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Tulsa Repeater Organization



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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

UP FRONT – A Word from the Editor

TRO HAS FOUND A New Meeting Place! (for now....)

The Delta Café, 11101 E 41st St (41st & Garnett) worked well for the Christmas Party/Meeting on Tuesday, December 20th, so we will hold the January membership meeting there on Tuesday the 24th. The background noise wasn't as bad as Mazzio's, but we could still use a meeting location where we are isolated from other customers. We have someone looking into Ricardo's on Skelly Drive.

The Junk Box Dirty Santa Gift Exchange was fun! Most that participated received something useful, and most were pleased with the outcome. One gift was stolen twice, so only two people had to settle for something else. At the November meeting I asked about the cheapest way to get into APRS. Thanks to the Gift Exchange I have my answer: win someone else's surplus equipment!

Sue Gorkos, KG5GOE, won the Bring-A-Friend Contest! She is also the second one to steal the gift that was stolen twice, so she was the big winner for the night. Congratulations, Sue, and enjoy your new Yaesu FT-60R handheld!

January means a new year has begun, but the TRO business year starts on March 1. That means two things for all members: officer terms start in March, so we have elections in February; and membership fees are due March 1.

At this month's meeting, we will have the nomination of candidates. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, but members can throw their names into the mix, or they can name someone else. So if you wish to railro... uh, nominate someone for an office, this will be your chance to speak up. Of course, to speak up, you must first show up...

Membership fees are \$25 for a year for a regular membership, \$30 for a family membership, or \$375 for a lifetime membership. How to pay? Several ways...

First, come to a meeting and pay our Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V, in person. He will accept cash or check. (Also another good reason to show up this month!)

Second, you can mail a check to the address on the last page of this newsletter.

What if you want to do it the 21st Century way, online? Well, if you have a PayPal account, you can. You 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. To obtain the email, send a message to Steve Miller, AA5V, TRO Treasurer and Webmaster at wa5lvt@tulsahamradio.org. Then once you've entered the correct email, set the
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**TRO January 2017 Club
Membership Meeting
24 JAN 17 1900
(come early to eat)
Delta Cafe
41st & Garnett**

amount, add the description, "2017 TRO Membership Dues for < your name & callsign >," designate the checking account or debit/credit card you wish to use, and submit.

Both you and Steve should receive confirmation emails when the payment is processed. If you need additional help, contact me or Steve.

If you haven't yet joined for the first time, please go to the club website and download the membership application form and mail it in with a copy of your license, or bring those with you to a meeting: <http://tulsahamradio.org/TROApplicationForm.pdf>

To see if you are a current member, you can check the roster at: tulsahamradio.org/roster.htm

Your dues are important to the club, for they help keep the repeaters on the air in good working order!

Speaking of membership fees, when we were considering the amount of dues for a lifetime membership, I realized that Ben Joplin, WB5VST, qualified for an Honorary Lifetime Membership for all that he has done, not just for the club, but for ham radio in general in the Tulsa area over the time that I have known him. I started the process rolling, and at the December meeting, President Mark Conklin, N7XYO, presented him with a plaque honoring him for his accomplishments. CONGRATULATIONS, BEN!

Speaking of Ben, he will present the program at the January meeting. He will give us an update on APRS. (See there, ANOTHER good reason to come to the meeting!)

73 de Doug KC5ZQM

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Ben Joplin, WB5VST, (left)
for receiving an Honorary
Lifetime Membership
after 40 years of service
TRO and amateur radio

To Sue Gorkos, KG5GOE, (right)
for winning the
Bring-A-Friend Contest



FOR THE RECORD – Minutes and other organizational stuff

Tulsa Repeater Organization DEC 2016 Christmas Party / Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 20 DEC 2016

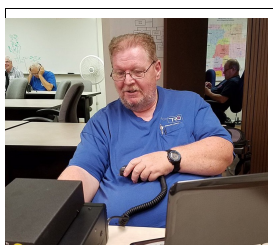
Location: Delta Cafe, 11101 E 41st (41st & Garnett)

Open: 1906 with introductions

Present: 28, 2 guests, 3 family members

Reading of Minutes: Waived after motion by Bart Pickens, N5TWB, second by Joe Gorkos, N5TEX, passed.

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**MEETING
NOTES**

**DOUG LEE,
KC5ZQM**

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Tulsa Repeater Organization DEC 2016 Christmas Party / Membership Meeting Minutes – cont'd

Treasury Report: Read by Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V; accepted after motion by Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, second by Stan Callahan, KA5STN, passed. Also, one specific item not listed in previous reports was the plaque for Ben Joplin, WB5VST receiving an Honorary Lifetime Membership. President Mark Conklin, N7XYO presented Ben the plaque.

Engineering: Chairman Joe Gorkos, N5TEX, reported that all is well.

Activities: Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, reported no activities scheduled.

Public Relations: Chairman Doug Lee, KC5ZQM reported that the publishing of the weekly Bulletin has changed from the weekend to Thursdays.

Membership: Bring-A-Friend Contest concluded with a three-way tie between Sue Gorkos, KG5GOE, Bob Buford, W5RAB, and Stan Callahan, KA5STN. Doug KC5ZQM wrote their names on tickets, and Mark N7XYO drew Sue's name

Operating Standards: Chairman Ed Compos, K5CRQ reported that everyone is behaving themselves on the air.

By Laws: Chairman not present, so no report

Trustee: No report.

Old Business: Ben WB5VST will present an APRS program in January, 2017. We may still have to check out new locations, but we are scheduled to return to Delta Cafe in January.

New Business: No new business presented.

Announcements: Storm spotter training sessions are already scheduled for Sand Springs in January and Tulsa County in February.

End of Business: At 1924 after vote on motion by Sue KG5GOE, and seconded by Kenneth KG5CBM.

Program: Junk Box Dirty Santa Gift Exchange – most brought used items from their own junk boxes, but a few brought new items, but the game was fun, and most were satisfied with what they received. Only a few items were stolen, with only one, a Pelikan-style case, stolen twice.

Tulsa Repeater Organization Executive Committee Meeting 10 JAN 17/1900 Rib Crib, 81st & Yale

Officers present were:

President Mark Conklin, N7XYO
Vice President Paul Young, KE5EHM
Secretary / Public Relations Chair Doug Lee, KC5ZQM
Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V
Trustee Merlin Griffin, WB5OSM

Engineering Chair Joe Gorkos, N5TEX
Activities Chair Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM
Operating Standards Chair Ed Compos, K5CRQ
Membership Chair Tom Stroud, KD5OPH
APRS Engineer Ben Joplin, WB5VST

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FOR THE RECORD cont'd– Minutes and other organizational stuff**Tulsa Repeater Organization Executive Committee Meeting - cont'd**

Open by President Mark Conklin, N7XYO, at 1911

Reading of minutes: Waived after motion to accept as distributed by email; motion made by Vice President Paul Young, KE5EHM and seconded by Operating Standards Chair Ed Compos, K5CRQ.

Treasury report: Read by Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V. Accepted after vote on motion APRS Engineer Ben Joplin, WB5VST, and second by Ed K5CRQ.

Engineering: Nothing new reported by Chair Joe Gorkos, N5TEX. Merlin Griffin, WB5VST, Trustee and CityPlex Site Engineer, reported he had no time to work on installing Internet access board for remote control of 146.88. Steve AA5V, reported that he had been in contact with Dave Kreifels, KA0JON concerning the rebuild of 444.950. Dave has had some medical problems, so he advised we proceed with having Bob Buford, W5RAB, do the rebuild. Merlin also reported that TAEMA is putting a private 2 meter repeater on Reservoir Hill. Ben WB5VST also discussed the repeater in Pawhuska that Osage Co. ARES wants to link to 444.725 in Skiatook. Larry Holden, KC5KLM, has had medical issues that have delayed progress on this project.

Activities: Chair Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, had nothing to report. Secretary and PR Chair Doug Lee, KC5ZQM, mentioned that this year marks 50 years since the TRO was chartered in 1967, and could be the basis for a Special Event Station. Ben WB5VST asked for ideas for ways to increase volunteer turnout. Ideas offered included early recruiting, keeping a database of volunteer information and sending emails to volunteers at previous events, publicizing through the local nets and Internet resources. Mark also asked Kenneth to compile a list of past events for planning purposes.

Public Relations: Chair Doug Lee, KC5ZQM said he still is working on some ideas for PR handouts, but won't have anything solid to show until next month. One idea is a half-page handout featuring the club logo with the website, Facebook, Twitter and YahooGroup addresses.

Operating Standards: No report.

Membership: Chair Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, reported the Bring-A-Friend Contest went well. Doug KC5ZQM asked if we would want to extend the contest for the entire year, but discussion leaned towards keeping in the last 4 months of the year. Further discussion covered reviving the 2 Meter Simplex Contest.

By Laws: No report.

Old, Unfinished, Ongoing Business: Nominating Committee - Consists of Ben WB5VST, Ray Young, K5CFY, Richie Shroff, W5OKL, Paul Teel, WB5ANX, and Stan Callahan, KA5STN. The current slate of elected officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and trustee) have said they will continue in office for 2017. Their nominations will be presented at the January membership meeting, where additional nominations, if any, will be taken from the floor. Bios of nominees will be published in the February issue of The Signal, and the election will be at the February membership meeting.

Meeting location - Delta Cafe worked out better than Mazzio's, so we will continue to meet there for now, but also continue looking. We might go back to Tally's, if he can get another meeting room added, but could take some time. Tom KD5OPH suggested Ricardo's Skelly Drive between Yale and Sheridan, and he will check it out. Program for January meeting will be APRS by Ben and Scott Haley, KD5NJR. Because the Delta Cafe
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Tulsa Repeater Organization Executive Committee Meeting 10 JAN 17/1900 - cont'd

doesn't have a TV in their meeting room, Ed K5CRQ will bring a screen and a video projector.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Doug KC5ZQM will have to get together with Joe N5TEX and each site engineer to get the details needed to complete the forms that Doug has created. Ben mentioned that the 444.725 repeater has been moved from the Skiatook water tower to a GRDA tower 10 miles northwest of town. The remote receiver for 146.88 and an APRS digipeater remain at the water tower. Bob W5RAB had handled the move of the 725 repeater, but we need to nail down the details of the location, who has access, etc. This needs to be done for all repeater and equipment sites.

Joe also asked about a portable repeater on UHF for public service events and emcomms. Bud Blust, WD5QDC had worked on one years ago, and Steve AA5V has it in his garage. He and Joe can work together to complete the project, or if others need to contribute radios, then it could turn into an activity.

New Business: None

Close at 2010 after vote on motion by Merlin WB5OSM and second by Joe N5TEX.

TRO VE Test Session Results – September and November 2016, January 2017

TRO Testing Session Thursday 15 SEP 16 American Red Cross 11th & US 169

James Broom	KG5PHO, now K5KBA	Tulsa OK	Tech to General
David Heritage	KG5PDE, now N5DJH	Tulsa OK	Tech to General
Amy Green	KG5KDB, now K5AME	Bixby OK	Tech to General
Ryan Jenkins	KG5JNV	Salina OK	Tech to General

A complication occurred with the September test session. The test package was lost in the mail by the Postal Service. I mailed it from the Owasso post office on Friday the 16th. About a week later, I got to thinking about the upgraders and checked QRZ.com and noticed they were still listed at Technicians. So I double checked using the FCC's ULS. They were still listed as Techs. I waited a few more days and checked again. They were still listed as Techs. I contacted the VEC office by email and discussed the situation with Perry Green WY10. I think he is the assistant VEC manager. He said the test package had not yet arrived, but they were having trouble with the postal service up there, and to give it a few more days.

A few days later someone with the VEC office called me and asked if I have mailed the test package to them yet. I said yes I mailed it by first class mail the day after the test session. I told her I had copies of the CSCE's, session summary, and candidate roster. However, I did not maintain copies of the 605 forms. The VEC Office said they were required to have the 605's. The problem was that all I had on three of the applicants were addresses. I had a phone number for one of them. The others, I researched the best I could and could not find phone numbers, or email addresses on them. The one in Salina, even Google Earth couldn't find him.

So we came up with a plan of action. One of the VE team members, Don KG5NNO and I teamed up on Wednesday October 12, jumped into his truck together and tracked down the three applicants here in the Tulsa Metro area, met up with them and got them to sign reconstructed 605 forms. Another team member, Kevin AF5SW who lives in Inola, tracked down Mr. Jenkins out in Salina and got his signature. Then Kevin AF5SW, and another VE Team member Skipper NQ2J met with me at the Green Country Hamfest meeting. We got the
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TRO VE Test Session Results, cont'd – September and November 2016, January 2017

necessary VE signatures on the form.

I stopped by my office, scanned all of the documentation into .pdf file and emailed it to the VEC office. Amanda Grimaldi, KB1VUV, VEC Assistant confirmed that she received the file, and processed it, and the records were officially in the hands of the FCC. All four of these folks are now Generals. Again the VE Team was me, Skipper Smith, NQ2J, Kevin Wade AF5SW, and our new guy Don Miller KG5NNO.

I've been an ARRL VE for a long time. Way back in the early days I sent the test papers in using Fedex. The VEC office had said that they had some problems with first class mail with the packages getting lost. Later on, to hold the cost down, they suggested we switch to the Postal Service's Priority Mail. I've always liked Priority Mail. The package gets to its destination usually within two business days, and the price is reasonable.

Recently, the Postal Service added 50 bucks insurance, and tracking to Priority Mail for the base price. The VEC office issued business reply labels to us to mail the packages back in; just slap it on the Priority Mail Envelope and drop it in the mail. A problem occurred that some postmasters at local offices would not honor the business reply labels for Priority Mail. So ARRL discussed the matter with the Postal Service and were assured that first class mail would work just fine. We've also learned lately that some post offices have been closed, and sorting centers have been consolidated. As far as I know the USPS sorting center here in Tulsa is still open, but it is one the Postal Service has considered closing, leaving Oklahoma City as the only sorting center in Oklahoma. So some parts of the country are experiencing increased delivery time, and more incidents of lost mail.

I noticed that in November my check to ARRL VEC finally cleared the bank. So like over a month later the test package finally arrives at its intended destination.

TRO Testing Session Thursday 17 NOV 16 American Red Cross 11th & US 169

Tony Young	KG5QMX, now K5TLY	Tulsa OK	New Tech
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TRO Testing Session Thursday 19 JAN 17 American Red Cross 11th & US 169

Don Whitney	KG5MTO	Kiefer OK	General to Extra
Jose Alvarado	No call	Tulsa OK	New Tech
Price Ward	No call	Vinita OK	New Tech
Shawn Stanislowski	No call	Tulsa OK	New Tech
Dayna Stanislowski	No call	Tulsa OK	New Tech
Tyler Manning	No call	Tulsa OK	New Tech
Peter Kilian	No call	Bristow OK	New Tech
Thomas O'Brien	No call	Rogers OK	New Tech
Justin Douglas	No call	Haskell OK	New Tech

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TRO VE Test Session Results, cont'd – September and November 2016, January 2017

People must have had a New Year's resolution to obtain or upgrade their amateur license, judging by the turnout for the January session. Eight new Techs, one Extra and only one unsuccessful candidate. So a productive evening for the VE Team of Eli W5PPD, Skipper NQ2J, Kevin AF5SW. Don KG5NNO, and me Merlin WB5OSM.

This one was pretty routine, just a little impressed by the number of people there. I didn't register my sessions for this year until right around the first. In the last few days, I started getting emails, and phone calls from people. Even the one guy that drove from Rogers, AR. I get some of those every now and then, people coming from Western AR or the OKC area to take a test from us. Some of them from the OKC area complain that they can't find anything out about test sessions in OKC. The other reason I get some these long distance folks is that some people work weekends and that's when most test sessions are. So to have one a weeknight works great for them.

Our next scheduled TRO/Tulsa Red Cross VE Testing session will be March 16 2017 at the Red Cross Chapter 11th and Hwy 169.

There will be two sessions at the Green Country Hamfest a W5YI session on Friday night April 7. and an ARRL-VEC on Saturday April 8. Go to Greencountryhamfest.org for more information.

GETTING TECHNICAL – Engineering Report, Repeater Status



**ENGINEERING REPORT –
Joe Gorkos, N5TEX**

No new work is going on with the repeaters at this time. We still need to address remotely configuring the controller on 146.88. Another idea we are looking into is a putting together a portable repeater for field use. We seem to have enough parts and need to get them all in one place to assemble the system; we are just in the initial stages of planning this project. Still need to get a new inventory of all the sites and what equipment is on each site, and preparing MOU's for hosting equipment by other clubs or individuals.

REPEATER STATUS

- 146.805 (-) PL 88.5 71st & Yale - Working
- 148.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3(Keatonville receiver) 81st & Lewis - Working
- 146.940 (-) PL 88.5 Sun Building, 9th & Detroit - Working
- 444.1 (+) PL 88.5 Skyline East 41st & Skelly Drive - Working
- 442.725 (+) PL 88.5 GRDA tower NW of Skiatook - Working
- 444.950 (+) PL88.5 Sun Building 9th & Detroit – Working
- 927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7) CityPlex - Working

**TRO January Membership Meeting
24 JAN 17 1900 (7 PM)
Delta Cafe 41st & Garnett
Come early to eat, or at least to get
a good seat!**

GETTING RADIO ACTIVE (No TRO or TARC events scheduled at this time)

SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING JANUARY TROUGH MARCH 2017: Two sessions are scheduled for the Tulsa area so far. The first is at the Case Community Center in Sand Springs, 26 JAN 17, 1900 (7 PM), and the second at the OU Schusterman Center, 41st & Yale, 25 FEB 17 at 0900 (9 AM). For more sessions, keep an eye on the calendar at:

www.weather.gov/tsa/spotter_training

CLUB MEETINGS

Tulsa Repeater Organization

Fourth Tuesday of the month, except June (Field Day) and December (Christmas) 1900 (7PM)

The Brook, 34 & Peoria (until further notice)

Schedule for 2017: 24 JAN 28 FEB 28 MAR 25 APR 23 MAY 24 - 25 JUN (ARRL Field Day) 25 JUL 22 AUG 26 SEP 24 OCT 28 NOV 19 DEC (?)

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)

Keplinger Hall, TU Campus, 5th & Harvard

Schedule for 2017: 21 FEB 21 MAR 18 APR 16 MAY 20 JUN 18 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 17 OCT 21 NOV 19 DEC (?)

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 Central Park Recreational Center, 1500 S Main, Broken Arrow

Schedule for 2017: 06 FEB 06 MAR 03 APR 01 MAY 05 JUN 03 JUL (tentative due to holiday) 07 AUG 04 SEP 02 OCT 06 NOV 04 DEC

American Airlines Amateur Radio Club

Last Saturday of every quarter 0900 (AM)

Martin East Regional Library

26th & Garnett

Schedule for 2017: 25 MAR 24 JUN 30 SEP 30 DEC

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month 0900 (9 AM)

Golden Corral Restaurant 1405 West Will Rogers Boulevard

Claremore OK

Schedule for 2017: 11 FEB 11 MAR 08 APR 13 MAY 10 JUN 08 JUL 12 AUG 09 SEP 14 OCT 11 NOV 09 DEC



TRO Christmas Party 2016

20 DEC 16

Delta Cafe

41st & Garnett

**Junk Box Dirty Santa
Gift Exchange**

**Lots of fun!
Some received good
and useful items**

THE BIG PICTURE, cont'd – News from Green Country Hamfest, ARES, Skywarn...**VE Test Sessions***WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!***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

Schedule for 2017: 16 MAR 18 MAY 20 JUL 21 SEP 16 NOV

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 74013

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

Schedule for 2017: 04 MAR 06 MAY 01 JUL 02 SEP 04 NOV

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 74013

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

Schedule for 2017: 11 FEB 08 APR 10 JUN 12 AUG 14 OCT 09 DEC

Rogers County Wireless Association (New session in Owasso)

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

Bethel Baptist Church 10705 E 86th St N, Room136 (133 overflow) Owasso, OK

Enter at east doors from parking lot

Contact: Phil Stephens, W5PTT at: W5PTT@cox.net

Schedule for 2017: 01 APR 01 JUL 07 OCT

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Saturday of every month at 0900

Pentecostals of West Tulsa 2124 W 41st Tulsa OKContact: John Carr, K5TBL at K5TBL@arrl.net or (918) 289-1718

Schedule for 2017: 18 FEB 18 MAR 22 APR 20 MAY 17 JUN 15 JUL 19 AUG 16 SEP 21 OCT 18 NOV 16 DEC

W5YI VEC SESSION

Last Saturday of even-numbered months, 0945 (9:45 AM)

Broken Arrow Public Service Complex 1001 N 6th Street Broken Arrow OK 74013

Contact: Skipper Smith, NQ2J at: nq2j@cox.net or 918-853-8, or 918-853-8118

Schedule for 2017: 25 FEB 29 APR 24 JUN 26 AUG 28 OCT 30 DEC

**GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST - SAVE THE DATES!!**

April 7th & 8th. Hours: Fri. 4pm-9pm - Sat. 8am-3pm

Only 30 minutes from Tulsa!

Claremore Expo, 400 Veterans Parkway, Claremore, OK, 74017

MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/X9kEa>*(continued on next page)*

THE BIG PICTURE, cont'd – News from Green Country Hamfest, ARES, Skywarn...**GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST, cont'd**

Talk-in on: 147.09 (+) (PL 88.5) Free Parking!!! - Low Cost ON-SITE RV Parking!

Terrific Prizes!

Fantastic Forums - Learn something new!

Flea Market - Great Bargains! Free Test Table - Check It Before You Buy It!

On-site VE Testing! Get or upgrade your license! Testing sessions on both days! One dualband TYT HT will be given away to an applicant at each test session!

Admission is \$10.00 per person at the door (One ticket covers both days) Children 12 and under are Free!

Flea Market Tables are \$15.00 at the door.

The website is being reworked so that you will be able to reserve specific tables and pay for them all online, and you will be able to see which tables are available and which ones are taken. This isn't on-line yet, but check back often as it should be ready soon. If you want to get your tickets and tables and not wait until the new webpage is ready, you should be able to download a .pdf of the flyer, print it out, and mail it in.

The prize package this year is bigger and better than ever!

Grand Prize: Elecraft K3s transceiver, fully assembled, 100 W 160 - 6 meters. Possibly the best receiver there is. Most serious DXers and contesters consider this their dream rig. This one is a kind of bare bones K3s, but if you win it, then you can afford to buy some of the accessories. Besides, a bare bones K3s beats most other rigs fully decked out.

First Prize: Yaesu FT-DX3000 D, this ain't shabby, which is better the K3 or the 3000 DX? I would probably give the K3 a slight edge, but still I wouldn't complain about having one of these in my shack.

Second Prize: Elecraft KX3, covers all HF bands 10W light weight and very portable, great for camping or field day use. We may even be demoing this one at the show. Has many of the features of the K3s just lower power and smaller foot print for portable operation. Now if they could just make a portable 40 meter Yagi.

Third Prize: Yaesu FT-857D all amateur bands all modes (except Digital Voice)160-70 CM, except perhaps 222 MHz. General Coverage receive. Light weight and small footprint great for portable of mobile operation.

You don't need to be present to win any of these, just purchase a ticket to the Hamfest and make sure it gets in the ticket drum.

Now we will also have an enhanced hourly prize: One of them given away on Friday at 8:00 and one on Saturday at 1:00, you must be present to win: This will be the Yaesu FT-2DR 144/440 MHz System Fusion (FM/C4FM) transceiver.

Hourly drawings: TYT-MD380 70CM DMR HT or TYT dualband (144/440) 10 watt analog FM HT. Winners choice until we have only one kind left.

Then we will have a special drawing for the Hamfest volunteers where we will give away two of the TYT MD380s. If you serve on the committee, if you drive a golf cart, serve as VE, a people greeter, or help out at the back door when people are setting up for the flea market, you would be eligible to participate in the prize drawing. Oh yes, we will be setting up a special even station, showing off the KX-3! No you can't take it home with you, but if you would like to operate as KT5GC for a while you can enter the volunteer's prize drawing too. If you want to get involved in the Green Country Hamfest drop me an email, wb5osm@hotmail.com or wb5osm@sbcglobal.net.

The prize package was made possible by some great deals from a couple of our vendors. Associated Radio from Overland Park KS and Grapevine Amateur Radio of Grapevine TX. Also we've confirmed that D&L Antenna Supply will be there.

GreenCountryHamfest.org

HAMFEST CALENDAR

APRIL

HANGING JUDGE HAMFEST SAT 01 APR 17
(date tentative)
Columbus Acres
10203 Columbus Acres Road, Fort Smith, AR
www.hangingjudgehamfest.com

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST 07 - 08 APR 17
Claremore Expo 400 Veterans Parkway
Claremore OK 74017
Regular planning meetings on the 2nd Thursday
of every month, except summer,
at the Rib Crib, 81st & Yale.
Next meeting will be 09 FEB 17.

greencountryhamfest.org/

OZARK CON 07 - 08 APR 15 (QRP event)

Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center
3050 Green Mountain Drive, Branson MO

www.ozarkcon.com

MAY

DAYTON HAMVENTION 19 - 21 MAY 17

hamvention.org

JUNE

HAM-COM 09 -10 JUN 15
Irving Convention Center
500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

www.hamcom.org

JULY

HAM HOLIDAY 21- 22 JUL 17 (date tentative)
Oklahoma City
Biltmore Hotel I-40 and South Meridian Avenue

hamholiday.com

JULY

2017 Central States VHF Society Conference 23 - 26 JUL 15
Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

2017.csvhfs.org

AUGUST

Joplin Hamfest 26 AUG 17
John Q. Hammonds Convention Center.
3535 Hammons Blvd, Joplin, MO 64804

joplinhamfest.org

SEPTEMBER

Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest 08 – 09 SEP 17
Queen Wilhelmina State Park
3877 Hwy 88 West, Mena AR

menahamfest.net

OCTOBER

Texhoma Hamarama 27 - 28 OCT 17
Ardmore Convention Center
2401 North Rockford Road

texomahamarama.org

NOVEMBER

Enid Hamfest 04 NOV 17
Hoover Building, Garfield County Fairgrounds
305 E Oxford Ave

enidarc.org/enidhamfest

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

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

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