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POST OAK CHALLENGE

Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26

Saturday trail runs from 0800 to 1500.
Sunday Marathons including trail and road from 0800 to 13 to 1400.
There are at least 5 operators needed each day of this event.
No problem if you want to help one of the days or both.

Directions to Post Oak Lodge
From Highway 412 going West from Tulsa toward Sand Springs exit on 49th W Ave, turn right to Edison, turn left to 57th W Ave., turn right for 2.5 miles to the Post Oak Lodge entrance. There are signs at each intersection directing you to the Post Oak Lodge.

Please let Tom Stroud know as soon as possible if you can help with this event.
KD5OPH@tulsahamradio.org or 695-3735.

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ANNUAL SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER SEMINAR

Saturday, March, 3 2012 0900 to noon or so.

Location: OU Schusterman Center, Learning Center at 4502 E 41st, 41st and South Yale.

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tsa/?n=spotter_training for more information.

Also, 146.88 repeater.

TRO MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

TRO memberships are due March 1 each year.
Please renew as soon as possible.

THE TULSA REPEATER ORGANIZATION ON FACEBOOK

Everyone is invited to join the Facebook group "The Tulsa Repeater Organization".

If you have a Facebook account just go to and join the group.
If you do not have a Facebook account then consider signing up for one.

In the **TRO** Group there is information, discussions, photos, event announcements, etc.

Thanks,
Tommy Stroud—KD5OPH

The next TRO meeting will be Tuesday, February 28th starting at 1930 at Tally's Good Food Cafe 1102 S Yale
Election of 2012/2013 TRO Officers



PREZ SAYS BY STAN CALLAHAN—KE5HPB



Well this year has started off with a bang ! First we lose our meeting room, Ryan's files bankruptcy and closes 2 days before our meeting with no notice. Burger King came to our rescue that night. Then we get notice that we need to move our equipment out of the Mid-Con building! They have new owners. By our February meeting we should have both places secured. I have been busy scouting new meeting rooms over the last few weeks.

This year is already off to a busy start. Elections are on the agenda for this month's meeting. Post Oak Run is Feb. 25/26 at the Post Oak Lodge. March 3rd is the Storm Spotter training at the OU campus at 41st and Yale, 9am. Then it's Hamfest time!! Hope to see you there in Claremore. It's also time to start planning Field Day, that's just around the corner. WOW and this is only February!!!

Many thanks to Cindy for a years worth of fabulous newsletters. She will be stepping down as editor next month. Kudos to Joyce Callahan for stepping in for Ed Compos during his recovery from surgery. Get well soon Ed. Way-ta Go to Ray Young after knee surgery. Lookin Good last meeting!!

*Stan Callahan
KE5HPB*



The first two photos are after our removing the equipment from the Mid-Continent Building and getting ready to go to the Skiatook repeater site. Ben Joplin—WB5VST and his pink bag and the second photo is the cargo. Thanks to Stan Callahan—KE5HPB, Ray Young—K5CFY, Joe Gorkos—N5TEX, Ben Joplin—WB5VST, Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM and his helper Kevyn for the help removing the equipment from the Mid-Continent Building,

This photo is at the repeater site in Skiatook. In the picture going clockwise Ray—K5CFY, Ben—WB5VST, Merlin—WB5OSM and Kevyn. Not pictured here is Fred Englehart—KD5BYF. Thanks to all for the installation help.



Left, Ray—K5CFY, Ben—WB5VST figuring out how we are going to get the equipment into the repeater room.

To the right is Fred—KD5BYF aiming the UHF uplink antenna he just installed toward the City-Plex building in south Tulsa.

Far right photo is the finished installation and Ben—WB5VST.

I want to say **thanks** again to everyone that came out to help with this project.

I will try to get us scheduled to install 444.1 very soon at the Skyline East Building. Steve Miller—AA5V



No Treasury Report for January/February 2012



MEETING MINUTES BY ED COMPOS—K5CRQ

TRO Meeting January 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Stan Callahan KE5HPB at 7:30 pm.

Dennis Peschka Membership Sales Manager from Air Med Air Evac Lifeteam gave a presentation on what their organization is about and what how it can help people, medically and financially.

The motion was made that the minutes from the December 2011 meeting be accepted by Brian GnadKB5TSI and seconded by Mark Conklin N7XYO, the minutes were approved.

The treasury report was given by Gary Parham KC5ZQP. We have \$1234.38 in checking, \$1907.92 in savings and \$290.47 in PayPal for a total of \$3432.77. The motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Brian Gnad KB5TSI and seconded by Mark Conklin N7XYO, the report was approved.

The activities for Post Oak were discussed. The Post Oak run will take place February 25th and 26th. Saturday will be on the off road trail and Sunday is the Road Course Race. The minimum amount of operators needed per day will be 5 but we would like to try to have 10. So far we have Charles Sharpe NE3M, Doug Lee KC5ZQM and Tom Stroud KD5OPH.

It was announced that SkyWarn will be held March 3rd at 41st & Yale, in the Schusterman Clinic.

There is an Ares meeting on Saturday, January 28th at 93rd and Memorial from 9 to 12. This is the district 4 & 5 District meeting.

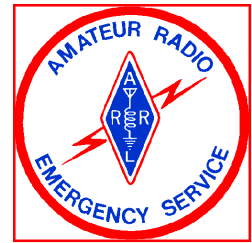
Stan Callahan KE5HPB announced that the 2nd Monday of February there will be a meeting at Ricardo's Restaurant for MS.

Merlin Griffin WB5OSM gave the information on HamFest which will be held March 9th & 10th at the Claremore Expo Center. The testing will be done this year in the Rodger County Bldg. And

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Tulsa Repeater Organization



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

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST

The Green Country Hamfest is coming up Friday March 9th and Saturday, March 10th. This year the Green Country Hamfest committee has added an extra prize to their fantastic list of prizes for 2012. There will be a Yaesu FT60R given to a person for their volunteer time to helping with the set-up, tear-down, organizing and general help to make the hamfest happen. At least 2 to 4 hours volunteer time is required. Then your name and/or callsign will be in the hat for a drawing of only hamfest volunteers for this nice talkie. Volunteering for a "club" table does not count. Helping at a hamfest table does. Watching for wrist bands at the entrances does. Being an emcee does. Other duties necessary to make the hamfest a successful operation are included.

Now to the **TRO** club table:

The club needs volunteers to man the **TRO** table from 5 to 9PM Friday and 8AM to 3PM Saturday. This is very easy duty and gives you a chance to sit down for a little while when at the hamfest. We request you be knowledgeable of the **TRO**, the repeaters maintained by the **TRO** and it's activities for the year as well as be able to take applications for membership and collect member renewal dues. An activities list will be provided as well as **TRO** club brochures, Skywarn and other amateur radio handout information.

Contact Tom Stroud—KD5OPH at kd5oph@tulsahamradio.org or 918.695.3735 to volunteer.

BIOGRAPHIES OF **TRO** OFFICER NOMINEE'S FOR 2012/2013**President: Stan Callahan—KE5HPB**

I have been a member of TRO for 4 years now and your president for the last year. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to what this next year throws at me. I know that this year has already produced some challenges, but I know we will overcome them.

I have served as president for the Creek County Emergency Management, Emergency Disaster Response Assistant coordinator for Salvation Army of Northeast Oklahoma Creek County. I am currently one of the NCO's at the National Weather Service of Northeast Oklahoma. I have been employed at MTTA Tulsa for 23 years this month. 25 year veteran, ret. of the Boy Scouts of America.

Stan Callahan—KE5HPB

Vice-President: Joe Gorkos—N5TEX

35 years of both telecom and RF communication experience.

Radio Amateur for over 20 years presently holds Extra Class license and Commercial 1st class FCC Radio license.

Previous TRO Secretary in mid-1990's, I have been a TRO member roughly 20 years.

Hold 2 year degree in Electronics.

Presently involved with VIPS in Sand Springs (Volunteer in Police Service)

Self-employed as broadband engineering consultant to phone companies.

Vietnam era vet, honorable discharge, HF radio operator in Germany.

Joe Gorkos—N5TEX

Secretary: Ed Compos—K5CRQ

I'm Ed Compos K5CRQ and I have been the Club Secretary for 6 or 7 years and will continue to do the job if you all wish. I hold a tech class license and enjoy working the different runs and events that the TRO Club works with. Thanks in advance for your support.

Treasurer: Gary Parham—KC5ZQP

A good friend of mine, Bob -W2HK, got me interested in ham radio in late 1996 and I went to my first hamfest (Green Country) took the test and received my license in March 1997 and joined the **TRO** shortly after. I've served on the board since 1999 and have held the positions of treasurer, secretary, vice president and by-laws chairman during that time. I'm a member of both ARES & RACES and have been a member of the RRT for TAEMA since 1998.

Trustee: Merlin Griffin—WB5OSM

My Call is WB5OSM first licensed as WN5EMG in 1971 back when Novices were only allowed CW operation on 80, 40, and 15 meters. Crystal controlled and power limit of 75 Watts DC Input. I mainly operated on 40 meter CW, and the Xtals I chose, I learned there were shortwave broadcasters at night on two of the three frequencies. It was my 75 watts against their 1/4 megawatt.

I now hold the Extra Class license and as many of you know I am a highly experienced ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner. One of the most experienced in the U. S. I have participated in somewhere around 245 test sessions.

I am a past president of the TRO. I also serve as president of Green Country Hamfest, Inc. I am vice-president and frequency coordinator for Oklahoma Repeater Society, Inc. We coordinate repeater frequencies in the state of Oklahoma and work with coordinators in the surrounding states to minimize interference across state lines. I serve as net control operator for the Tulsa Skywarn operation. Which I have been involved in that for many years. I think some of the other Skywarn NCO refer to me as NCO Emeritus. I also serve TRO as the engineering site chairman for the 146.88 repeater. Also took under my wing and rebuilt the 444.1 repeater. It's operating from my garage right now. Somebody come and get this thing and take it to its home.

I have been employed by the City of Tulsa for 33 years, currently doing database administration and computer support for the Public Works Departments Quality Assurance Laboratory. I have expertise in both fields, analytical chemistry and computer science. I reside in Owasso and have been an Owassoan since before it was cool. I am married to Lynda KE5VYN and have two beautiful grandchildren living with us most of the time, Kevyn six and Lexie who just turned five. You have seen the bumper sticker, "If I knew grandchildren were so much fun I would have had them first." I pulled that off.

Look forward to seeing everybody at the Green Country Hamfest 3/9-10/2012 in Claremore!

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST FANTASTIC PRIZE LIST FOR 2012

The Green Country Hamfest is Friday and Saturday, March 9 & 10 at the Claremore Expo Center at 400 Veterans Way. The GCH committee has selected a fantastic prize package this year that includes:

1st Prize: Elecraft K3 (assembled) 160 thru 6M



2nd Prize: Yaesu FT-897D 160 thru 70CM



3rd Prize: Yaesu FT-8900R 2M & 70CM



2 Special Prizes: Yaesu FT-7900R One Friday and one Saturday



Hourly prizes including one Yaesu FT-60R dual band talkie!

Pre-register from now through February 26th and save \$2.00 on admission ticket and \$5.00 on flea market tables.

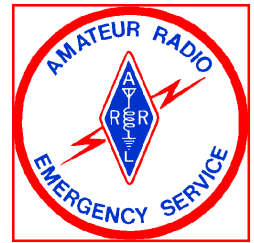
See www.greencountryhamfest.com



TRO MEETING MINUTES — CONTINUED



there will be speaker there from AARL also. You can register online and save \$2 over the tickets at the door at www.greencountryhamfest.org. There will be flea market tables available for \$5.



Joe Gorgos N5TEX is working with Sam Childers trying to arrange for us to be on the tower if it is sold.

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Steve Miller AA5V gave a report on the equipment and the different locations we are trying to get. He advised the members that Mid Continent wants to be paid for leaving our equipment on the building. The equipment must be removed by February 28, 2012. We need a receiver site for .88 repeater. We also need to do what we can to get the transmitter at City Plex running.

Ben Joplin WB5VST announced that he would need another \$230 for another complete system, some of the items were donated by Nathan Huffstetler AE5NK. The motion was made to table the 9th system until February's meeting by Mark Conklin N7XYO and seconded by Steve Miller AA5V.

The nominating committee for this year's officers are: Mark Conklin N7XYO, Ben Joplin WB5VST, Doug Lee KC5ZQM, Paul Young KE5EHM and Brian Gnad KB5TSI. So far the nominees are the same people that are already officers. Stan asked if there were any nominations from the floor and none were given.

The discussion was open for ideas for the organization to hold our monthly meetings since Ryan's is no longer available. The ideas are: Tally's, Brookhaven Christian Church, Mazzio's at the Farm, Ricardo's, Western Country Diner, Golden Corral, Western Sizzlin, Royal Dragon, Panera at 71st and Garnett and the Hardesty Library. We will resume discussions at next month's meeting.

Ed Compos—K5CRQ had open heart surgery and as of tonight he is in recovery and the breathing tube is being removed tonight. Ed will have about a 6 week recovery period. GET WELL SOON.

The motion was made at 8:40 to adjourn the meeting by Ben Joplin WB5VST and seconded by Joyce Callahan.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by Joyce Callahan, Membership Chairperson.

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
2012 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 even numbered months
10:00 A.M. at the Martin East Regional Library
2601 S Garnett Road
Tulsa, OK.
All testing by appointment ONLY. Please contact John—K5ENA at K5ENA@cox.net or 918.346.8284.

THE TRO WISHES TO THANK THESE SUPPORTERS

Tower Properties (CityPlex)
Tulsa Tech College
Bates Realty
City Of Tulsa
City of Skiatook
Liberty Fire Department

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Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-26

TRC Post Oak Challenge—need operators both Saturday and Sunday.
Contact Tom Stroud—KD5OPH@tulsahamraio.org or 695-3735

Saturday, March 3
9:00 AM thru 12:00 PM

Skywarn Spotter Training Seminar—OU Schusterman Center 41st & Yale
Doors open at 0800 for registration—Seminar begins at 0900.

Fri. & Sat. Mar. 9 & 10
5PM to 9pm
8AM thru 3PM

Green Country Hamfest - Claremore Expo Center

Monday, May 28
7AM thru 11AM

Maple Ridge Run—Maple Ridge Neighborhood

Saturday, June 2
8AM thru 3PM

Tour de Cure—American Diabetes Association Bicycle Tour

Sunday, June 12

Tulsa Triathlon—TRO to provide communications—*Tentative*

Saturday & Sunday June 23 & 24

TRO & ARRL Field Day—Location to be determined.



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