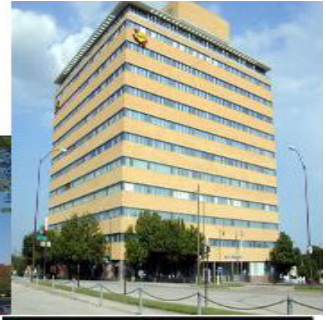




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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

PREZ SAYS:

We will not be hosting field day this year. Please find another club to go to field day or you can do it from your own house. TARC has invited us to join them at Chandler Park. We usually don't have a meeting this month and I don't know of anything at this time that we need to talk about, so, no net meeting this month. If you have any questions please feel free to call, email or text me.

Thanks,
Paul Young – KE5EHM
TRO President

**MEETING PLACE FOR JUNE 23RD IS:
The TRO meeting for June is cancelled.**

FROM THE EDITOR – STEVE AA5V:

The TRO is in need of members to consider if you would be a good fit to fill our vacant positions of Secretary, Public Relations chair or Activities chair. Check the TRO Bylaws on our website at www.tulsaHamradio.org/TROBylaws.pdf Section V – Officers and Section VI – Executive and Other Committees for descriptions and requirements. If you are interested contact Paul Young – KE5EHM at KE5EHM@tulsaHamradio.org or (918) 637-8414.

COVID AND AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

Former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, Says Emergency Communications Will be the Next COVID Challenge

Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, FEMA Administrator during the Obama Administration, expressed powerful [remarks](#) in a recent edition of *The Hill*. Fugate's comments prompted Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, of the ARRL HQ staff, to respond:

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"He's spot-on. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but Fugate's remarks help underscore the important and continuing role of radio amateurs in this nation and world where smartphones are now the common denominator. The radio amateur is skilled in both radio technology and radio communications - valuable resources in a society where "wireless" connects nearly everything, and few know how it works. Irrespective of the frequencies or equipment we use, the Federal Government has deemed radio amateurs so valuable we're referred to as a "reservoir ... of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts" and recognized for our value to the public, especially in providing emergency communications:

- We can deploy temporary communications infrastructure using our own personal communications capability and equipment. As we learned during recent hurricanes, this means we can give service to the public and our partners in emergency response even before repairs are made to regular communication networks.
- Just because an emergency responder is equipped with a working communication system doesn't mean they have the training to use it under adverse conditions or fix it. We've similarly learned that the training some radio amateurs pursue to communicate and exchange critical information (traffic) is a valuable skill during emergencies. This is why so many of our volunteers also support communications during events and marathons - even shadowing EMTs and Red Cross personnel.

"A pilot-ham recently explained to me why she got her Amateur Radio Service license: she said avionics and the pilot's ability to communicate-by-radio require more training and skill than you get learning to fly. Ham radio has become her breadboard for developing a technical competency with radio communication and her on-air practice." - *Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Product Development Manager, ARRL Administrative Headquarters*

[Thanks go to Bill Morine, N2COP, ARRL Vice Director of the Roanoke Division, for calling the article to our attention and commenting: "I'm glad you agree that Fugate's remarks are poignant and relevant, not only to ham radio overall, but especially to Field Day. This year we are encouraging that all social media posts related to Field Day please include the hashtag #ARRLFD to help generate more awareness." -- ed.]

READ Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, FEMA Administrator, COMMENTS HERE:

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/499477-craig-fugate-emergency-communications-will-be-the-next-challenge-of-covid>

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 06/22/20:

TRO Treasury Report of June 22, 2020

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance	\$5924.00
Checking Beginning Balance	\$2212.50
Checking Balance	\$2212.50
PayPal Beginning Balance	\$171.91
PayPal Ending Balance	\$171.91
Cash Beginning Balance	\$70.00
Cash Ending Balance	\$70.00
Savings Beginning Balance	\$3469.59
05/29 Interest Earned	+0.88
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$3470.47
Total TRO Account Balance	\$5924.88

IRS Form 990N filed for TRO 03/01/2019 thru 02/29/2020 fiscal year.
Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 06/22/2020

ACTIVITIES:

Activities / PR Report

Tour de Cure has been rescheduled as a virtual event to be held in September 2020.

HELP THE CLUB:

When shopping Amazon use smile.amazon.com and pick Tulsa Repeater Organization, Inc as your charity for the TRO to receive contributions from Amazon. It costs you no more for your purchases.

MEMBERSHIP:

TRO members, PLEASE, check the roster on the website at <http://www.tulsaHamradio.org/roster.htm> to see if your membership is current. Check the paid column (PD). If the number in the PD column is less than 21 your dues are delinquent. Please renew. Those not renewed by July 31, 2020 will be deleted from the roster. Thanks.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Joe Gorkos – N5TEX reports: Nothing new this month. We are still in a holding pattern on getting any work done on repeaters. No Field Day events as a club this year. Individuals can participate in Field Day. There have been some rule modifications that can be found on the ARRL site www.arrl.org.

Thank you Joe – N5TEX, Bob – W5RAB and Tom – K5OVT

REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 Autumn Oaks Building 71st & Yale - Working

148.880 (-) 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 - Down

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 (+) PL88.5 Autumn Oaks Building 71st & Yale – Working



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) 2000 (8PM)
Due to the Covid19 distancing directive the TRO meeting will be held on the 146.94 repeater (88.5PL) at 8:00PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Schedule for 2020: JAN 28, FEB 25, MAR 24, APR 28, MAY 26, JUL 28, AUG 25, SEP 22, OCT 27, NOV 24, DEC 8

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive the TARC meeting will be held on the 145.110 repeater (88.5PL) at 7:00PM on the third Tuesday of the month.

Schedule for 2020: JAN 21, FEB 18, MAR 17, APR 21, MAY 19, JUN 16, JUL 21, AUG 18, SEP 15, OCT 20, NOV 17, DEC 15

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 (7 PM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive, check the BAARC website at www.w5drz.org for meeting information.

Schedule for 2020: JAN 6, FEB 3, MAR 2, APR 6, MAY 4, JUN 1, JUL 6, AUG 3, SEP ?, OCT 5, NOV 2, DEC 7

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month at 0800 (8 AM)

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive, check the RCWA website at www.rcwa.org for meeting information.

Schedule for 2020: JAN 11, FEB 8, MAR 14, APR 11, MAY 9, JUN 13, JUL 11, AUG 8, SEP 12, OCT 10, NOV 14, DEC 12

VE TEST SESSIONS

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!

Due to the Covid19 distancing directive 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 918-520-7668 - leave message, or email: WB5OSM@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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 74013

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/>

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

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

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