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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

UP FRONT – A Word from the Editor

When some things wind down, other things wind up. NWS Skywarn Storm Spotter Training wraps up at the end of this month, but we've already had a severe weather event on Monday, March 6th, so storm activity is already starting to wind up for the spring season. In fact, the spotter training session slated for that night in Broken Arrow had to be cancelled, but it has been rescheduled for 1900 (7 PM) Monday, March 27, at the Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex at 1101 N 6th (6th & Kenosha). For other sessions in the area, keep an eye on weather.gov/tsa/spotter_training.

Spring also means an increase in public service events, and the TRO already has worked one! Trail Madness featured runs of 4, 8, 16 and 32 kilometers on Sunday, March 5th on the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area trails. I listened to the net, and everything went well despite the usual glitches that occur when working an event for the first time.

In his report, Activities Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM will have more to say about Trail Madness, and the other TRO springtime events: Golden Driller Marathon (new one!), Maple Ridge Run, and Tour de Cure.

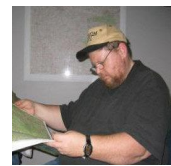
In addition to storms and public service events, public relations events will ramp up in the spring.

Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, is the main contact for the Wagoner County Preparedness Expo at the Coweta Intermediate High School, just south of OK 51 on 305 E Ave., on Saturday March 25. He is looking for storm spotter/chaser vehicles and ham radio operators. Tom is the TRO Membership Chairman, so his contact information is at the end of this newsletter. I plan to be out there with the TRO PR kit to set up a display and demonstration of ham radio. The event opens to the public at 1000 (10 AM), so everyone bringing out equipment or literature for display needs to be there by 0900 (9 AM).

The next PR opportunity is somewhat limited for exposure to the general public, but it does reach an important population – ham radio operators (and wannabes)! I'll be setting up, tearing down, and manning the TRO booth at Green Country Hamfest, Friday and Saturday, April 7th & 8th. As I have done in the past, I will need a couple of volunteers to take over the booth while I go eat and shop at 1800 (6 PM) Friday, and 1200 (noon) Saturday. You can contact me by phone or email, or come to the membership meeting on the 28th.

Our final PR event will be Camp Bandage, Saturday May 20th at the Chisholm Trail South Park, 101st east of the Creek Turnpike, across from the NSU campus. Watch later issues of The Signal for more details.

**TRO March 2017 Club Membership Meeting 28 MAR 17 1900 (come early to eat)
Delta Cafe 41st & Garnett**



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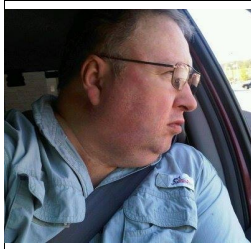
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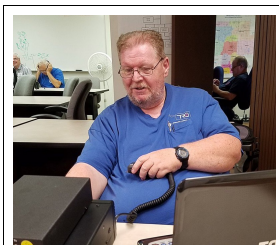
PREZ SEZ

**Mark Conklin
N7XYO**

Editor's Note: Mark has been too busy dealing with fires in Okmulgee County to send in a report this month. I imagine he would say something like this: Whether dealing with storms or fires, or just helping out during one of the many TRO or other public service events this spring, stay safe by staying aware of your surroundings. I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting this month, 7 PM Tuesday March 28th at the Delta Cafe, 11101 E 41st St (41st & Garnett), where Steve Piltz, KA9MLL will

talk about weather. Come early to eat! We will also vote on the club's annual budget, so we need to have a good turnout.

FOR THE RECORD – Minutes and other organizational stuff



MEETING NOTES

**DOUG LEE,
KC5ZQM**

Tulsa Repeater Organization Membership Meeting Minutes FEB 2017

Date 28 FEB 17

Location Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant, 5629 E 41st (East end of Southroads Shopping Center)

Open 1915

Present 24, 4 visitors

Reading of Minutes Waived after vote to pass a motion by Stan Callahan, KA5STN, to accept as published in The Signal; second was by Ben Joplin, WA5VST.

Treasury Report Waived after vote to pass a motion by Ben WB5VST to accept as presented by Steve Miller, AA5V; Joe Gorkos, N5TEX seconded.

Engineering Chairman Joe N5TEX asked Bob Buford, W5RAB to give an update on the 444.950 repeater. The new repeater is complete, and he has handed it off to Steve AA5V for final programming before the team moves it to Autumn Oaks. Joe asked if the project could be finished in 2 to 3 weeks, before storm season kicks in. Steve responded that he has been tied up with updating the Green Country Hamfest website to better handling of the ordering of tables and tickets, but because he has finished that, he should have no trouble getting .95 ready for installation.

Activities Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, discussed the 4 applications he has received back.

The first event, Trail Madness, is scheduled for the following Sunday, 05 MAR, at Turkey Mountain Park. The first race starts at 1000 so we need to be there at 0830. Kenneth then asked for volunteers and received 5 responses, so he will tell the organizers that we will do it.

The next 2 events, the Golden Driller Marathon on Saturday, 29 APR and Tour de Cure on Saturday 03 JUN, were tabled for further discussion because we have time to consider those decisions.

The final event, Bike MS Oklahoma on Saturday, 30 SEP, will still be out of our main service area, so we will once again hand it off to clubs in the Oklahoma City area.

Public Relations Next event is the Green Country Hamfest on Friday and Saturday, 07 and 08 APR. Chairman Doug Lee, KC5ZQM, will again handle the setup, tear down and manning of the TRO table. He will also want some relief at 1800 Friday and 1200 Saturday so he can go eat, walk around, and shop. He will ask for volunteers next month, so he only asked that members consider volunteering. If any member at the Hamfest

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FOR THE RECORD cont'd– Minutes and other organizational stuff**Tulsa Repeater Organization Membership Meeting Minutes FEB 2017 – cont'd**

needs a place to sit down for a while, they are welcome to do so at the club table, but they might be put to work.

Membership Chairman Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, asked for ARES members to volunteer for front and rear door greeters/security at Green Country Hamfest. He will also be the contact person for the Wagoner County Preparedness Expo on Saturday, 25 MAR. He is looking for storm chasers/spotters and hams. We need to be there and set up by 0900.

Operating Standards, By Laws, and Trustee Not present, so no reports.

Old Business Nominating Committee Chairman Ben Joplin, WB5VST, reported that the current slate of elected officers were willing to continue serving, and no other nominations had been made. Tom Shaw, K5OVT moved we elect the entire slate by acclamation. Tom KD5OPH seconded and motion passed.

New Business No new business presented.

Announcements No additional announcements made.

End of Business Business closed at 1938 after vote on motion by Steve AA5V, and second by Ben WB5VST.

Program Jeff Scoville, AE5ME showed how the different digital radio modes, hardware, and software packages operate and relate to each other by discussing their development and evolution. Presentation ended at 2035.

Tulsa Repeater Organization Executive Committee Meeting Minutes MAR 2017**14 MAR 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

Engineering Chair Joe Gorkos, N5TEX

Operating Standards Chair Ed Compos, K5CRQ

APRS Engineer Ben Joplin, WB5VST

Open by Mark N7XYO at 1957

Reading of minutes: Mark asked Doug to read the only the business items from the January officers' meeting and the February membership meeting to see if any items still need action. Ed KC5CRQ moved to accept, Paul seconded, motion passed.

Treasury report: Steve AA5V read the latest report, added that some membership fees have not been deposited yet. Ed K5CRQ moved to accept, Ben WB5VST seconded, motion passed. Joe N5TEX asked how much of our annual funding comes from dues.

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FOR THE RECORD cont'd– Minutes and other organizational stuff**Tulsa Repeater Organization Executive Committee Meeting Minutes MAR 2017 - cont'd**

Engineering: Joe N5TEX reported that Merlin still hasn't updated the .88 DVR, and they are thinking of deactivating it until he can finish the project. Joe also asked Ben for information about what is needed to upgrade the hardware for the APRS and Command Post radio, so he can put a specific number into the budget. Discussion led to \$100 to \$150 for a radio, and a need more research before setting a number for the computer.

Activities: Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM was not present, but the one event voted on at the February membership meeting has happened, and the other 2 events still under consideration have been tabled.

Public Relations: Information came in the day before about an event at Woodland Hills Mall on the following Saturday. Doug KC5ZQM said that didn't leave him enough time to organize anything for that event, but he will go by to check it out. He also asked Paul KE5EHM if he would bring out his tent and tables for the Wagoner County Expo at Coweta on the 25th. Doug also passed around examples of half-page handouts he is thinking of printing at home in order to save the club money. These handouts might appeal more to people that don't want to take time to read a brochure.

Operating Standards / By Laws: No report

Membership: Chairman Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, not present. Mark N7XYO requested we send ideas to help recruitment to Tom.

Old, Unfinished, Ongoing Business: Ricardo's is out if we have members who can not get down into the basement and we cannot get exclusive use of the other room. We will return to Delta Cafe, but we need to have a video projector and screen set up for Steve Piltz, KA5MLL, from the Tulsa NWS office.

New Business: The 2017-2018 budget numbers prepared by Mark N7XYO, are close to reality. We have lost some extra income from donations. Otherwise, more members means more money. Mark recommended officers to look for new sources of donations or grants. Doug KC5ZQM, discussed his fundraising idea of a drawing for a weather station that can be connected to the Internet and/or APRS.

Close at 2001 after motion by Ed K5CRQ, second by Joe N5TEX, and passed.

TRO VE Testing session at the Red Cross Thursday, May 16, 2017

9 Applicants, all nine met with success!

New Techs:

Karen Nixon, Collinsville
Stanley Sample, Bixby

William Wheeler, Tulsa
Michael Bunch, Oktaha

Clyo Wixson, Okmulgee
Richard Fisher, Oologah

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TRO VE Testing session at the Red Cross Thursday, May 16, 2017 - contd

Upgrades:

- Stacy Smith KE5RBP, Claremore, upgraded to General
- Steve Linnet KD5DRW, Okmulgee, upgraded to General
- Charles Jenkman, Bixby , expired Extra, passed element 2, will get his Extra back, but with new call sign

VE Team:

- Eli W5PPD Skipper NQ2J Kevin AF5SW Don KG5NNO Merlin WB5OSM

Upcoming Test sessions:

Friday, April 7, 18:30 hrs at the Rogers County Building NW Corner of Claremore Expo Parking lot, in conjunction with the Green Country Hamfest. Contact Skipper NQ2J about this one. Walk-ins are welcome. Registration runs from 1830 to about 1900 then testing begins. Don't show up too early; the VE team will still be eating pizza at the Claremore Pizza Hut.

Saturday, April 8, 1300 hrs at the same location as above, still in conjunction with the Green Country Hamfest. Walk-ins are welcome here as well. Registration will get under way about 12:30. Contact Merlin WB5OSM for more info about this one.

See VE testing page at Greencountryhamfest.org. Both of these sessions will have a drawing for dual band HT for the applicants. The VE's will be eligible for a drawing for a 70 CM HT. In fact there will be two of those given away for hamfest volunteers.

Then we will be back at the Red Cross on May 18 1900 hrs.

GETTING TECHNICAL – Engineering Report, Repeater Status

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

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GETTING RADIO ACTIVE - Activities Report, Event Schedules



ACTIVITIES REPORT
Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM

Yawn

Whew, quite a break we had there since our last activity – but guess what’s coming now! We have two events that have not yet been voted in. So, we’ll need to do that, then put them on the calendar and start enlisting volunteers from our outstanding pool of helpful hands. Be sure to bring more than just your hands to the events though.

Golden Driller Marathon – April 29th

Similar to Trail Madness and the Maple Ridge Run, we’re being asked to stake out a few select points of interest along the designated route to monitor for any health/safety issues, and to help track the leader and final participant in the events. We’ll need at least 6 operators for this event, more would be useful, if you can help the team out!

I’m working on getting more detail in time for our monthly meeting. Meeting time for the marathon will be 0600, location TBD, likely within

West Bank of RiverParks.

Marathon and Half-Marathon start at 7:00 am, and the start times for the 5K and 10K will be 7:30 am.

Tour de Cure – June 3rd

A well-known and easy to work bike event, Tour de Cure will start/finish at the same location and cover much of the same ground once again this year. We’ll need SAG vehicles capable of carrying at least one bicycle and one rider each, with a carrying capacity of two or more preferred for the longer routes.

We use our POVs to deliver SAG Support for cyclists on designated routes, providing first aid within our scope of training, or transport to the finish line when required. We'll have fuel reimbursement by check after the event, free t-shirt, and lunch provided on site. We'll assign operators to a portion of the route, to patrol that section until relieved of duty or reassigned to a specific task.

Meeting time for the event will be 0600 at Hillcrest Hospital South (91st and Hwy 169) and with any luck, we’ll be done in time to grab a bite to eat before heading home.

Thank you!

We had a few great volunteers out at Trail Madness a couple weekends back – special thanks to Ray K5CFY, Paul KE5EHM, Clint K5YHF, Steve KA5MOD, and Ben WB5VST. Paul, Ray, Steve, and Ben hiked or drove into their locations and monitored the route, and Clint helped me keep track of things at base until the first event was underway. Clint then hiked out and provided relief and support for each station out on the trail. We were in place and operational at 0900 and headed home at 1515. It was a long day, but overall, a good experience and a decent start to our year.

Thank you all for your continued support of TRO and this wonderful community – see you out there and on the air!

SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING CONTINUES TROUGH MARCH 2017: The session at the NSU Broken Arrow campus was rescheduled for 1900 (7 PM) Monday, 27 MAR 17 at the Broken Arrow Public Service Complex. 1101 N 6th (6th & Kenosha). For more sessions, keep an eye on the calendar at: www.weather.gov/tsa/spotter_training.

Public Service Communications Training Opportunity – South Tulsa County

The **Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT)** teams in our area will be conducting an exercise on **Saturday** (continued on next page)

GETTING RADIO ACTIVE - Activities Report, Event Schedules – cont'd

Public Service Communications Training Opportunity – South Tulsa County – cont'd

April 1 in Jenks. They have a need for up to 6 licensed amateur radio operators. The exercise will include resources from **Jenks, Skiatook, Bixby, and Broken Arrow**. This is a superb opportunity for our ARES members in the area to get some on-air practice.

For more information or to volunteer please contact:

Paul Bisdorf AE5PB@arrl.net -or- Tom Devlin AE5TD@arrl.net

Amateur Radio Operators Needed - Memorial Marathon in Oklahoma City, Sunday 30 APR 2017 Amateur radio operators are needed in all parts of the marathon: at medical stations, water trucks, position vehicles, command post and many more. If a runner or spectator become injured and is in need of emergency medical attention, it could be disastrous trying to call for help on an already overloaded system. Amateur radio would still be reliable for situations like this. To sign up simply go to [Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon](#). To make sure that you are taken to the correct sign up page be sure to use the code: PSC17 If you have any questions please contact Mike Rockey, KE5EQC at gjnmerock1@cox.net.



TRO EVENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE

(All events tentative until approved)

Golden Driller Marathon

Saturday, 29 APR 17, River Parks Trails

Maple Ridge Memorial Day Run

Monday, 29 MAY 17, Maple Ridge Neighborhood

Tour de Cure

Saturday, 03 JUN 17, Hillcrest Hospital South, 91st & US 169

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Wagoner County Emergency Preparedness Expo

Saturday, 25 MAR 17, Coweta High School, 305th East Ave. & OK 51

Camp Bandage

Saturday, 20 MAY 17, Chisholm Trail South Park, 101st (New Orleans) east of the Creek Turnpike across from the NSU Broken Arrow Campus

THE BIG PICTURE – News from Green Country Hamfest, ARES, Skywarn...

ARRL Oklahoma Section Opening - Section Traffic Manager

The Oklahoma Section of the American Radio Relay League's Field Organization has an opening at the Section Traffic Manager position.

The **STM** is appointed by the Section Manager to supervise traffic handling organization at the section level – that is, to coordinate all traffic efforts within the section, regardless of mode or NTS affiliation, so that routings within the section and connections with other networks and digital traffic nodes will result in orderly and efficient traffic flow.

Requirements include familiarity with traffic handling on all modes, Technician class license or higher, and full ARRL Membership.

Responsibilities: Establish, administer, and promote a traffic handling program at the section level, based on, but not restricted to, National Traffic System networks.

Develop and implement one or more effective training programs within the section that address the needs of *(continued on next page)*

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ARRL Oklahoma Section Opening - Section Traffic Manager, cont'd

amateurs new to formal network traffic handling, as well as those who receive, send, and deliver traditional and digital modes of traffic handling. Insure that NM's place particular emphasis on formal traffic on a "casual" basis, via RTTY, AMTOR, and Packet based message storage and bulletin board systems.

Cooperate and coordinate with the SEC so that traffic nets and emergency nets in the section present a unified public service front.

Recommend candidates for NM's and ORS appointments to the SM. Issue appointments/cancellations and appropriate certificates. At the SM's discretion, the STM may directly make or cancel NM or ORS appointments.

Insure that all traffic nets are properly and adequately staffed, with appropriate direction to Net Managers, as required, which results in coverage of all Net Control and liaison functions. Assign liaison coverage adequate to insure that all digital bulletin boards and message storage systems are polled on a daily basis, to prevent mis-addressed, lingering, or duplicated radiogram-formatted message traffic.

Maintain familiarity with proper traffic handling and directed net procedures applicable to all normally-used modes within the section.

Collect and prepare accurate monthly net reports and submit them to ARRL Headquarters, either directly or via the Section Manager, but in any case on or prior to the established deadlines.

Encouraged to earn certification in Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the ARRL Emergency Communications Course.

Recruitment of new hams and ARRL members is integral to the job of every ARRL appointee. Appointees should take advantage of every opportunity to recruit a new ham or member to foster growth of Field Organization programs, and our abilities to serve the public.

To apply for the position of Oklahoma Section Traffic Manager, contact Section Manager Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW, at: 580-220-9062, or n0irw@arrl.org

CLUB MEETINGS

Tulsa Repeater Organization

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

Delta Cafe, 41st & Garnett

Schedule for 2017: 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: 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 (7 PM)

Central Park Recreational Center, 1500 S Main, Broken Arrow

Schedule for 2017: 03 APR 01 MAY 05 JUN 03 JUL (tentative due to holiday) 07 AUG 04 SEP 02 OCT 06 NOV 04 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: 08 APR 13 MAY 10 JUN 08 JUL 12 AUG 09 SEP 14 OCT 11 NOV 09 DEC

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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: 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: 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: 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)

Trinity House, 9210 N Garnett, Owasso OK

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 OK

Contact: John Carr, K5TBL at K5TBL@arrl.net or (918) 289-1718

Schedule for 2017: 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: 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

GreenCountryHamfest.org

[MAP: https://goo.gl/maps/X9kEa](https://goo.gl/maps/X9kEa)

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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.

Looking for **ARES** help at the Green Country Hamfest door greeters, and at the **ARES** table. We would like to have an **ARES** officer at the table at all times. We also need to set up an amazing **ARES** display to include APRS, and HF communications. If you have equipment that you would like to bring to the table please contact Tom Stroud, KD5POPH, 918..695.3735, or kd5oph@tulsahamradio.org. Thank you for your time support and dedication to **ARES** communications.

HAMFEST CALENDAR

APRIL

HANGING JUDGE HAMFEST SAT 01 APR 17

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

Oklahoma City
Tower Hotel, 3233 Northwest Expressway.
Oklahoma City

hamholiday.com

JULY

2017 Central States VHF Society Conference 27 - 30 JUL 17

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

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