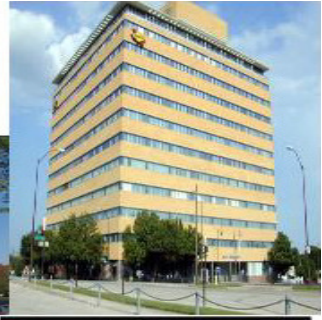




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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

PREZ SAYZ:

We will have elections at this coming meeting on February 22. Hopefully we will have better weather, I'm tired of this cold weather and snow! I didn't have any problems thankfully, but I was ready. I had my Generator ready, solar batteries charged, plenty of food. With warmer weather coming we are going to have more events. Green Country Hamfest is this April 8 and 9. I don't need anything but I love to walk around and meet old and new hams. I don't know if you know that the 146.805 repeater is down. We lost the site and had to take it down. We got an application from Cop Land Classic to help support their bike event, we will vote on it at the meeting at Shiloh's restaurant at 2604 North Aspen, Broken Arrow. Meeting starts around 7:00 come early if you want to eat before the meeting (6:00).

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

I hope to see everyone at the meeting. 73's

TRO President
Paul Young - KE5EHM

MEETING PLACE FOR FEBRUARY 22nd IS SHILOH'S:

The TRO meeting for February will be at Shiloh's Restaurant, 2604 North Aspen in Broken Arrow at 1900. Come 30 minutes to an hour early if you plan to eat.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR THE 03/01/2022 THROUGH 02/28/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

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

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TRO 2022 OFFICER CANDIDATE 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 Bart Pickens, N5TWB – Bart has agreed to take on the vice president position with the agreement we continue to try to recruit someone for the vice-president and secretary offices. Bart has been a member of TRO since August of 2011 and has helped with all activities and some of the repeater installations, etc.

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 a 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. 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 14 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:

Registration for the 2022 Green Country Hamfest is open now at www.greencountryhamfest.org.

The Hamfest will be April 8-9, 2022 at the Claremore Expo Center. We will be the **2022 Oklahoma ARRL State Convention**. Admission is \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Flea market tables \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door, if there are any left. Registration online at www.greencountryhamfest.org. The prize package is now set. Check out the website for details.

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 02/12/22:

Treasury Report of February 12, 2022

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance		\$6851.86
Checking Beginning Balance		\$3256.74
Checking Balance		\$3256.74
PayPal Beginning Balance		\$38.98
PayPal Ending Balance		\$38.98
Cash Beginning Balance		\$70.00
Cash Ending Balance		\$70.00
Savings Beginning Balance		\$3486.14
01/31 Interest Earned	+0.59	
Ending Savings Account Balance		\$3486.73
Total TRO Account Balance		\$6852.45

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 02/12/2022

ENGINEERING REPORT:

By Joe Gorkos – N5TEX

This last month we have activity at several locations. The biggest project was the removal of the 146.805 and 444.95 repeaters from Autumn Oaks location. We lost our lease with new management taking over the building and requesting rent that was more than acceptable for the club to pay. We had help from both the Ham Rescue Group, and club members, Dave, Rem, Bob Buford, Paul Teal, Bart Pickens.

Tom Shaw is letting us store all the equipment at his house. We are looking for a new location to put both repeaters and if anyone has any suggestions let us know.

REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 ? ? ? ? – Down
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 - Working

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 ? ? ? ? – Down



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)
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 M-1 (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. I couldn't find it.

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 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

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
Walkins welcome until 1030
Contact: Skipper Smith, NQ2J at: nq2j@cox.net or (918)853-8118

MAKING CONTACT – How To Find Out More About The Tulsa Repeater Organization

Our Website: www.tulsahamradio.org

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

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Our Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TulsaRepeaters>

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