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POST OAK CHALLENGE



I would like to express my thanks to Ben Joplin—WB5VST, Ed Compos—K5CRQ, Joe Gorkos—N5TEX, Paul Young—KE5EHM and Ray Young—K5CFY. For their dedication and support to this years Post Oak Lodge

Challenge. It was an eventful weekend for us but everyone did a fantastic job. It takes a lot of work, time, equipment and effort to support an event of this size and nature I am very grateful for the support our team provided to this years event. The Director for the event are very pleased for the support the TRO provided. Thanks Guys.....

Green Country Hamfest—We had our TRO table like we normally do. Ben—WB5VST & I got together and decided we were going to step things up this year by setting up a Com Center with working APRS to show people all the gadgets we use to cover our events and activities. Keep in mind this is where we have the opportunity to show people what our club is all about. And we want them to walk away saying those guys have got it together. I want to be a part of that. So Ben—WB5VST, ED—K5CRQ and myself will be there Friday to set up and get things started. I set up a schedule of 2 hour shifts for both days. This is so that we can keep 2 assigned with 1 at the table at all times. It is also our goal to give everyone as much free time as we can. We didn't want anyone to be tied down at the table. There was a lot to see and do. This was very successful. Thanks again for all that helped.

Our next event will be the Maple Ridge Run/Bicycle event on Memorial Day May 27. Bike MS meetings have already started. Field Day planning has started. Many activities ahead.

To volunteer your help at the events or planning of our events, contact me, Tom Stroud—KD5OPH at kd5oph@tulsahamradio.org or phone 918-695-3735.

Thanks Again for all your help, Tom Stroud—KD5OPH, TRO Activities Chairman.



Green Country Hamfest TRO table pics— Ben—WB5VST setting up the APRS Station. A great posterboard put together by Tom—KD5OPH and the events Command Station provided by Brian Gnad—KB5TSI.



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The next TRO meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th starting at 1900 at Tally's Good Food Cafe 1102 S Yale Annual Weather Meeting

TRO member-ships were due March 1. If you already renewed, THANKS! If not, please renew as soon as possible.



PREZ SAYS BY STAN CALLAHAN—KE5HPB



Well here it is March which brings new life in our landscapes, a new storm chasing season & Hamfest. March also brings a new fiscal year for TRO, new officers (well some new) and a new budget. First up; New fiscal year which includes new officers. I thank you again for your confidence as your President for a 3rd term. I hope for new exciting things for TRO on the horizon. One is to have the .94 to be in operation by the end of March. It's been a long time coming, to be located in the downtown area. One other item that we have started talks on is a club owned portable command communications post. The unit we've been using belongs to Brian Gnad KB5TSI. This unit has always been available to us but there will be a time when things happen and maybe there or when we need 2 command posts or 2 locations. Just trying to cover all bases.

Now on to Hamfest of which has come and gone at the time of this writing and was great as usual! And a big thank you to everyone that helped out at the TRO table. I truly don't know whom all has helped out because most of us had multiple jobs at hamfest all over the place (including me !). THANK YOU!!! As usual I did get to meet some "old members" at hamfest that do not get to come to the meetings regularly. Good to see you!! March is also the 'kick off' to the storm chasing season. I have contacted the NWS to have a presentation at this months meeting but not heard from them as of yet. I'm sure it will happen. They have not let me down yet! Now on to Field Day: Last year it was held at Chandler Park but we were looking at the JZ Scout Ranch. Well I finally got a reason of why we cannot hold it there. We cannot access the area with the BIG travel trailers and RV's. The paved road is only a 12,000 lbs load limit. We would have to use the oil field road and that may damage your rigs, a rough ride. There has been a 2nd site suggested to me. The place where they hold the Scouting Fall Festival, Camp Scott in Broken Arrow. I will check it out and let ya'll know as soon as I have info. We still have the invite with TARC at Chandler but they may be interested in this as well and would save all of us a lot of money. Now on to the Maple Ridge Run. We are already looking for help for this event which is on Memorial Day near 21st and Peoria. Event is usually finished around 11am. This is a stationary post and is an easy event for 'newbies' to learn the how-to's. The update for the M.S. BikeOK is the start/ finish line is in Chandler at the Lincoln Co Fair Grounds. This is an overnight operation but 1 day ops are OK as well if that is all you can offer. For the overnights the best chance for accommodations is if you can bunk with your camp cot. They will have an area for bunking in an indoor a/c controlled area. This is an area for tests as well. For some of us it will be a 2 night operation. It is in a small town and there is a limited amount of motel rooms with about 6-700 people there. This is an expense re-embursed event. Right now we are looking to at least 10 operators for this event but the more the easier it will be on everyone. It looks like there may be some stationary post on the event this time as well a mobile. Food, over night stay is paid for and fuelre-embursed. Let Tom, Ben or Stan know if you plan to work this event. I do have a confession. I have not been as active this past month for TRO. The reason is because I had two separate trips to the ER/Hospital. NO big worries now. I plan to be around for a long time. The first one was over high blood pressure and they thought it was a mini stroke but I fooled them, but is back under control. The second trip back, they thought I had torn my rotator cuff. I fooled them again. I do have bone spurs in the shoulder pinching nerves. Still working on that one.

Stan Callahan KE5HPB

TREASURER'S REPORT BY STEVE MILLER—AA5V

TRO Beginning Accounts Balance :	\$3805.30
Checking beginning balance:	\$1696.89
02/04 #3191 CityPlex rent—146.88	-\$100.00
02/26 #3192 AA5V—Xmas 216.85 & PO Box 56.00	-\$272.85
03/22 #3193 Hays Companies—Club Liability Ins.	-\$200.00
03/23 Deposit 8-renewals Hamfest-misc sales	+\$330.00
Checking ending balance:	\$1454.04
Beginning savings balance:	\$1912.53
Interest:	+\$0.29
Ending savings balance:	\$1912.82
PayPal beginning balance:	\$195.88
4 renewals	+\$110.00
Fees	-\$4.40
PayPal ending balance:	\$301.48
TRO Ending Accounts Balance :	\$3668.34

NEW TRO MEMBERS:

Ned Elzo—N5JHB in March 2013

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



MEETING MINUTES BY Ed Compos—K5CRQ

Tulsa Repeater Organization Meeting 2-26-2013

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Callahan KE5HPB at 19:00 hrs.

Introductions were made of the 15 members that were present.

Minutes were read by secretary Ed Compos K5CRQ and a motion was made by Mark Conklin N7XYO and seconded by Bart Pickens N5TWB to accept as read and passed on vote. Treasurers report was presented by Gary Parham KC5ZQP and a motion made by Brian Gnaid KB5TSI and seconded by Annette Williams KE5EHV to accept as presented and passed on vote.

Post Oak will be March 2 and 3 and we need operators. This is a 6am to about 4pm event if you can help.

Field Day ...well were still talking about it and no concrete decisions have been made. If you go a idea lets us hear from you.

Nominations for the Officers were presented:

President	Stan Callahan KE5HPB
Vice Pres	Ben Joplin WB5VST
Treasurer	Steve Miller AA5V
Secretary	Ed Compos K5CRQ
Trustee	Merlin Griffin WB5OSM

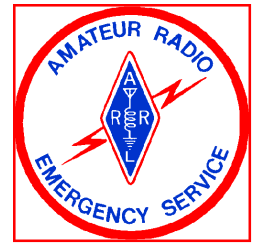
The floor was asked if there were any additional nominations and none were presented

And a motion to accept the nominations by Bart N5TWB was made and seconded by Mark N7XYO and passed on a vote of the members

Green Country Hamfest is March 8 and 9th at Claremore EXPO Hope to see you all there.

Meeting closed at 19:54 hrs

Ed Compos K5CRQ



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

VICE PRESIDENT BEN JOPLIN—WB5VST

What's Happening With The Repeaters?
Steve Miller—AA5V

Trustee: Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM

TRO REPEATER STATUS		
Frequency	PL	Status
146.34/94	none	Down
146.28/88	88.5	Up
	141.3	Up
146.205/805	none	Up
449.1/444.1	88.5	Down
449.725/444.725	88.5	Up
449.95/444.95	none	Up
ATV 421.25	none	Up

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST VE TESTING RESULTS

Reports John Campbell—K5ENA of the Friday night test session at Green Country:

Friday evening's W5YI-VEC test session had 13 candidates, 11 upgraded, 2 fails. 6 passed Element 2 Technician, 6 passed Element 3 General class. Of these, 1 passed his Tech and General. Great test session.

John Campbell—K5ENA
W5YI—VEC CVE Tulsa Area

Reports Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM of the **Saturday** afternoon ARRL VE test session:

We had 19 applicants, two of which were retakes, so 17 folks tested and 14 met with success. In all we produced four new Techs, five Generals, and four Extras. Most notable was Josh Putnam from Muskogee went from unlicensed all the way to General. I suspect we will see this young man sitting for the Extra class test soon. All of the new licensees received a "Operating an Amateur Radio Station" compliments of the ARRL Oklahoma Section. The VE team was Devan Brotherton N5NRL of Tahlequah, Nathan Hufstettler AE5NK of Broken Arrow, Wayne William AA5JJ of Muskogee, and a new VE Bradley Morris KF5ORK of Bixby.

At the TRO /Tulsa Red Cross sponsored testing session on January 17

the following candidates met with success.

Randal Walker of Mustang is a new Technician
Austin McClain, Tulsa, is a new General, went from unlicensed.

Amanda Carroll, Tulsa Tulsa, KC5PMT Technician to General

Karl Ihde KC5PXI, Tulsa, Technician to General

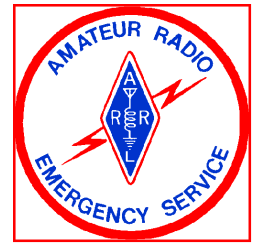
Ernest Becerra, Tulsa, is a new Technician

John Greer of Guthrie is a new General, went from unlicensed.

So in all six candidates, and all get what they came for. We produced four Generals and two Techs. One attempted the Extra class exam, but wasn't quite successful. We want to especially congratulate Mr. Walker and Mr. Greer who drove from the central part of the state to take the test with us. The exam team was John KC4URD, Eli W5PPD, Charles KE5AHE. We didn't hold a March test session since we'll be busy with the Green Country Hamfest / 2013 ARRL Oklahoma Section Convention.

GREEN COUNTRY PRIZE WINNERS

- 1st prize - Elecraft K3 Deluxe HF + 6M transceiver - Jerry Sanders - Tulsa, OK
- 2nd prize - KX3 Deluxe HF + 6M portable transceiver - Ron Tucker—K5IGB - Yukon, OK
- 3rd prize - Icom ID-880H Full power 2M/70CM Transceiver D-Star or analog FM- Jim Shoemaker—W0NKL - Ft Scott, KS
- Volunteers Prize—Yaesu VX-8GR Dual Band 2M/70CM hand held APRS ready transceiver—our own Mark Conklin—N7XYO



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**GENERAL INTEREST
BY MERLIN GRIFFIN—WB5OSM
GEORGIA—KA5VIL**

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Some of you may remember this feisty older lady, that was very active with the TRO for many years, and you may wonder what became of her. She was a great help to the engineering crew. She was fearless when working up on the Channel Six tower or on the roof of many of the tall buildings we use. She was very active as a net control for Skywarn, working the hours that those of us who are gainfully employed could not. She also loved to go out storm spotting/chasing. Still an adrenaline junkie at age 75.

Around 83 her age finally started catching up with her. She started having problems in her lower back, and it started affecting her ability to walk. She moved to Stillwater to be near her family, and lived in an assisted living center for a while. Then she actually improved and was able to drop back from assisted living to just a retirement apartment, and got along OK for the next several years. Then in the last year things started going back down hill. She moved back into assisted living, as her lower body strength was fading. Around the first of this year her health took a big turn for the worse. I really thought she was at the end of the road. They found that she had developed an infection, some kind of bug, that is deadly for older folks and young children. She was in isolation for around three months. However, she is one tough lady, and the fever is gone, she is out of isolation, and regaining strength. She just turned 97. Her days to go out and chase a good storm may be over, but at least she is still with us, and I plan to go back over soon and tell her how this year's Hamfest went.

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.

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City Of Tulsa
City of Skiatook
Liberty Fire Department

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Monday, May 27
7AM thru 11AM

Maple Ridge Run—Maple Ridge Neighborhood

Saturday & Sunday
June 29 & 30

TRO & ARRL Field Day—Location to be determined.



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