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Golden Driller Marathon Saturday 29 APR 17

The Golden Driller Marathon almost happened. We were ready, despite the weather, but it was too much.

Activities Chair Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM arrived first, and parked his bright yellow truck near the command post tent at the River West Festival Park, and turned on his extra vehicle lights. Good thing he did, because that made finding him easier in the darkness and the rain.

Stan Callahan, KA5STN, and the Young brothers, Ray, K5CFY, and Paul, KE5EHM, arrived before me. We gathered at the tent, Kenneth gave us our assignments, and we headed out to face the elements. Other volunteers came later.

My assignment was Aid Station #4, across the river, near a parking lot at 56th and Riverside. I couldn't see any volunteers there, but a tent was set up next to the trail. Before long, a bus showed up with a crew. I introduced myself to the driver, and let her know I was the ham operator assigned to that station.

The rain let up... for a while. A supply van showed up, and the crew started unloading. About that time, Dustin Dye, AF5XC, at Net Control, announced that the full marathon was cancelled. Because the full marathon was the only race to come across the river, that station would not be needed. I informed the Aid Station leader, and the crew stopped setting up and secured the supplies they had already unloaded.

I hung around for a while, checking radar on my phone, and seeing if Net Control could find out if the race director had a new assignment for the Aid Station crew. During that time, Net Control announced that the half marathon was also cancelled, but they intended to proceed with the 5K and 10K races.

Dustin AF5XC also gave me a new assignment at the River Park, south of the entrance to the 23rd Street Bridge. I was familiar with that park, because I used to eat my brown bag lunches there when I worked at a parts store a few blocks away.

But the rain kept coming. The lightning ramped up too. That was no weather for runners! And not to pleasant for hams either, so the entire event was cancelled.

Oh, well, like Cubs fans used to say, "Wait until next year!" - Doug Lee, KC5ZQM

"Covering Tulsa through the air"

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Camp Bandage Saturday 20 MAY 2017

Besides planning via email, Facebook, and an eyeball QSO at the Rogers County Wireless Association Burger Burn the Saturday before, Camp Bandage for me began on Monday 15 MAY. That evening, I went to the planning meeting / briefing they usually have for volunteers and exhibitors.

After the meeting, I asked their Director, Kurt Klein, about our location. In the years they have held the event at the Chisholm Trail South Park, 101st & Creek Turnpike, we were on the south side of the road where most exhibits set up. That side has a curb, and I don't like driving my car over the curb. So, I asked if we could be on the other side, because it has no curb. He said he was thinking of putting us closer to the entrance. Several exhibitors that had been in that area had cancelled, so we would have some options about the exact location. I said I would go out to the park that Friday afternoon. They start their setup on the day before the event. I planned on them setting up a tent for us, and I would put up some banners to mark our location for anyone who got there before I did.

The weather that Friday was cool, wet, and sometimes stormy. I went to the park anyway, because the radar showed the rain was letting up a bit. When I arrived, they already had the big tent and the meal tent set up, and not much else. Again, I discussed our location with Kurt, and he took me in a golf cart down to the entrance. He pointed to two "islands" just outside the entrance and said we could set up our tent on either one, and the spotter/chaser vehicles would set up on the road between the islands. I chose the island on my right, and said I wanted our tent set up at the end of the island closest to the entrance.

I had bought some PVC pipe and fittings earlier this year to make frames for the banners, but hadn't put them together yet. I did get one partially assembled, and left it where I wanted the tent set up. Because a storm was moving in, Kurt decided he would postpone the rest of the set up activities until the morning.

The Camp Bandage crew did have a tent set up for us Saturday morning right where I left the banner. The Young brothers, Paul, KE5EHM, and Ray, K5CFY, arrived just before I did. Ray had brought the Sub Club's tower trailer, so I had him set it up alongside the island, next to the tent, as I began setting up a table, banners, my portable station, and literature display. During the set up, an area of mist moved in, but it didn't last. The skies finally cleared by 1100.

We didn't get too much traffic from the public. The other island sits between the parking lot and the entrance to the event zone, so it was easy for visitors to bypass our display. Oh well, live and learn.... Big thanks to the following helpers and visitors:

Ray Young K5CFY – tower trailer, dualband radio. Paul Young KE5EHM – generator

Victor Nichols K5VPN – HF Radio Johnny Rentfro N5XQK – table, DMR Open Spot

Ben Joplin WB5VST – Command Post station, WX and APRS display

Tom Stroud KD5OPH – storm chaser truck Brian Gnad – Bubba Truck

Ron Fetters AJ4YK – set up help

Craig Wooten KD5CUZ – visitor

Jill Mears KD5THQ – visitor

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Tulsa Repeater Organization April 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes 25 APR 17 1900 hrs.
Delta Cafe, 41st & Garnett

Open: 1905 by President Mark Conklin, N7XYO # **Present:** 20

Note: Due to the possibility of severe weather, the business portion of the meeting was abbreviated, with most reports waived.

Reading of Minutes & Treasury Report: both waived after vote on motion by Ben Joplin, WB5VST, and second by Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, to accept as published in The Signal.

Engineering: No report

Activities: Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM reported that the Golden Driller Marathon coming up the following Saturday will be rain or shine, and because severe weather is in the forecast for that day, rain gear might be needed. Rally time is 6 AM, at the River West Festival Park. Talk-in and net frequency will be 146.880 repeater, so he recommends programming in PL's for all three receivers.

Public Relations, Membership, Operating Standards, By Laws, & Trustee Reports: no reports

Old Business: None discussed.

New Business: Field Day plans discussed. Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, was appointed to be in charge of food. Radios are available. Mark N7XYO and Ben WB5VST discussed use of the Ham-Aid radio. Location focused on Lake Bixhoma (south of Leonard), and the new Tulsa County Sheriff's facility on 66th Street North near the police firearms range. Both Mark N7XYO and Paul Teel, WB5ANX will check their connections concerning this. Secretary Doug Lee, KC5ZQM, distributed survey forms, and mentioned the same forms are available on the club's Facebook page.

Announcements: Doug KC5ZQM will create a Facebook event page for Camp Bandage, on 20 MAY.

End of Business: 1936

Program: Luis Garcia, KG5MYP, discussed his APRS for under \$100.00, using a used or inexpensive disposable smartphone, an HT, and a cable. Meeting dismissed at 1948.





Tulsa Repeater Organization MAY 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 1900 09 MAY 17 Rib Crib. 81st & Yale

Officers present were:
President Mark Conklin, N7XYO
Vice President Paul Young, KE5EHM
Secretary / Public Relations Chair Doug Lee, KC5ZQM
Treasurer Steve Miller, AA5V
Operating Standards Chair Ed Compos, K5CRQ
Membership Chair Tom Stroud, KD5OPH
APRS Engineer Ben Joplin, WB5VST

Open by Mark Conklin, N7XTYO at 1910

Reading of minutes: Waived after vote on motion to accept as emailed to Committee by Doug Lee, KC5ZQM. Motion made by Paul Young, KE5EHM, and seconded by Steve Miller, AA5V.

Treasury report: Doug KC5ZQM made a motion to accept as emailed by Steve AA5V to the Committee. Ben seconded, and motion passed on vote.

Engineering: Steve AA5V reported that he has a replacement repeater and controller for 444.1, and he needs to hand it off to Bob Buford, W5RAB, and Tom Shaw, K5OVT for them to install at the Skyline East building then the current 444.1 will be changed to 444.95 and installed at Autumn Oaks.

Activities: Haven't heard anything about Maple Ridge Run on Memorial Day, Monday, 29 MAY. Activities Chair Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM has been out-of-pocket, so Tom Stroud, KD5OPH will follow up with Fleet Feet. No need to vote on this one, because we've been doing it close to 20 years, so all we need is verbal confirmation. Tour de Cure is up already approved for Saturday 03 JUN.

Public Relations: Camp Bandage is Saturday, 20 MAY. PR Chair Doug Lee, KC5ZQM will attend their final planning meeting on the Monday before the event, the 15th, and will get t-shirts there for the volunteers that will help with the event, and they give their sizes. Paul KE5EHM said he would bring a generator, and the Sub Club's tower trailer will be there. When Doug asked Ben Joplin, WB5VST if he would be there with the mast, he said yes.

Operating Standards: No report.

Membership: No report.

By Laws: No report.

Old, Unfinished, Ongoing Business: Field Day plans – Tom KD5OPH will cook, based on his Facebook posts. Steve AA5V asked about promotional items from the ARRL, and possible door prize, since we *(continued on next page)*

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gave away a radio last year. He will go ahead and buy some ARRL items, but will wait on the radio until we have an idea of how many people are likely to participate. About Field Day location, the Rogers County Wireless Association has invited us to join with them at the Claremore Elks Lodge, near the Rogers State University campus. Doug Lee also discussed the Kiefer City Park, and passed around maps of the layout. A \$50.00 security deposit gets us use of the gazebo, restrooms and kitchen. The building also has a covered area next to the kitchen. If we leave the place clean, we get the deposit back. The park is easy to find, near the intersection of US75A, and OK 67 / 151st Street / Indiana Ave. We need to finalize plans at this month's membership meeting, so that will be our program, and Doug will push this in the Bulletin, The Signal and on Facebook.

Delta Cafe is working out so far for our meeting place, but we will still look for a new location. We also need to discuss at this month's meeting the offer made last month to link one of our UHF repeaters with a system in Kansas.

New Business: None presented

Close at 2014 after motion by Ben WB5VST and second by Paul KE5EHM passed.

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Tulsa Repeater Organization May 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes 23 MAY 17 1900 hrs.
Delta Cafe, 41st & Garnett

Open with introductions at 1911

Present 20

Reading of Minutes: Waived for May 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes after vote on motion by Bart Pickens, N5TWB, and second by Tom Stroud, KD5OPH, to accept as distributed by President Mark Conklin, N7XYO. Waived for April 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes after vote on motion by Paul Young, KE5EHM, and second by Bart N5TWB, to accept as distributed by Mark N7XYO.

Treasury Report: Waived after vote on motion by Ben Joplin, WB5VST, and second by Paul KE5EHM to accept as distributed.

Engineering: Tom Shaw, K5OVT, and Bob Buford, W5RAB, will install the new repeater and controller for 444.1 the following Friday, then take the current 444.1 repeater to Autumn Oaks and install it there as the new 444.950. Chairman Joe Gorkos, N5TEX, asked and Merlin Griffin, WB5OSM, commented on installing the remote control device for 146.88 DVR. Bob W5RAB added comments about a Windows program that could make the S-COM DVR more flexible, and also suggested using the S-COM DVR for static announcements along with using an external DVR for announcements on the fly.

Activities: Chairman Kenneth Baucum, KG5CBM, said that Tour de Cure on 03 JUN will use mostly the same routes as last year. Nine have signed up so far on Facebook, but he needs more. At first, he was *(continued on next page)*

Tulsa Repeater Organization May 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes - cont'd

not sure if Maple Ridge Run was even going to be held, but that was confirmed by the Fleet Feet website, and Kenneth later received confirmation that they want us back this year, so we will do it.

Public Relations: Chairman Doug Lee, KC5ZQM, reported that Camp Bandage went well after the weather cleared.

Membership, By Laws, Operating Standards, Trustee: No reports.

Old Business: Mark N7XYO led discussion of joining the Kansas – Oklahoma link. We would need a UHF repeater that is not linked to other local repeaters. We need to look further into the feasibility, cost, and potential use by club members before deciding to proceed. Mark encouraged members to check out the system by consulting their website (Wichita Amateur Radio Club website has a link to it), and listening to the Bartlesville repeater that can already be heard locally.

Field Day Plans – Mark first discussed location. We have an offer to join Rogers County Wireless Association at the Claremore Elks Lodge near Rogers State University on top of the hill. They will not be inside, and the property has few trees. Doug KC5ZQM had investigated the possibility of using the Kiefer City Park. He reported that a deposit gets us use of the gazebo and the concession building that has restrooms, a kitchen and a covered patio area. Ed Compos, K5CRQ moved that we go to Kiefer. Steve Miller, AA5V seconded, and motion passed.

Discussion then turned to equipment and food. We have use of the ARRL/ARES OK Ham Aid station, and Steve AA5V will bring out his ICOM IC-706MKiiG. Doug KC5ZQM asked Ray Young, K5CRQ about the Sub Club tower trailer; it is not committed anywhere yet, and Ray won't know until after a Museum Ships special event station the first weekend of June.

Tom KD5OPH is slated to cook, but we need to get a head count for how many plan to come out. If the number is low, we might order pizza or something. Doug KC5ZQM will do an email blast to get feedback on head count and equipment.

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

End of Business: 1948 after vote on motion by Tom K5OVT, and second by Joe N5TEX.

Program: None.





Tulsa Repeater Organization Treasurer's Report of May 23, 2017

Total TRO Accounts Beginning Balances

\$6432.23

Checking Beginning Balance 05/23 Deposit renewal 05/23 Transfer checking to Money Market acct Checking Ending Balance	\$3975.73 +\$25.00 -\$1500.00 \$2500.73	
PayPal Beginning Balance PayPal Ending Balance	\$456.22 \$456.22	
Cash Balance	\$75.00 \$75.00	
Savings Beginning Balance 05/23 Transfer from checking	\$1925.28 +\$1500.00	
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$3425.28	

Total TRO Account Balances

\$6457.23

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Miller – AA5V 05/23/201

REPEATER STATUS

146.805 (-) PL 88.5 71st & Yale - Working

148.880 (-) PL 88.5 (CityPlex), 82.5 (Skiatook) or 141.3 (Keatonville receiver) $81^{\rm st}$ & Lewis - Working

146.940 (-) PL 88.5 Sun Building, 9th & Detroit - Working

444.1 (+) PL 88.5 Skyline East 41st & Skelly Drive - Working

442.725 (+) PL 88.5 GRDA tower NW of Skiatook - Working

444.950 (+) PL88.5 Sun Building 9th & Detroit - Working

927.700 (-25 MHz) (902.7) CityPlex - Working

TRO PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Tour de Cure

Saturday, 03 JUN 17, Hillcrest Hospital South, $91^{\rm st}$ & US169

TARC PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Tulsa Tough

Saturday & Sunday 10 & 11 JUN 17

Rally locations change from Saturday to Sunday

Tulsa Repeater Organization

Fourth Tuesday of the month, except June (Field Day) and December (Christmas) 1900 (7PM)

Delta Cafe, 41st & Garnett

Schedule for 2017: 24 JUN (ARRL Field Day) 25 JUL 22 AUG 26 SEP 24 OCT 28 NOV 19 DEC (?)

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

Third Tuesday of the month 1900 (7PM) Keplinger Hall, TU Campus, 5th & Harvard

Schedule for 2017: 20 JUN 18 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 17 OCT 21 NOV 19 DEC (?)

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of the month (except for holidays) 1900 (7 PM) Central Park Recreational Center, 1500 S Main, Broken Arrow

Schedule for 2017: 05 JUN 03 JUL (tentative due to holiday) 07 AUG 04 SEP 02 OCT 06 NOV 04 DEC

Rogers County Wireless Association

Second Saturday of every month 0900 (9 AM) except for May and September (Burger Burn at Claremore Lake) Golden Corral Restaurant, 1405 West Will Rogers Boulevard, Claremore OK

Schedule for 2017: 10 JUN 08 JUL 12 AUG 09 SEP 14 OCT 11 NOV 09 DEC

VE Test Sessions

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS!

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

Schedule for 2017: 20 JUL 21 SEP 16 NOV

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 74013

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

Schedule for 2017: 01 JUL 02 SEP 04 NOV

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 74013

Contact: Don Doyle AC5II at AC5II@arrl.net or 918-379-0962

Schedule for 2017: 10 JUN 12 AUG 14 OCT 09 DEC

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

Contact: Phil Stephens, W5PTT at: W5PTT@cox.net

Schedule for 2017: 01 JUL 07 OCT

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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

Schedule for 2017: 17 JUN 15 JUL 19 AUG 16 SEP 21 OCT 18 NOV 16 DEC

W5YI VEC SESSION

Last Saturday of even-numbered months, 0945 (9:45 AM)

Broken Arrow Public Service Complex 1001 N 6th Street Broken Arrow OK 74013 Contact: Skipper Smith, NQ2J at: nq2j@cox.net or 918-853-8, or 918-853-8118

Schedule for 2017: 24 JUN 26 AUG 28 OCT 30 DEC

HAMFEST CALENDAR

JUNE AUGUST

HAM-COM 09 -10 JUN 17

Irving Convention Center 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX

www.hamcom.org

JULY

HAM HOLIDAY 21-22 JUL 17

Tower Hotel, 3233 Northwest Expressway, OKC

hamholiday.com

2017 Central States VHF Society Conference 27 - 30 JUL 17

Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

2017.csvhfs.org

TRO Field Day Operation Saturday 24 JUN 17
Kiefer City Park

We have decided on a one day operation, located at the Kiefer City Park. The park has a gazebo and a concession building that has restrooms, a kitchen, and a covered patio area. The gazebo is surrounded by plenty of trees for shade and wire antenna support.

We already have 2 HF radios committed, but we could use one more. We also need a headcount of how many are planning to attend, so we can plan for the picnic at 1800 (6 PM).

facebook.com/events/TROFieldDay2017

Joplin Hamfest 26 AUG 17

John Q. Hammonds Convention Center 3535 Hammons Blvd, Joplin, MO

joplinhamfest.org

SEPTEMBER

Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest 08 – 09 SEP 17

Queen Wilhelmina State Park 3877 Hwy 88 West, Mena AR

menahamfest.net

OCTOBER

Texhoma Hamarama 27 - 28 OCT 17

Ardmore Convention Center 2401 North Rockford Road

texomahamarama.org

NOVEMBER

Enid Hamfest 04 NOV 17

Hoover Building, Garfield County Fairgrounds 305 E Oxford Ave

enidarc.org/enidhamfest

No regular monthly meeting in June – we will have Field Day at Kiefer City Park instead

MAKING CONTACT - How To Find Out More About The Tulsa Repeater Organization

Our Website: www.tulsahamrdio.org

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

Our Yahoo Group: https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WA5LVT/info

Our Twitter: https://twitter.com/TulsaRepeaters

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