



20251021—Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Minutes of Meeting

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On Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 1900 hours local, Mark, WA5MA, called to order the meeting of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club in Room-3140 of Keplinger Hall at the University of Tulsa. See a copy of the agenda below left.



Weekly Net Tuesdays at 8:00 PM on the Superlink Repeater System
TARC Tech Night—First Tuesday at 7:00 PM
TARC Monthly Meeting—Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Meeting Agenda
October 21, 2025 7:00 PM / Tulsa University, Keplinger Hall, Room 3140

TARC Club Officers for 2025

President - Mark WA5MA
1st Vice President - Jack W5JHC
2nd Vice President - Ky KY5VAR
Secretary - Andrew W5AWS
Treasurer - Jerry KESPMK
Public Service Liaison - Bart N5TWB, Retiring
Repeater Trustee - Gregg W5GGW
Newsletter - Richie W5OKL
ARES Emergency Coordinator Tulsa County - Paul W5ANX

Club Business

Approve September meeting minutes - Mark WA5MA
Approve September financials - Mark WA5MA
Member Spotlight - Ben W5VST, Ky KY5VAR
Wrap up Jamboree on the Air - All
Wrap up Route 66 on the Air - Mark WA5MA
Wrap up Simulated Emergency Test - Paul W5ANX, James K1SOAZ
Trailer team training, Oct. 28th and Oct. 29th
Club approval for purchase of generator and propane adapter - Jack W5JHC
Club approval for \$500 to purchase gifts for TARC Christmas party - Mark WA5MA
Repeater spares storage update - Paul W5ANX, David N5DMK
Nominations for TARC Officers 2026 - Andrew W5AWS, Parliamentarian
TARC Apparel link on website (Member Corner / Ham Store) - Robert K1SWDD
Sand Springs Christmas Parade
TARC participation in the Sand Springs Christmas Parade - All
Club approval to help with staging
If you are an ARES member you should be checking into the weekly ARES Net.
ARES Net Thursdays at 8 PM - Weeks 1-3 145.170 (PL 88.5) / Weeks 4-5 Superlink Repeater System (PL 88.5).

Upcoming meetings and events...

TARC Tech Night is November 4th 7 PM / Topic TBD
TARC Monthly Meeting is November 18th 7 PM / What do you want for Christmas?
TARC Christmas Party is December 9th 6:00 PM. Golden Corral 71st and Mingo

Adjourn - Be safe, Be a good friend, Get on the air!

Mark WA5MA
President - Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

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Name	Call-sign	Name	Call-sign
1. ANDREW	W5AWS	34.	
2. MARK	WA5MA	35.	
3. KENNY	KCSHJE	36.	
4. JACK	W5JHC	37.	
5. JAMES	K1SOAZ	38.	
6. BART	N5TWB	39.	
7. GREG	KBSVDA	40.	
8. ED	W1PN	41.	
9. ROBBY	W5RML	42.	
10. GARY	KK7HIR	43.	
11. GREG	A1SHV	44.	
12. CHRIS	KESPLQ	45.	
13. DARYL	N5NYT	46.	
14. JEFF	AE5ME	47.	
15. JERRY	K1SRQJ	48.	
16. PATRICK	KJ5HJA	49.	
17. HEATHER	K1SLCP	50.	
18. GARY	KBSL	51.	
19. MIKE	KQ5YKN	52.	
20. PETE	NK8BD	53.	
21. MIKE	K1SZWQ	54.	
22. LINDA	K1SVYP	55.	
23. ETHAN	KJ5U1J	56.	
24. GREGG	W5GGW	57.	
25. CJ	W0CCJ	58.	
26.		59.	
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28.		61.	
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33.		66.	

1 Attendance

Twenty-five hams added their names to the attendance register, a copy of which is reproduced above right.

2 Introductions

WA5MA introduced the club officers present: 1st Vice President, Jack, W5JHC; 2nd Vice President Ky, KY5VAR; Secretary & Newsletter Editor Andrew, W5AWS; Repeater Trustee, Gregg, W5GGW; Bart, N5TWB, the club Public Service Liaison, Retiring; and Paul, WB5ANX, ARES Emergency Coordinator Tulsa County.

WA5MA initiated round-robin personal introductions of those present at the meeting.

3 Business

If you were absent the club meeting, see the video recording of the proceedings on the club website:

<https://w5ias.com/2025/10/25/tarc-monthly-meeting-october-2025-2>

3.1 Newsletter

WA5MA asked whether any club-member present isn't receiving the newsletter; nothing heard. You can download a copy of the October newsletter via this link:



- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/20251000-TARC-Newsletter-October-2025.pdf>

3.2 Minutes

WA5MA asked for any questions or comments about the minutes of the September meeting. Nothing heard. Ed, W1PN, moved to approve the minutes as written; Ky, KY5VAR, seconded; members approved the minutes by acclamation. You can download a copy of the September minutes via this link:

- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/20250916-TARC-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

3.3 Financials

WA5MA said Treasurer Jerry, KE5PMK, is on vacation, absent the meeting.

WA5MA asked whether there were any questions about the financial reports as published in the newsletter.

Greg, AI5HV, interjected that the financials appear on page-20 of the newsletter.

WA5MA asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Ed, W1PN, moved to approve the financial reports; Bart, N5TWB, seconded; and the members present passed the motion by acclamation.

3.4 Member Spotlight

WA5MA invited Ky, KY5VAR, to introduce Ben Joplin, WB5VST, to be illuminated by the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Member Spotlight.

You can see the full slideshow and narrative by WB5VST on the video recording of the proceedings available on the club website:

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WB5VST was first licensed in 1976, after being motivated by the tornado that passed through east Tulsa on 5 December 1975. Until then, Ben had been an operator of Citizen's Band radio; when he turned on his CB to find out what was happening he heard nothing but chaos. He was with a friend of his who was a licensed amateur radio operator and a member of the Tulsa Repeater Organization (TRO); when his friend turned on his radio, they heard a controlled net in progress on the repeater system with operators in the field tracking the tornado and giving ground-truth reports of weather conditions, damage, and people in need of help, there was even an operator following the track of the tornado from a safe distance while giving status reports. It was a revelatory moment for Ben who immediately started studying for his license test, which he passed early in 1976. That was a positive first step out of disaster that became a forty-nine-year story of innovation and public service in Amateur Radio.

3.5 Jamboree On The Air

Dave, W5PPA, again led our club involvement with Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) at the Jack Graves Scout Reservation on Saturday, 18 October 2025. Four to five new licensees passed their test, including one adult. Midday a storm intervened, causing cancellation of the event.

W5PPA, on behalf of Boy Scouts of America, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tulsa Amateur Radio Club President Mark Adams, WA5MA.



3.6 Route-66 On The Air

WA5MA said that he needs the logs of Rt-66 OTA activity before he can total the contacts. Andrew, W5AWS, retrieved QSL cards from the club mailbox and has two bundles that he forgot to bring to the meeting. Assuming W5AWS remembers to bring the cards to the meeting in November, we will need volunteers to reply to these QSLs with the club W6L QSL card. Additionally, we would like volunteers to scan the cards for upload to the website and historical digital-storage by date in YYYYMMDD format, callsign, and frequency.

3.7 ARES SET

WA5MA asked Paul, WB5ANX, to give us a summary of the Simulated Emergency Test (SET).

WB5ANX said that twenty-six operators took part in the SET that simulated a catastrophic earthquake that disabled all communication infrastructure, forcing



reliance on wireless RF and standby power. Objective of the SET was to exercise participants ability to follow directions from Net Control Operators (NCOs), perform assigned tasks, report results, change frequencies, and operate their equipment smoothly and efficiently.

Bart, N5TWB, was the NCO for the Staging Net where all resources checked in and out.

James, KI5DAZ, was NCO for the Hospital Net; he received resources allocated by the Staging Net and deployed them to area hospitals, which for the purpose of the SET operated in hospital parking lots. KI5DAZ and others exercised SMS text messaging via the Rattlegram app on mobile phones acoustically coupled to their radios.

Roy, WK5F, was NCO for the Tulsa Operations Net

Jeff, AE5ME, operated Winlink peer-to-peer on 2 m in the local area out to Osasso, and HF peer-to-peer on 20 m to New Mexico, and on 40 m NVIS to Ponca City. Traffic via Winlink included transmission of forms ICS-213, ICS-205, ICS-201, Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS), Radiograms, and Did-You-Feel-It earthquake reports. AE5ME and others accomplished NVIS using End-Fed-Half-Wave (EFHW) antennas and dipole antennas close to the ground about ten-foot high.

WB5ANX said that they accomplished all their objectives for the SET this year.

3.8 Trailer Team

WA5MA said that the club now has a Trailer Team, eight members able to tow the Comms. Trailer from its new storage location to wherever it needs to be. It means that there should always be someone available to tow, distributing the burden among many. Many hands make light work!

WA5MA said that we have scheduled Trailer Team training in two groups of five for October 25th & 29th that will be led by Steve, KF5VCQ, who designed and built the comms trailer.

3.9 Public Service Liaison

WA5MA said that Bart, N5TWB, is retiring from his role as Public Service Liaison due to health restrictions.

N5TWB said that he is willing to support the new Public Service Liaison with advice and share historical knowledge.

We need a volunteer to fill the Public Service Liaison vacancy left by N5TWB. Nominate yourself during the next club meeting in November.

3.10 TARC Officers 2026

WA5MA said that all club officers except the Public Service Liaison officer have agreed to serve again in 2026.



WA5MA said that Andrew, W5AWS, agreed to serve as Parliamentarian. Anyone who would like to challenge an incumbent or become the new Public Service Liaison officer should contact w5aws@use.startmail.com.

3.11 New Generator

WA5MA said that we need a second generator to replace the one we used that belongs to Steve, KF5VCQ. The new generator will run in parallel with the existing generator to provide enough power to run the electronics and air conditioning in the comms trailer. We won't need the generator until early next year, but we need to approve spending the money. Also, the generator must be a Honda i2200 that matches the existing unit; these generators are both acoustically and electrically quiet; we convert them to run on propane that is safe to store in the comms trailer in 20lb tanks.

WA5MA asked Jack, W5JHC, for the costs.

W5JHC said that the generator, propane conversion-kit, and Y-connector to run both generators from a single propane tank will cost at current prices \$1,407. Also, we may need to buy a parallel connection-kit that synchronizes AC operation of both generators; we have one, but it may belong to KF5VCQ—W5JHC will find out who owns the kit.

WA5MA asked for a motion to approve spending the money for the second generator and accessories: Gary, KB5L so moved; Ed, W1PN, seconded; motion approved by acclamation of those present at the meeting.

3.12 Christmas Party

WA5MA said that we will hold the Christmas party at the Golden Corral at 71st & Mingo on Tuesday, 9 December 2025, beginning at 1800 hrs. Club Officers have approved the expenditure of \$500 to purchase prizes for the raffle; everyone who attends the Christmas party will receive a raffle ticket and the opportunity to win a piece of useful Ham Radio kit. Bart, N5TWB, agreed to select and purchase the prizes.

Paragraph 3.5(f) of the bylaws permits the Executive Board to approve unbudgeted expenditures up to \$500.

3.13 Sand Springs Christmas Parade

WA5MA said that in the past we have supported the Sand Springs Christmas Parade by marshaling the floats into position. We expect to do that this year on Friday, 5 December 2025. However, to date, we haven't yet received word from the organizers at the Sand Springs Chamber of Commerce. Floats move into position beginning at 1600 hrs, and the parade starts at 1900 hrs.

WA5MA asked for a motion to approve club support of the Sand Springs Christmas Parade; Ed, W1PN, so moved; Bart, N5TWB, seconded; motion approved by acclamation of those present at the meeting.

WA5MA said that earlier this year, the club received permission to join the parade with the comms trailer should we wish to do so.

3.14 Club Apparel

Robert, KI5WDD, manages the club apparel. If you need a club-branded something then visit the store via this link: <https://w5ias.com/adverts/>.

3.15 Standard Frequencies

The TARC base radio frequency list should be programmed into all our radios to make on-air reference as easy as saying which channel to select. Find the frequency list at this location:

<https://w5ias.com/2025/08/08/tarc-base-radio-frequency-list/>

3.16 Miscellaneous Events

Check the club event calendar to find out where you can help support club operations: <https://w5ias.com/events/month/>.

3.17 Club Badges

Jeffrey, KJ7JTU, proposes to produce club badges for any member who wants one. The new club badge is more durable and looks like the one shown below, except with your name and callsign.





3.18 Tech Night

WA5MA said that the next Tech Night will be on November 4th beginning at **1900 hrs**. Topic is yet to be determined.

4 Next Meeting

Our next monthly meeting of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club is November 18th at the University of Tulsa, Keplinger Hall, Room 3140, beginning at 1900 hrs.

5 Adjournment

There being no further business, WA5MA called for a motion to adjourn; Jack, W5JHC, made a motion to adjourn; Mark, WA5MA, seconded; motion approved by a general exodus.

Meeting adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Andrew, W5AWS, Secretary.
