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“Covering Tulsa through the air”

PREZ SAYZ:

This month we will be electing officers for this year. Now for the good stuff, NWS Tulsa Storm Spotter class is March 17 from 6:00 to 8:30 at Veterans Park, the centennial center 1028 E 6th St Tulsa. Green Country Hamfest is April 10th and 11th. This is the link to get tickets. www.greencountryhamfest.org. I hope you are making plans to go. I will be there both days, make sure to come by the TRO table and say hi. The next TRO meeting is February 24, at the FreeWay Cafe 5849 South 49th West Ave. Tulsa. The meeting starts at 7:00 come early if you want to eat with some of us around 6:00. I hope to see you there or at Green Country in April.

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TRO President

Paul Young - KE5EHM

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR THE 03/01/2026 THROUGH 02/28/2027 FISCAL YEAR:

President	- Paul Young -	KE5EHM
Vice-President	- Don Ferry -	N5DGF
Secretary	- Bart Pickens -	N5TWB
Treasurer	- Steve Miller -	AA5V
Trustee	- Merlin Griffin -	WB5OSM

TRO MEMEBRSHIP DUES:

TRO annual membership dues are due in March. Regular - \$25.00 and Family - \$30.00

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TRO 2026 OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

President: Paul Young, KE5EHM: I worked at Safeway/Homeland for 23 years; retired from them and started working at a heating and air conditioning company. I got my ticket (license) in 2005, to do storm spotting.

After a short time I found out there are so many things to do with Ham radio. I joined TRO and other radio clubs to help support the repeaters in and around Tulsa. I help out on all events that I can. Looking forward to serving as TRO President another year.

Vice President Don Ferry, N5DGF: I have been a ham since the early nineties. Upgraded to General and Extra in 2001. Have mostly operated only 2m and 440, but am working toward getting into HF. I retired from American Airlines as an AMT/Crew Chief in 2020, and I retired from the Mayes County Sheriffs Office in 2022.

Have enjoyed meeting new friends and reconnecting with some old friends. Look forward to getting into club activities as I am slowly getting my health issues worked out. So 73 and look forward to seeing you soon.

Secretary - Bart Pickens, N5TWB: Bart Pickens, N5TWB, is currently serving as the TRO Secretary and seeking another term. An amateur radio operator since 1991 and a member of TRO since 2010 after moving from OKC to Sand Springs. He has served in various offices of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club and is also an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Tulsa County ARES. He is an Assistant Section Manager for the Oklahoma Section of the ARRL. Bart is an Extra Class licensee and a Volunteer Examiner through the ARRL for FCC exam licensing. He has also taught several Technician license classes. He has supported numerous bike ride events as a SAG driver and Net Control Operator. Bart is also a regular NCO for the WX5TUL SKYWARN net during severe weather events. He is retired from Tulsa Technology Center and lives in Sand Springs with his wife, Debi – KF5WRR.

They have 2 children and 3 granddaughters.

Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V: I have been Treasurer for the TRO for ten or fifteen years now. I've been a member of TRO since 1978. I have been the Site Chairman of the 146.94 MHz repeater since 1981. My interest in amateur radio began with wanting to learn some electronics and to do storm spotting. I have been a member of ARRL since April 1977. Additional membership activities include my participation in the planning committee for Green Country Hamfest, Inc., webmaster for TRO and Green Country and as an active member of Skywarn. Retired from my occupation as a Lead Programmer Analyst for Tulsa County.

Trustee Merlin Griffin, WB5OSM: First licensed in 1971 as WN5EMG as a Novice class operator. At that time Novices could only operate with 75 watts DC Input, CW (Morse Code) only, and Crystal Controlled. I decided to start out on 40 meters, but it seemed like the three frequencies I picked were all occupied by Short Wave Broadcast stations all running at least a 1/4 megawatt. Radio Moscow was probably running a full megawatt. One Saturday Morning at Derrick Electronics in Broken Arrow, I met Preacher, W5DRZ, an older gentleman at the time. He encouraged me to get back in and he and another ham gave me my second Novice Test. I got back in as WN5OSM. After both operating and practicing every night for a while, I was able to pass the 13 WPM code test, along with the 50 question written test and upgrade to General, and the FCC issued my present call WB5OSM. Then after about another year I took and passed the Advanced class exam, and about another year, it was summer and I was a little bored, so, just for something to do, I got my code speed up, and stuffed my brain full of more electronic theory and passed the Extra Class exam.

Except for the Novice test, I had to take all of my tests from the FCC. At first they came to Tulsa four times a year, then twice a year, then once a year. Then they stopped coming at all. When they were doing this they were in OKC on the same day. So if you couldn't get there on that day, your only options were to get to either Kansas City or Dallas to one of their district offices. Also, keep in mind that they only gave the exam during normal business hours. So, to take any exam above entry level you had to take off from work or school. I always said there had to be a better way, so when the VE Testing program started up I got my credentials and have been an active VE ever since.

I am now retired from the City of Tulsa after 44 years and four months. Been married to my wonderful wife Lynda for the last 21 years. By the way, she holds a tech license, KE5VYN. We first met at a storm spotter training class, then I took her on a few fox hunts. She was so impressed with ham radio, that she got her license. When I introduced her to some of you, I just gave her first names and call signs as we do. She asked me "Do any of your friends have last names or just these weird letters and numbers?", I thought about it for a few seconds and said well not really.

OK, the rest of it:

Past president of TRO

Trustee TRO

Site engineering chairman for the 146.88 repeater

President Green Country Hamfest Inc.

Vice-president of Oklahoma Repeater Society Inc., also serve as their Tulsa District Officer, and State Frequency Coordinator.

Volunteer Examiner.

When I'm not busy doing ham radio, I have been employed by the City of Tulsa W&S Dept for 40 years. I am called an Environmental Monitoring Officer which means I am the computer geek for their chemistry lab. So I am part chemist and part computer geek.

Speaking of the Green Country Hamfest:

We are seeking additional people to serve on the committee. Right now Merlin WB5OSM is filling both positions of treasurer and president. Most of our meetings are held by Zoom, and we take June, July, and August every year off. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

Merlin WB5OSM wb5osm@hotmail.com

Green Country 2026 will be once again at the Claremore Expo Center 400 Veterans Parkway in Claremore. Public hours, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday the 10th and 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday the 11th. Admission \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Flea Market tables \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door (if any remain.) Commercial Booths are \$50.00 ea. Electrical Service is \$25.00 and bring your own extension cord. It needs to be a heavy duty cord and taped to the floor if it crosses an aisle. In the flea market area, if you need electricity, please reserve tables on the outside rows.

Prize package this year:

We are excited to present this, for the first ever the Grand Prize is: A complete station. Includes a Yaesu FT-891 160-6M transceiver, a 20 AH battery and charger, a rollout end fed antenna and mast. Plus, a backpack to carry it all in. In other words, a complete portable station suitable for camping or backpacking. Throw in a dual band HT and you would have a decent ARES go bag. This is the DX Engineering POTA-8. We got a good deal on this from DX Engineering.

2nd Prize is a Yaesu FTDX-10 Hybrid SDR deluxe transceiver covering 160-6M. 100W max output.

3rd Prize is a Yaesu FTM-510DASP Dual Band 144/440 MHz FM/C4FM Transceiver with Digital Audio Processing.

2nd and 3rd Place prizes were the results of a good deal from Associated Radio, who will have a booth at the hamfest.

Special Raffle Prize: a Yaesu FT-710AESS 160-6M Hybrid SDR Transceiver with external speaker. This is a very critically acclaimed rig. The receiver's capability was rated very high by Sherwood Engineering. A \$20.00 ticket will buy a 1 in 200 chance to win this very high capability HF rig. Only a maximum of 200 tickets will be sold.

Other prizes include Yaesu FT-4XR dual band HT's and a couple of dual band DMR/ Analog FM HTs.

For more info and registration is open at <http://greencountryhamfest.org>

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 02/22/26:

Treasury Report of February 22, 2026

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance		\$6474.77
Checking Beginning Balance		\$2380.12
01/31 3316 VOID CityPlex Towers 146.88 Rental	+\$100.00	
Checking Ending Balance		\$2480.12
PayPal Beginning Balance		\$497.72
No Activity		
PayPal Ending Balance		\$497.72
Cash Beginning Balance		\$125.00
Change	-5.00	
Member Renewals 1 Reg 1 Fam	+55.00	
Cash Ending Balance		\$175.00
Savings Beginning Balance		\$3471.93
01/30 Interest Earned	+0.59	
Ending Savings Account Balance		\$3472.52
Total TRO Account Balance		\$6625.36

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 02/22/2026

TRO SECRETARY - MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, 01/27/26:

TRO General Membership meeting
January 27, 2026

Paul Young - Presiding
7 members present

General business:

- Treasurer report as published in The Signal: motion for approval by Kenny, second by Brian
- APPROVED
- Secretary report as published in The Signal: motion for approval by Joe, second by Brian -

APPROVED

- Engineering update: all repeaters functional with the exception of the Leonard site for .805/.95
- Activities scheduled: Copland Classic bike event, moved for addition to the club calendar by Brian, seconded by Joe - APPROVED. Date of event is 5/16/26.
- Green Country Hamfest is 4/10-11

New Business:

- Club dues notices have previously been mailed. Discussion to change to e-mail with a motion to make the change effective with this year's dues on 3/1/26 by Brian, second by Joe - APPROVED
- Election of officers to be held at the February meeting. The current slate of officers have all agreed to stand for election to serve another term.

ADJOURN: motion by Brian, second by Steve. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted -
Bart Pickens, N5TWB
TRO Secretary

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Engineering - Paul Teel reports .805 & .950 ready to be installed at Leonard site. Ben Joplin reports work at the Skiatook site by the city is on hold for contractor scheduling for the roof replacement on the equipment shed.

REPEATER STATUS	
146.805 (-) PL 88.5	???? – Down
146.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3 (Keetonville receiver)	81 st & Lewis – Working
146.940 (-) PL 88.5	Sun Building, 9 th & Detroit – Working
927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7)	CityPlex - Working
Metro Link:	
444.1 (+) PL 88.5	Skyline East 41 st & Skelly Drive – Working
444.725 (+) PL 88.5	GRDA tower NW of Skiatook – Working
444.950 (+) PL 88.5	???? – Down

Activities:

TRO Monthly Meeting at Freeway Cafe

5849 South 49th West Avenue. Come early to have supper. Tuesday, February 24.

Green Country Hamfest April 10 and 11

Tour de Tulsa May 2

Camp Bandage May 2

Cop Land Classic May 16

Tulsa Tough June 6 and 7

Ride To Remember June 20

Field Day June 27 and 28

Keep these dates in mind if you would like to help. The next club meeting will be February 24 at 7:00. If you would like to eat with us and meet some of the members come at 6:00. The location is FreeWay Cafe at 5849 South 49th West Avenue, Tulsa. I hope to see you there.



ARES Net

Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM

1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays on the 145.17 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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