



# THE SIGNAL

**Tulsa Repeater Organization**

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**TRO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2010  
WINNER OF THE GRAND PRIZE**



Don Cole—KE5EHU (picture to the left) won the Wouxun KG-UVDP1P Grand Prize!

John Brudvick—KC4URD & Jim Frey—KD5KNB won ARRL Repeater Directories and

Joe Gorkos—N5TEX, Steve Miller—AA5V, Doug Lee—KC5ZQM, Don Cole—KE5EHU & Jessie Cole—KE5EHT won Tee Shirts from various events the TRO provided communications for through 2010.

Thanks to everyone that showed up for the party. We all had a very good time.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS THE SLATE FILLED FOR THE  
TRO 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR  
— BY MERLIN GRIFFIN—WB5OSM CHAIRMAN**

To be submitted to the membership at the January meeting Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 PM:

President—Stan Callahan—KE5HPB

Vice- Pres.—Joe Gorkos—N5TEX

Treasurer—Gary Parham—KC5ZQP

Secretary—Ed Compos—K5CRQ

Trustee—Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM

from the nominating committee and nominations will be taken from the floor.

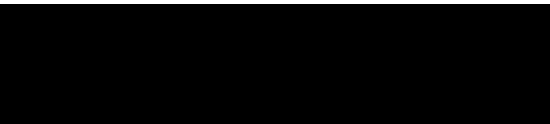
Technical note at the time of release of the Signal. To use the 146.88 repeater use 141.3 PL for accessing the CityPlex receiver because the 88.5 PL Mid-Continent Building receiver has been turned off due to audio problems.

**Programs for the TRO meetings for the first quarter of 2011.**

January meeting on the 25th program will be presented by Joe Gorkos—N5TEX about MT-83 a digital mode using analog radios.

February meeting on the 22nd program will be a presentation by Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM

March meeting on the 22nd program will be our annual weather program by Steve Piltz—KB9MLL and/or Ed Calianese—W5SVR where they will present new things being used at the National Weather Service here in the Tulsa office.



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**The next TRO meeting will be at**

**Ryan's Family Steakhouse  
10934 East 21st  
on Tuesday,  
January 25 at  
1930.**

**Check the TRO website at  
tulsahamradio.org  
regularly for  
immediate updates  
of activities.**

**MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2010 BY ED COMPOS—K5CRQ****Minutes for Board Meeting and TRO Meeting 12-28-2010**

Well to start off Happy New Year to everyone and hope Santa delivered all the radio equipment you wanted.

The December Board meeting and Holiday Party was held at Ryan's with Tom Stroud—KD5OPH presiding on the events. I took notes on both meetings and some where from then and today have lost them. I do know routine business was carried on and everybody had a good time.

Don Cole—KE5EHU won the prize of the Wouxun dual band radio.

Elections are coming up and if you want to run for an office contact Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM at [wb5osm@hotmail.com](mailto:wb5osm@hotmail.com).

Also dues are due and remember they keep the repeaters going.

Thanks Ed Compos—K5CRQ

**PREZ SAYS BY TOM STROUD—KD5OPH & TRO ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

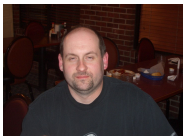
My how time goes by when you are having fun. Of course, I have been so busy it has been hard to notice. I am nearing the close of my watch on the old TRO Flagship. I should be relieved that my term is coming to an end. But I am not. I do need a rest but it will be missed.

TRO has some very good people. It has been awesome working with, talking to and just getting to know all of our radio family. I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those on our staff and you that came to the many events to help with communication in this ten year period of time.

We have made some great accomplishments in all of our efforts and you can give yourself a good old pat on the back. I feel we have helped thousands in their time of need. Our organization has definitely set a mark on the map and the next staff to take the helm in March will definitely have their work cut out for them.

No easy ride for this year. The Post Oak Challenge will hit in February, Tour de Cure in June and Bike MS probably shortly after. Route 66 Quarter and Full Marathon will be in October and November. The hamfest in March, don't forget Maple Ridge and the FleetFeet runs and rides.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT BY GARY PARHAM—KC5ZQP****Treasury Report for December 2010**

<b>TRO Accounts balance beginning :</b>		\$ 2437.69
Checking beginning balance:		\$ 470.78
Checking ending balance:		\$ 470.78
Savings beginning balance:		\$ 1901.74
12-01-10 interest:	+\$ .48	
Ending savings balance:		\$ 1902.22
Paypal Account beginning:		\$ 65.17
2—renewals	+\$ 50.00	
Serv Charge	-\$ 2.06	
Ending Paypal balance:		\$ 113.11

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**TRO Ending Accounts balance :** \$ 2486.11

My apologies for not having a report last month.  
Respectfully submitted by Gary Parham—KC5ZQP

## EASY STEPS TO BECOME AN ARES OKLAHOMA VOLUNTEER

1.) Simply go to [www.aresok.org/mkApplication.asp](http://www.aresok.org/mkApplication.asp) and apply to be a part of the section. This adds your name to the list that local ARES leaders use in trying to find ARES members for emergencies. Additionally, if you are joining as an Leader (AEC or above), this is the web site that has all of the tools you'll need to participate within the section reporting structure. This associates your call sign with ARES at the local section level.

2.) You also must join the "aresoklahoma" Yahoo!Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aresoklahoma> (then click on the big blue "Join This Group!" button at the top right). In the Tulsa METRO area you should also join the "TCARES" Yahoo!Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TCARES/> This is how we broadcast all Tulsa METRO events, information, etc. that is of a timely or critical nature.

3.) Then contact your EC today and volunteer to help!

Tulsa County Emergency Coordinator  
Don Cole - KE5EHU  
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District Emergency Coordinator  
Tulsa , Rogers , Wagoner, Creek  
Brian Gnad - KB5TSI  
(918) 630-3539  
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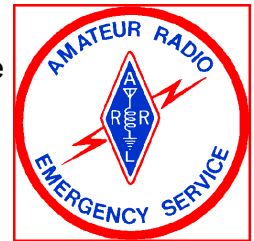
Field Day will also be on the calendar. Check our web site for dates, times and the latest details on all our events. It will be a busy year, that I am sure of.

So in my Ten years with the club I have served as Vice President in one administration with Ben Joplin—WB5VST and my latest adventure as President now nearing a close. For most of that time I have doubled as your activities Committee Chairman. When I started, the first thing you ask for was more activities for the club. Well, just last year we had over eight large events, one awesome car show at the Darrel Starbird Exotic Car Show & Monster Truck Races. That was a lot of fun and we made great strides in getting Ham Radio out there so people would know what we are all about. Not to mention all of these events took countless meetings for planning to insure all went well. In 2010 we took on a very large event called the Bike MS a 140 mile 2 day bike ride with 800 bikes riding from Tulsa to OK City. This was a definite first for us in the fact that we used operators from the Tulsa and the OK City area. Big thanks to all those that came out to help with the big ride. All went well and we probably will be called back for our services this year. Good work does get noticed. In short, TRO, I don't make the club what it is, you do. You have and you will continue to do so. We have built the foundation and it is a strong one. A little better than when we started. If TRO is to stay strong then we as members must stay strong in our participation and support. Now that goes way above financial support though we are very appreciative of your dues and contributions that you as members have given our organization. My point, it takes helping hands on cold mikes communicat-

ing information, passing from one to another to another and to another. So that takes people and lots of them and when there are a lot of things going on we can't just let the same old 10 or 12 do all the work. They get tired just, as anyone else would. So as we start the new year, plan to help, plan to meet, plan to plan, above all plan to have some fun and do a little work. Come to what events and meetings you can. Not all, but one or two would be really helpful. We need your thoughts, ideas and commitment to make 2011 the best year yet.

73's... God Bless....  
Tom Stroud—KD5OPH

TRO President / Activities Committee Chairman



ARES/RACES Net Tuesday evenings at 2030 local time on the 146.88 repeater with back-up on 146.94.



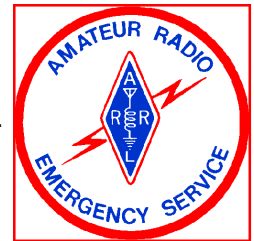
**THE TRO SIGNAL BULLETIN ON TULSAHAMRADIO.ORG**



Although the main means of distribution of the **TRO** Signal Bulletin is via the WA5LVT Yahoo! Group I am also providing a link to a copy of the bulletin on the **TRO** web at <http://www.tulсахamradio.org>.

The bulletin is a really nice reminder board of amateur radio events coming up. The local club meetings, amateur radio testing information and area "on the air" nets.

Please let Doug Lee—KC5ZQM know of any events you may be aware of that is not in the bulletin. Those events do not have to be upcoming in the next week or two either. Events through the year will be included and dropped after the event date. Send information to Doug at [KC5ZQM@cox.net](mailto:KC5ZQM@cox.net).



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I recommend getting acquainted with The **TRO** Signal Bulletin since I have had no luck at finding anyone to edit and publish the Signal. There may be many fewer issues.

By Steve Miller—AA5V

**GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST MARCH 11 & 12**

Talk-in on: 147.09+

<p><b>LOCATION:</b> Same Place as Last Year! Only 30 minutes from Tulsa!</p>		<p>400 Veterans Parkway Claremore, OK, 74017</p>
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**Save yourself some dollars to spend at the hamfest. Pre-Register NOW! at [www.greencountryhamfest.org](http://www.greencountryhamfest.org).**

**TRO REPEATER STATUS**

Frequency	PL	Status
146.34/94	none	Down
146.28/88	141.3	Up
146.205/805	88.5	Up
449.1/444.1	88.5	Down
449.725/444.725	88.5	Up
449.95/444.95	none	Up
ATV	none	Up
421.25/434.25		

146.28/88 repeater. I visited the link receiver site Saturday, January 8 to change the UHF uplink transmitter to a channel not programmed with the uplink PL activated. The controller at that site has a PL encoder that only transmits the PL when the VHF receiver COS is active. This will eliminate hearing the CW ID from the link controller every time the COS is activated after it has been idle for 10 minutes or more.

146.28/88 repeater. Something happened to the audio output of the UHF link transmitter this last week. Merlin and I went to the Mid-Continent Building Saturday, January 15th to diagnose the problem. The problem seemed to be in the UHF link radio so we pulled the equipment and I have it on the bench for service.

Use the 141.3 PL to access the local (City-Plex) receiver to use the repeater. I'm sorry for the inconvenience and hope to have repairs made very soon.

Thanks for your patience and 73.

## AREA AMATEUR RADIO TESTING

Third Thursday of odd numbered months.  
7:00 P.M. at the Red Cross building at 11th & 169.

Contact Merlin Griffin  
Phone 520-7668 or email  
wb5osm@hotmail.com

First Saturday of odd numbered months.  
0930 to 1100 at Hardesty Regional Library  
8316 E 93rd Street  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
2011 Schedule:  
January 8th  
March 5th  
May 7th  
July 9th  
September 10th  
November 5th

Walk-ins Welcome  
Contact Tom—K5EHX  
tom@k5ehx.net  
or (918)835-7889 and leave message.  
Talk-in on 146.55 simplex

Second Saturday of even numbered months,  
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

Last Saturday of each month 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Martin East Regional Library  
2601 S Garnett Road  
Tulsa, OK.  
All testing by appointment ONLY. Please contact Pete—KF5RD at mann.p@cox.net or 918.437.4846.  
[Always check with Pete. This group changes scheds regularly.](#)

### THE TRO WISHES TO THANK THESE SUPPORTERS

Tower Properties  
Tulsa Tech College  
Mid-Continent  
Bates Realty  
City Of Tulsa

City of Skiatook  
Liberty Fire Department

### The TRO Proudly Serves Our Community and Supports Our Public Service Partners



**Saturday, Feb 26**  
9:00 AM

Annual Storm Spotter Training—OU Schusterman Center at 4502 E 41st

**Saturday, Feb 26**  
**Sunday, Feb 27**

Post Oak Challenge—TRO to provide communications  
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**Friday, March 11**  
**Saturday, March 12**

Green Country Hamfest—Claremore Expo Center—[www.greencountryhamfest.org](http://www.greencountryhamfest.org)  
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**Monday, May 30**

Maple Ridge Run—TRO to provide communications

**Saturday, June 4**  
0800 to 1500

Tour de Cure—TRO to provide communications

**Sunday, June 12**

Tulsa Triathlon—TRO to provide communications—*Tentative*



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**For more information about the *TRO* visit [www.tulсахamradio.org](http://www.tulсахamradio.org)**

Want more information about the ***Tulsa Repeater Organization*** or have questions about articles in the newsletter, contact us at email address [wa5lvt@tulсахamradio.net](mailto:wa5lvt@tulсахamradio.net) or write to:

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