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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

PREZ SAYZ:

TRO will have a net meeting on October 27 at 8:00 on the 146.94 repeater. Make plans to check-in. Will its time to start thinking about election of club officers for next year. We need to get an election Committee together. If you want to be on the Committee or run for an office please let me know or any other officers.

73, Paul Young - KE5EHM

MEETING PLACE FOR OCTOBER 27TH IS:

The TRO meeting for October will be on the 146.94 repeater at 8 PM on Tuesday, October 27th. 146.940MHz -600KHz offset and 88.5 PL.

TRO/TULSA RED CROSS VE TESTING SESSION:

By: Merlin Griffin – WB5OSM

Results of the September 17, 2020 TRO/Tulsa Red Cross VE Testing session:

Mr. Curtis Nelson, Broken Arrow, new Technician

Mr. Don Compston, Owasso, new Technician

Mr. Nicholas Shepherd, Glenpool, new Technician

Mr. Nicholas Huges KG5KLX, Bixby, upgraded from Tech to General

Ms. Ciara Penrod, Broken Arrow, new Technician.

Ms. Heather Benzel, Tulsa, new Technician

Mr. Tate Pope, Hulbert, OK, new Technician

Ms. Theresa DeBon, Tulsa, new Technician

Mr. David Caughell, Nowata, OK, new Technician

Mr. Ricky Kramer, Bartlesville, OK, new Technician

Mr. Mike Boren N5OUO, Cleveland, OK, upgraded from Tech to General.

All applicants got what they came for, so 100% pass rate. 11 Applicants, 9 new Techs, and Two upgrades to General.

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The VE team was Skipper Smith NQ2J, welcome back Skipper. He had taken a hiatus during the pandemic, but you can't keep a good man down. Bob Cehelnik jr. KF5EQX, I believe this is his second time with us. Jerus Barnett AI5Q, his first time to help us. His nine-year-old daughter passed her tech with us at our July test session. Then Merlin WB5OSM was the team leader. We will be back at the Red Cross on November 19, provided we are not back in lockdown due to COVID-19. Some people say ham radio is a dying hobby, but since we got out of lockdown, the test sessions have been busy. I think our connected world, is getting so used to be connected, and they know that a disaster of any kind can disrupt that connectedness. They've heard that ham radio just goes on in our own weird wireless way. Also, good to see the participation by the YL's. Another note Mike N5OUO used to be active with the BAT Net. Like some other hams, kind of got out of the hobby for a while, now jumping back in. A couple of technical notes, new Extra Class exams went into effect on July 1. Also, the VEC office tells me that use of the Social Security Number on the 605 form is going to be phased out. The FCC wants applicants to go on their web-site and obtain their FRN number prior to applying for a license. This is in order to better protect their licensees from identity theft.

WANTED, SOME DIGITAL MODE ACTIVITY:

By: Merlin Griffin – WB5OSM

A good, but kind of new friend of mine here in Owasso, Marty N0KRO, is looking for someone or someone(s) interested in working some D-Star with him. Marty and I attend church together, and were in the same small group together. He's been out of Ham Radio for a while, but is getting back in. We just learned that the RCWA UHF 444.35 machine in Claremore can handle all digital voice modes, P-25, Fusion, DMR, D-Star, and for that matter good old analog FM. It should be usable, from Tulsa. It's located on the KRSU-FM tower on College Hill in Claremore. That is impressive, all digital voice modes and analog FM on the same machine.

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST NEWS:

By: Merlin Griffin – WB5OSM

The Green Country Hamfest committee held its first meeting of our fiscal year, by Zoom on October 8. We delayed the start to our year since most of the prizes will be what we were going to give away last year. The main thing we discussed, that the Elecraft K4 was not ordered, and we don't have it in hand. We do have our prizes from Yaesu in hand. We need to find out about the ones we purchased from Associated Radio. Dan was supposed to bring them with him to the show, that did not happen due to the Pandemic. We briefly discussed about adding the IC-705 from Icom to the prize package. It is the hottest rig of 2020. Marty whom, I mentioned above, ordered one from HRO back in August, and it still has not been delivered. I think they told him they are shipping some now, but he's no. 30 on the list, wow! We also have to look at our relationship with ICOM and Yaesu and all that. We also discussed about the number of flea market tables we have available, and need to obtain a firm count from Expo. Also, with the Pandemic still going, we have a couple of our vendors that are up in their years and have significant health issues. They would be in a high-risk category and we will fully understand if they don't come. Another item discussed was Pandemic related, should we take out some tables in the flea market, for social distancing.

We will probably make that decision in our November meeting. Which will likewise be by Zoom. If you wish to participate, let me know and we will send you an invite. The meeting will be on November 12, @ 7 PM again by Zoom. The 2021 Green Country Hamfest is planned for April 9 and 10 at the Clarmore Expo Center.

That's all for now DE WB5OSM

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 10/24/20:

Treasury Report of October 24, 2020

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance	\$5944.96
Checking Beginning Balance	\$2229.97
Checking Balance	\$2229.97
PayPal Beginning Balance	\$171.91
PayPal Ending Balance	\$171.91
Cash Beginning Balance	\$70.00
Cash Ending Balance	\$70.00
Savings Beginning Balance	\$3473.08
09/30 Interest Earned	+0.85
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$3473.93
Total TRO Account Balance	\$5945.81

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 10/24/2020

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.

NOTE FROM STAN CALLAHAN – KA5STN TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

Last month I ask my brothers & sisters for prayers for my son Jarrod who was in a near death vehicle accident. I want to say THANK YOU to each and everyone of you. He is making a recovery from his injuries. He has had his left leg rebuilt from pelvic to toes. He is still not able to walk but he is making recovery strides. His brain trauma is also making a slow but forward recoveries. His memory is improving weekly. His overall health is in a forward track of recovery. He sounds like his old self now when talking with him on the phone. I give credit to GOD and all of your prayers for him.

From all of the Callahan family to you.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

By Joe Gorkos – N5TEX

Hope all is well. The CV19 has sure put a crimp on all our activities.

With that in mind we need to move forward with the .88 fix. We left off knowing the transceiver is working and we were close to getting the controller up and running. Since the interface is out of my expertise, I'll get it into Merlin Griffin – WB5OSM's hands because he has the most experience in programming the controller. By having the complete system makes it a lot easier to test the whole package.

I will check with Bob Buford – W5RAB about a time we could go to CityPlex to test antennas and coax in the system.

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 pandemic 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 74012

Contact: Loyd Beeson, AE5MM at ae5mm@arrl.net or 918.638.2393 (text msg or voice)

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 74012

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 74012

Walkins welcome until 1030

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

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

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