as secretary if that is what the members want and Steve Miller AA5V agreed to handle Treasurers duty. After a discussion Ed K5CRQ made a motion to table the nominations and take the issue up at next meeting, it was Seconded by Joe N5TEX and passed.

Meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.



ARES/RACES Net Thursday evenings at 2000 local time on the 443.85 Super Link System.

THANKS FROM TRO ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN TOMMY STROUD—KD5OPH

Just wanted to say Thanks!, to everyone that helped with the events and activities that we sponsored through out the year of 2012. TRO has set a new presence in communications support. All of the agencies and organizations are truly grateful for the difference we have made. It has gone from, we would like your assistance, to we can not do it without you. This comes from are knack for team work and organizational skills. And goes without saying these things come from experience and that means the ability of learning and improving from our past experiences and mistakes based on knowledge and training. I look forward to the 2013 season of TRO event communications. The responsibility has become much larger now and it will require teams to plan and prepare for these events. To include Post Oak Lodge Challenge, Tour de Cure, Dam Jam, MS Bike 150, Williams Route 66 Marathon, just to name a few. As our equipment becomes more advanced with things like APRS and on line programs that work to support our APRS equipment. We have also stepped outside of the box by trying different modes of communications tactics and when the task becomes to cumbersome to handle on our own we train and allow others to take on some of the more medial task and functions so that our operators can focus on life safety issues. Some of these events have gone from needing 10 or 20 operators out in the field to needing 200. This can become very demanding to our staff, our operators and our equipment. Looking back to when I took over the Activities Chairman slot over 10 years ago we didn't really have any events for our people to support, now we may average 6 to 8 a year. So it has gone from nothing to do to how are we going to get all of this covered. I would say those are good problems for a club like ours to have. It does put in the position of having a work-

ing activities committee working together to support this overwhelming monster that we have created for ourselves. I have come to realize that this is the only way that all of this work can get done. There are now an average of 10 to 20 meetings per year for each of the events that we support. This is where the course is laid out and communication needs are discussed planned for and implemented come event day. For every one hour of an event you will add 10 hours planning to make all of this come together. That takes people to make it happen so I encourage you to become more active in the pre-event meetings before the day of the event takes place. Finding events to work at does not seem to be a problem, but finding the operators to staff the slots has become a problem. I am very grateful to those that give there time to work these events. But I encourage others that have never worked a communications slot at a marathon, run, or ride to give it a try. There is no better way to learn emergency communications than to work one of these type activities. At times it can be quite exciting and at other times it can be mundane and eventless. But you never know witch one it will be. It is all live and in real time with lives in danger and people in need of assistance. So pick up that radio and see just how much of difference you can make.

73's,

TRO Activities Chairman Tommy Stroud ... call sign KD5OPH

BIOGRAPHIES OF **TRO** OFFICER NOMINEE'S FOR 2013/2014**President: Stan Callahan—KE5HPB**

I am a candidate for TRO President for a third term. Though I have been in amateur radios since '06. I have been around radios since the mid 70's. A licensed Citizen Band operator in 1976 as KZX4603. I was a member of Tulsa REACT and was on the first storm spotter team for KTUL News 8, under Don Woods.

I served in Creek County Emergency Management for 10 years and 2 years as President. I also served from 2005 to 2007 in the Salvation Army Disaster Services, plus as a training officer for a storm spotter and response team.

I also serve as an NCO for the National Weather Service and Skywarn since 2007.

Stan Callahan—KE5HPB

Vice-President: Ben Joplin—WB5VST

I have served as President, Treasurer, Membership Committee Chairman and Activities Committee Chairman since becoming a TRO member in 1976. I started with a Technician license in 1976 and upgraded to Extra in 1979. In the past I have been a VE test examiner and have been an active member in the Skywarn Group.

Secretary: Ed Compos—K5CRQ

I'm Ed Compos K5CRQ and I have been the Club Secretary for 7 or 8 years and will continue to do the job if you all wish. I hold a tech class license and enjoy working the different runs and events that the TRO Club works with. Thanks in advance for your support.

Treasurer: Steve Miller—AA5V

I have been Treasurer of the *TRO* for six ears 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 and Engineering Chairmen for a few years. 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 in the Skywarn Group. My occupation is a Lead Programmer Analyst for Tulsa County.

Trustee: Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM

My Call is WB5OSM first licensed as WN5EMG in 1971 back when Novices were only allowed CW operation on 80, 40, and 15 meters. Crystal controlled and power limit of 75 Watts DC Input. I mainly operated on 40 meter CW, and the Xtals I chose, I learned there were shortwave broadcasters at night on two of the three frequencies. It was my 75 watts against their 1/4 megawatt.

I now hold the Extra Class license and as many of you know I am a highly experienced ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner. One of the most experienced in the U. S. I have participated in somewhere around 250 test sessions.

I am a past president of the TRO. I also serve as president of Green Country Hamfest, Inc. I am vice-president and frequency coordinator for Oklahoma Repeater Society, Inc. We coordinate repeater frequencies in the state of Oklahoma and work with coordinators in the surrounding states to minimize interference across state lines. I serve as net control operator for the Tulsa Skywarn operation. Which I have been involved in that for many years. I think some of the other Skywarn NCO refer to me as NCO Emeritus. I also serve TRO as the engineering site chairman for the 146.88 repeater. Also took under my wing and rebuilt the 444.1 repeater. It's operating from my garage right now. Somebody come and get this thing and take it to its home.

I have been employed by the City of Tulsa for 34 years, currently doing database administration and computer support for the Public Works Departments Quality Assurance Laboratory. I have expertise in both fields, analytical chemistry and computer science.

I reside in Owasso and have been an Owassoan since before it was cool. I am married to Lynda KE5VYN and have two beautiful grandchildren living with us most of the time, Kevyn seven and Lexie who just turned six. You have seen the bumper sticker, "If I knew grandchildren were so much fun I would have had them first." I pulled that off.

Look forward to seeing everybody at the Green Country Hamfest 3/8-9/2013 in Claremore!

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST FANTASTIC PRIZE LIST FOR 2013

The Green Country Hamfest is Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9 at the Claremore Expo Center at 400 Veterans Way. The GCHF committee has selected a fantastic prize package this year that includes:

1st Prize: Elecraft K3 (assembled) 160 thru 6M



2nd Prize: Elecraft KX3 160-10M 10W PEP



3rd Prize: Icom 880H DStar Ready!



2 Special Prizes: Yaesu FT-7900R One Friday and one Saturday



Hourly prizes including one Yaesu FT-60R dual band talkie!

Pre-register from now through February 23rd and save \$2.00 on admission ticket and \$5.00 on flea market tables.

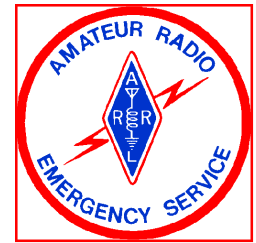
See www.greencountryhamfest.com



GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST



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ARES/RACES Net Thursday evenings at 2000 local time on the 443.85 Super Link System

The Green Country Hamfest is coming up Friday March 8th and Saturday, March 9th. This year the Green Country Hamfest committee has added an extra prize to their fantastic list of prizes for 2013.

There will be a Yaesu VX-8GR given to a person for their volunteer time to helping with the set-up, tear-down, organizing and general help to make the hamfest happen. At least 2 to 4 hours volunteer time is required. Then your name and/or callsign will be in the hat for a drawing of only hamfest volunteers for this nice talkie. Volunteering for a "club" table does not count. Helping at a hamfest table does. Watching for wrist bands at the entrances does. Being an emcee does. Other duties necessary to make the hamfest a successful operation are included.

Now to the TRO club table:

The club needs volunteers to man the **TRO** table from 5 to 9PM Friday and 8AM to 3PM Saturday. This is very easy duty and gives you a chance to sit down for a little while when at the hamfest. We request you be knowledgeable of the **TRO**, the repeaters maintained by the **TRO** and it's activities for the year as well as be able to take applications for membership and collect member renewal dues. An activities list will be provided as well as **TRO** club brochures, Skywarn and other amateur radio handout information.

Contact Tom Stroud—KD5OPH at kd5oph@tulsahamradio.org or 918.695.3735 to volunteer.

AREA AMATEUR RADIO TESTING

Third Thursday of odd numbered months.
7:00 P.M. at the Red Cross building at 11th & 169.

Contact Merlin Griffin
Phone 918.520.7668
or email
wb5osm@hotmail.com

First Saturday of odd numbered months.
0915 to 1100 at Hardesty Regional Library
8316 E 93rd Street
Tulsa, OK 74133
2013 Schedule:
January 5th
March 2nd
May 4th
July 6th
September 7th
November 2nd

Walk-ins Welcome until 0945
Contact Loyd—AE5MM
AE5MM@arrl.net
or 918.638.2393 (text msg or voice)

Second Saturday of even numbered months,
9:30 A.M. at the Church of Christ, 505 E Kenosha Street, Broken Arrow.
Walk-ins welcome.
Contact: Don Doyle—AC5II at
ac5II@arrl.net
or 918.379.0962

Last Saturday of even numbered months
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Martin East Regional Library
2601 S Garnett Road
Tulsa, OK.
All testing by appointment ONLY. Please contact John—K5ENA at K5ENA@cox.net or 918.346.8284.

THE TRO WISHES TO THANK THESE SUPPORTERS

Tower Properties (CityPlex)
Tulsa Tech College
Bates Realty
City Of Tulsa
City of Skiatook
Liberty Fire Department

The TRO Proudly Serves Our Community and



**Saturday and Sunday,
Mar. 2-3**

TRC Post Oak Challenge—need operators both Saturday and Sunday.
Contact Tom Stroud—KD5OPH@tulsahamraio.org or 695-3735

Fri. & Sat. Mar. 8 & 9
5PM to 9pm
8AM thru 3PM

Green Country Hamfest - Claremore Expo Center

Monday, May 27
7AM thru 11AM

Maple Ridge Run—Maple Ridge Neighborhood

**Saturday & Sunday
June 29 & 30**
12PM thru 12PM

TRO & ARRL Field Day—Location to be determined.



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