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PREZ SAYZ:

Happy New Year. A new year and time for new officers. If you would like to run for an office, either email me or come to the January 27 meeting and put your name in for that office. Elections will be held at the February 24 meeting. We will be looking for some help for some of the up coming events.

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 January 27 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.

TRO President
Paul Young – KE5EHM

FIRST OF ALL, SAD NEWS:

First of all, sad news long-time **TRO** member Richie Shroff W5OKL became a silent key back just before Christmas. I believe he was also a member of TARC and BAARC. Most significantly he served the Green Country Hamfest steering committee as our treasurer for many years. I know as president of Green Country Hamfest I will personally miss him hanging out near the cement mixer we use for our prize tickets every year, and at the end of the event we both wondered why we did it. I know all of us on the hamfest committee will sincerely miss him. 73 Richie DE WB5OSM SK

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Speaking of the Green Country Hamfest:

We are seeking additional people to serve on the committee; we are especially seeking someone to serve as treasurer. 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 will soon open at <http://greencountryhamfest.org>

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A VE Exam Session was held Thursday 1/16/2025 at the Tulsa Red Cross.

Three candidates were served.

Ms. Elizabeth Allen of Tulsa, unlicensed to Amateur Extra

Mr. Vernon Chronister also of Tulsa, unlicensed to General

Mr. Theodore Smith of Broken Arrow, new Technician

Ms. Allen Scored 98% on Element 4. I didn't catch what her background was, but that's impressive!

The VE Team was Curtis Looper N5CEL, Don Ewing N5SGE, and Merlin WB5OSM. This test session was our first ever to use the new Exam Tools software by Signal Stuff. The testing was done all electronically; the only paper used was the cash for the testing fees. We will discuss this some more later. It really speeds things up. It will allow us, like if there is inclement weather, say ice on the ground; we can give the test remotely. VE's and applicants can do it from the comfort of home. We borrowed Don from RCWA's VE team, as he and Curtis have prior experience with Exam Tools. It's very impressive.

Next **TRO**/Tulsa Red Cross Test session will be March 19, 2026 @ 19:00.

73 DE WB5OSM

TRO TREASURY REPORT OF 12/11/25:

Treasury Report of January 19, 2026

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balance	\$6574.18
Checking Beginning Balance	\$2480.12
01/06 3320 CityPlex Towers 146.88 Rental Space	-\$100.00
Checking Ending Balance	\$2380.12
 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	\$3471.34
12/31 Interest Earned	+0.59
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$3471.93
Total TRO Account Balance	\$6474.77

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 01/19/2026

TRO SECRETARY - MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, 11/25/25:

General Meeting - 11/25/2025

Paul Young - Presiding

Treasurer Report: Moved for approval - Merlin; second - Joe G. APPROVED

Secretary Report: Moved for approval - Joe G.; second - Kenny A. APPROVED

E-mail polling on change of the President's term in the By-laws passed by 21-0

Engineering report - Skiatook site work completed on the operations building per Ben J.

Merlin requested tablets for VE testing per ARRL VEC changes. Rogers County Wireless Association has offered 4 tablets for \$120. Motion for approval of funds by Bart P., second by Joe G. APPROVED

Announcement & reminder of no meeting in December.

Adjournment moved by Merlin, 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) 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:

January 27, 2026 Tuesday 1900 TRO Monthly Meeting at Freeway Cafe
5849 South 49th West Avenue. Come early to have supper.



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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Our Website: www.tulsahamradio.org

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