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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

SAD NEWS:

Posted by Paul H. Teel - WB5ANX

W5RAB/SK - Robert Arthur Buford

November 14, 1946 - July 25, 2025

Robert “Bob” Arthur Buford, 78, of Bartlesville, passed away peacefully at home on July 25th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born on November 14, 1946, in Caney, Kansas, to George and Mary Ellen (Murline) Buford. He grew up in Bartlesville and graduated from College High School. In 1965, he married Mary Jo Odell of Oglesby. Together, they welcomed their son, James Robert Brian Buford, in 1970. Bob proudly served as an Army Reservist during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he began a long and successful career with Southwestern Bell, where he worked for 35 years before retiring in 2000. In retirement, Bob continued to share his skills through work with ConocoPhillips, Motorola Radio Company, and KOSN.

A passionate amateur radio operator, Bob was known by his call sign W5RAB. He was an active member of both the Bartlesville and Tulsa radio clubs, where he made many lasting friendships. Bob will be remembered for his generosity, strong work ethic, and unwavering support for those he loved. Of all the roles he held throughout his life, the one he cherished most was being “Papa” to his two granddaughters. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Mary Jo; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Denise Buford; his granddaughters, Jacqueline (Buford) Cook and husband Jacob, and Jamie (Buford) Cortina and husband Charlie; his brothers Frank (Donna) and Bill (Jean); his sister Annette (Buford) Parker; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Murline Buford, and his sister, Rosetta (Buford) Bradley.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

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Report On July 17, 2025 ARRL-VEC Testing Session:

Sponsored by **TRO/Tulsa Red Cross**.

Submitted by Merlin – WB5OSM

Mr. Joey Ibarra KJ5JUO, of Tulsa upgraded Tech to General.

Mr. Edward Wagner N5SNW, of Owasso upgraded Tech to General.

Mr. Michael Hill of Broken Arrow, new Technician.

Mr. Greg Trickett of Tulsa, new Technician

Mr. Ibara came to us a few months ago and got his Technician license, now already upgraded to General. He's young man, still in high school. His dad is not a ham.

All in all, four candidates served and 100% success rate. Two new Techs and two upgrades to General.

The VE Team was Don N5DGF, Curtis N5CEL, and Merlin WB5OSM. The next test session at the Red Cross will be Thursday September 18, 2025 @ 19:00.

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GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST 2026:

Submitted by Merlin – WB5OSM

In September we will begin planning the Green Country Hamfest 2026 edition. Our first meeting will be an in person meeting at Mazzio's in the Farm near 51st and Sheridan, then we will most likely do Zoom meetings the rest of the way. Anyone is welcome to participate and put in their two cents. We would probably give you a penny back in change, but the government is going to stop minting the penny. It looks like Green Country 2026 will be April 10th & 11th 2026 back at the Claremore Expo Center. That's all we know for right now.

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HOW ABOUT A BAT NET AGAIN?:

Submitted by Merlin – WB5OSM

This has been on my mind for a while; I would like to take a stab at bringing back the BAT net. It will be limited edition and kind of a V 2.0. Informal round table on Friday nights from 2200-0000 local on 146.88. I will be the original net lack of control, if someone wants to pick it up at midnight and keep talking that's fine, if someone wants to do it on other nights, that's fine too. Not to take anything away from RCWA's Boredom Breakers net. We won't be linking around the world, and in the beginning at least, only one night a week. If there is an active WX net on the Superlink the BAT net will be called off that evening.

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 08/20/25:

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance		\$7376.27
Checking Beginning Balance		\$3285.12
07/24 2 mem renewals + 5.00 donation	\$55.00	
Checking Ending Balance		\$3340.12
 PayPal Beginning Balance		\$497.72
No Activity		
PayPal Ending Balance		\$497.72
 Cash Beginning Balance		\$125.00
No Activity		
Cash Ending Balance		\$125.00
 Savings Beginning Balance		\$3468.43
07/31 Interest Earned	+0.59	
Ending Savings Account Balance		\$3469.02
Total TRO Account Balance		\$7431.86

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 08/20/2025

TRO SECRETARY - MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, 7/22/25:

The minutes of the July meeting will have to be recreated at the August meeting due to a data loss.

Bart Pickens, N5TWB
TRO Secretary

ENGINEERING REPORT:

No report.

REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 ? ? ? ? – Down
146.880 (-) 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 - Working

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 (+) PL 88.5 ? ? ? ? – Down

Activities:

August 26, 2025 Tuesday 1900 TRO Monthly Meeting at Freeway Cafe
5849 South 49th West Avenue. Come early to have supper.

September 6, 2025 Saturday

Dam J.A.M. Bicycle Tour

Amateur Radio will be providing communications for the 2025 Dam J.A.M. Bicycle Tour.
Provide communications between checkpoints of the bicycle tour over a large part of
Northeastern Oklahoma.

To volunteer to help with this event find information on the TARC webpage at w5ias.com.

September 20, 2025

Enid Hamfest 0800-1500 Saturday

www.EnidARC.org for more information



ARES Net

Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays on the 145.11 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 at 1900 (7PM) except June (Field Day) and December (Christmas).
Meetings are held at Freeway Cafe at 5849 South 49th West Avenue in Tulsa.
If you plan on eating be there 30 minutes to an hour early.

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM)
Meetings are held at Tulsa University Keplinger Hall Room 3140 (west of Harvard & 5th Street)

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 (7 PM)
Community Recreation Center, 1500 South Main, Broken Arrow

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month at 0800 (8 AM)
Check the RCWA website at www.rcwa.org for meeting information.

VE TEST SESSIONS WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!

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 WB5OSM@hotmail.com or (918)520-7668 - leave message

Broken Arrow Emergency Management

First Saturday of odd-numbered months - 0900 to 1100 (9:00 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 contact@rcwa.org or (918)734-0869

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Our Website: www.tulsahamradio.org

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