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The Prez Says . . .

THANK YOU!

This is going to be an issue of "Thank You's". First up - a big one to Joe Gorkos for filling in for me in my absence in October. It was a stressful, busy month for me and my family. First up, I did recover from my surgery woes. As I write (type) this, it is now day 28 for my mother's stroke recovery in St. Francis Hospital.

A BIG Thank You to all who helped out in the Williams Route 66 Run in Oct., the NMSS Ride the Mother Road, Dam J.A.M., the "Fox Hunt" and the teams who repaired the Autumn Oaks site. This is what volunteering is all about.

Thank You to Tom Stroud for all the meetings and events in which he put numerous hours. His work is NOT over yet!

Thank You to Joe AGAIN for all the time he spends on the efforts getting the .94 repeater tower. Lots of meetings and letters going into this project. Folks we are a little closer. Things are looking better for a tower in Sand Springs but not a done deal yet!! Cross your fingers!

As for this Month I will be MIA again as for I will be back at Camp Gruber for about a 15-day

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next TRO Meeting:
27, December, 6:30 p.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse, 10934 E. 21st St., Tulsa, OK.

TRO Signal Bulletin: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WA5LVT/>

Upcoming TRO Events:

www.tulsahamradio.org/troevents.htm

TRO on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_189314365941

THE PREZ SAYS . . .

tour this time. I will give the reigns again to Joe for the meeting. Tom Stroud has arranged for the presentation with an Air Ambulance on landing zones in an emergency. Again Thank You!!

Thank You to all who will work on the Williams Route 66 Marathon this month. This is again a large project to take on, BUT I have all the confidence in our members that all will go FANTASTIC. You ARE the professionals.

Looking ahead next month is CHRISTmas, parties and the drawings for our prizes.

Thank You to every member for making TRO one of the premier organizations in the Tulsa

area. You should pat yourself on the back for jobs well done.

Stanley Callahan, KE5HPB
TRO President



*Q: How do you greet a **ham radio** operator? A. With a short wave.*

TRO TREASURY REPORT - MASTER 2011

Tulsa Repeater Organization	
Treasury Report 11-15-2011 for October 2011	
TRO Accounts Balance Beginning :	\$ 3964.69
Checking beginning balance:	\$ 1767.75
check 3181 (aprs supplies) -	\$ 176.00
check 3182 (.805 supplies) -	\$ 164.02
Checking ending balance:	\$ 1462.02
Savings beginning balance:	\$ 1906.47
10-31-11 Interest	+ \$.49
Ending savings balance:	\$ 1906.96
Paypal account beginning:	\$ 290.47
Paypal account ending	\$ 290.47
TRO Ending Accounts Balance :	\$ 3659.45
Respectfully submitted by Gary Parham-KC5ZQP	



VP CORNER

The fox hunters were out ready to sniff (RF) out the fox from multiple locations, new and old hunters were prepared to track him down when we heard a crackling voice of the fox. The issue was the fox was caught before he even got started, that is, the flu bug caught him and he was down for the count. We will reschedule the fox hunt sometime after the holidays. We wish the fox a speedy recovery.



There are more upcoming club activities requiring club member participation in the next several weeks. Be sure to check the clubs web site, <http://tulsahamradio.org/Calendar.htm> for times, dates, and activities. The Williams 66 marathon requires a lot of help with the number

of runners and communications needs on November 19th and 20th. I believe there is a need for 20 operators for this event.

The holiday season is fast approaching; TRO will have its annual Christmas party on its regular schedule meeting night December 27th at Ryan's Family Steakhouse East 21st between 169 and Garnett. Cake and refreshments will be provided. Members can purchase a dinner buffet for the event. Special prizes and a cash drawing will be held.

This month we will have Dennis Peschka with Air Evac Lifeteam discussing LZ Operations.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, enjoy the holiday, and the time with your family.

Joe N5TEX 73's
TRO Vice President

AMATEUR RADIO AREA TESTING DATES

Third Thursday of odd numbered months. Next Session: 17 Nov 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cross building, 11th & 169. Contact Merlin Griffin. Phone 520-7668 or e-mail wb5osm@hotmail.com.

Second Saturday of even numbered months, Next Session: December 10, 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 379-0962.

First or Second Saturday of odd numbered months, 9:30 a.m. at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E 93rd Street, Tulsa, OK 74133.

2012 Schedule:

- January, TBA

Walk-ins welcome. Contact Tom K5EHX. E-mail: tom@k5ehx.net or phone: (918)835-7889 and leave message. Talk-in on 146.55 simplex.

W5YI-VEC Test Sessions

Test sessions held the last Saturday of every third month. Next Session: January 28, 2012. Martin East Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, Tulsa, OK. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!** Contact John, K5ENA, K5ENA@cox.net or 918-346-8284.

Ham Test Online. A very effective online study course for hams. www.hamtestonline.com

TRO MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2011

Meeting called to order by Joe Gorkos N5TEX vice-president at 7:33 p.m.

Introductions were given by each individual.

Minutes were read by Ed Compos K5CRQ.

Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Charles Sharpe

NE3M and seconded by Bill Downes KE5VKB and passed on vote.

Treasurer report not read.

Engineering reports: 146.88 was to be moved but that has been postponed until further notice.

146.805 has had repairs on the antennae and feed line and is up and working. Sound great.

The Mid Continent building has sold and we don't for see any problems with our equipment that is in place.

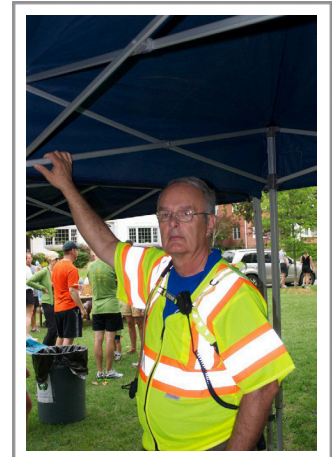
Cindy Downes K5CED needs someone to help with help on a show and tell program at Hicks Park.

Tom Stroud needs help for the Route66 Marathon please contact him and HELP US.

Need Help on November 19, 2011 for the Saturday run and lots of help for Sunday the 20, 2011 Marathon run.

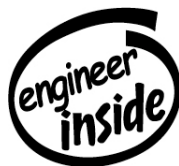
December 27,2011 will be the Holiday party at Ryan's for the club members. Cake will be provides along with some prizes..

[Ed Compos K5CRQ](#)
[TRO Secretary](#)



ENGINEERING RULES

1. Any circuit design must contain at least one part which is obsolete, two parts which are unobtainable and three parts which are still under development.



2. Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget.
3. A failure will not appear till a unit has passed final inspection.
4. If you can't fix it -- document it.

PR REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

On November 5, I set up an information table about TRO for the Hobby Fair at the Hicks Community Center on Mingo Road. I took copies of the TRO brochures, information on ham radio from ARRL, and my handy talkie. I had sound effects and videos related to ham radio running on my computer.

Unfortunately, the fair had a dismal turnout. The people who did come were folks looking for the breakfast that being offered at the same time. I did have two people stop by the table: a member from the model train club and a member from the radio airplane club, who were both there for their own club's PR

purposes. We had a nice chat, but none of us did any recruiting!

Respectfully submitted,

[Cindy Downes K5CED](#)
[Public Information Officer,](#)
[TRO](#)

TRO ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

There's been very little news in the engineering department this month. The biggest news is that on the day of the evening we were suppose to meet at CityPlex to move the 146.88 repeater equipment from the 59th floor to the 60th floor, Ben Joplin - WB5VST received a call from their building engineer saying we did not have to make the move yet. They were not sure they had a place with enough space on the 60th floor or some of the people that already had communications equipment there didn't want us there. Something put the brakes on the move though.

Merlin Griffin - WB5OSM is still trying to get a date we can get two or three people together and take 444.1 back home to the TTC Skyline East Building.

Joe Gorkos - N5TEX has a package together about the TRO and our 146.94 repeater to submit to Sam Childers with Arbuckle Towers

requesting our installing the 94 repeater on his tower on 209th West Avenue and highway 412. I haven't received confirmation whether Joe has mailed the document yet.

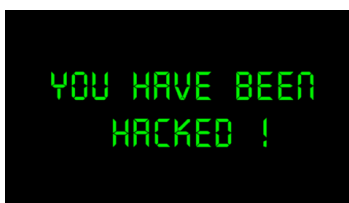
Last but not least, Ben Joplin - WB5VST was needing a good location to install a repeater to use for APRS that would cover the area for the Williams Route 66 Marathon. The building crew at the Mid-Continent Building where our 146.28 receiver and UHF downlink transmitter resides more than welcomed him and the TRO to set up a temporary set on the roof of the building. This will just be installed for the weekend of the marathon, but, it is very good that we know they will work with us when a situation like this happens.

73 Steve Miller - AA5V



[WWW.TULSAHAMRADIO.ORG](http://www.tulsaamradio.org) REPORT

The TRO website [tulsaamradio.org](http://www.tulsaamradio.org) is ill right now, and we are getting no support from our host server people. I would not recommend 4D Webhosting to even my worst of friends.



The situation is this: our site was hacked. Whatever our web host support had to do to clear the problem resulted in turning off the MS

FrontPage extensions, which in turn, makes the online renewal and new applications for membership not work. I have tried to turn the FrontPage extensions back on, and the server registers they are on; but, it is not true and I can get no reply from support. The support they offer is by email only. You cannot talk to a real person or get phone numbers for these people. The TRO has paid for their services through the end of April 2012. I am recommending very strongly that we change our host as soon as it can be afforded.

In the meantime I am trying to put together a new [tulsaamradio](http://www.tulsaamradio.org) site using the popular WordPress software. I am experimenting on my own. You can see the website as it as being built by going to: <http://www.aa5v.com/tulsaamradio/>. At the time of this writing I haven't even decided for sure what theme page design we will use, but, I am working with one or two. I will be working on the website as time permits.

73 - Steve Miller - AA5V

OTHER AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

Apply Now to Host a Real-Time Conversation with Crewmembers Onboard the ISS

NASA is now accepting proposals from US schools, museums, science centers and community youth organizations to host an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact between July 15, 2012 and January 15, 2013. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, NASA is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan. Proposals are due January 30, 2012.

Using Amateur Radio, students can ask astronauts questions about life in space and other space-related topics. Students fully engage in the ARISS contact by helping set up an Amateur Radio ground station at the school and

then using that station to talk directly with a crew member on the International Space Station for approximately 10 minutes. ARISS has a network of mentors to help obtain the technology required to host this exciting opportunity for students.

For more information: <http://www.arrl.org/news/apply-now-to-host-a-real-time-conversation-with-crewmembers-onboard-the-iss>

From the ARRL Newsletter, Nov. 17, 2011



• *Happy Thanksgiving* •

**All volunteers
who worked the
MS Bike event
in 2011
are welcome
to attend
the annual
Victory Party!**

YOU'RE INVITED!



Please RSVP by Monday, November 28

Please keep in mind that all Bike MS cyclists, volunteers, and sponsors are free; however, the cost for guests is \$10 per person at the door.

RSVP to Rachel Klenda: rachel.klenda@nmss.org, 918-488-0882 ext 35124



For more information about TRO, visit www.tulсахamradio.org

If you would like more information about the **Tulsa Repeater Organization** or have questions about articles in the newsletter, please contact us by e-mail at wa5lvt@tulсахamradio.net or write to:

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