



On Tuesday, 17 March 2026 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, front and rear, below.



Weekly Net Tuesdays at 8:00 PM on the Superlink Repeater System
Tech Night—First Tuesday at 7:00PM
TARC Monthly Meeting—Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM
TARC Monthly Meeting Agenda - March 17, 2026

TARC Club Officers for 2026

President - Mark WA5MA
1st Vice President – Jack W5JHC
2nd Vice President Ky KY5VAR
Secretary – Andrew W5AWS
Treasurer - Jerry KE5PMK
Public Service Liaison - Bobby KJ5CLV, Robert KI5WDD
Repeater Trustee - Gregg W5GGW
Newsletter – Andrew W5AWS
ARES Emergency Coordinator Tulsa County - Paul WB5ANX

Club Business

National Weather Service Stormspotter training postponed? by TAEMA.
Approve February meeting minutes - Mark WA5MA
Approve February financials - Mark WA5MA
Back to the Basics - All
Green Country Hamfest
Door greeters / Committee members / TARC Membership Renewal Table
W6L QSL cards
OK POTA – Tony KA5TRO
TARC Apparel link on website (Member Corner / Ham Store) – Robert KI5WDD

ARES 2026...The year of Readiness!

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). If you would like to get involved in ARES, go to W5IAS.com and click on ARES OK for the sign up form.

Upcoming meetings and events...

TARC Tech Night is April 7th 6 PM Haikey Creek Park / POTA Demo – Tony KA5TRO
TARC Monthly Meeting is April 21th 7 PM / Skywarn – Kelly Baker N5TUG
TARC Weekly Net – Tuesdays at 8 PM on the Superlink Repeater System
TARC CW Net – Mondays and Thursdays 7 PM on 7.037 +/- QRM
Green Country Hamfest – April 10th, 11th
OK POTA - April 18th
OKC Marathon – April 26th
Tour de Tulsa Bike Ride – May 2nd Sign up on w5ias.com
Copland Classic Bike Ride – May 16th Sign up on w5ias.com

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

Mark WA5MA
President – Tulsa Amateur Radio Club



Amateur Radio Emergency Service News...

An ARES Volunteer is considered active if they have;

- Checked in to at least one or more Tulsa County ARES nets per month and,
- Attended at least one training event per calendar quarter (when scheduled) and,
- Attended one exercise or deployment per calendar quarter (when scheduled).

If there are not any approved training sessions, exercises, or deployments in a calendar quarter that will not count against your status.

The Tulsa County ARES Net uses the following frequencies:

Weeks 1 – 3 on 145.170 (PL 88.5)

Weeks 4 – 5 on the Superlink Repeater System 443.850 (PL88.5) in Tulsa.

Check the W5IAS.com website on the Repeaters dropdown for system frequencies.

Just to review...

The following are ideas for club presentations gathered from our members at the January monthly club meeting.

A club Parks on the Air day (April 7th Tech Night and April 18th POTA Day)

A club fox hunt

An antenna build day (Did you see the survey?)

Working satellites

A Zoom Tech meeting (like Tech Night only over Zoom)

What about DMR? – (We're working on a DMR Net)

Member Spotlight where we show off a club members' station. Anyone???

The Basics (for the new hams)

Find an Elmer (we just did an Ask the Experts night)

Amateur Radio Public Service Announcement...

Intentional interference on a repeater can lead to the loss of your license, loss of your equipment and a significant fine from the FCC. Intentional interference with a net only adds to the severity of the offense and any threatening comments could even lead to jail time.

Check your equipment and make sure your VOX is off, your microphone and/or speaker mic buttons are working properly and are not stuck in the PTT position. Be careful when using an HT on your belt with or without a speaker mic, make sure you are not activating the PTT when you sit down in your favorite chair or in the car.

1 Attendance

Twenty-five hams added their names to the attendance register, a copy of which is reproduced below. There was no live-stream of the meeting due to the absence of Webmaster Jack, W5JHC.



20260317—Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Meeting Attendance Register

Name	Call-sign	Name	Call-sign
1 ANDREW	W5AWS	34	
2 JERRY	KE5PMK	35	
3 KENNY	KC5MJE	36	
4 MIKE	K15EGH	37	
5 JAMES	WB6ZNM	38	
6 RICK	K5BAP	39	
7 JEFFREY	KJ7KTU	40	
8 PAUL	KE5EHM	41	
9 GABE	KJ5JOW	42	
10 GREG	A15HV	43	
11 KY	KY5VAR	44	
12 DAVID	KJ5LVN	45	
13 JERRY	K3GE	46	
14 BOBBY	KJ5CLV	47	
15 DARY	N5NYT	48	
16 JERRY	AC5JM	49	
17 CHRIS	KE5PLQ	50	
18 LINDA	K15VYF	51	
19 MARK	KD5SMF	52	
20 ROY	WK5F	53	
21 JAY	KJ5BLZ	54	
22 GREGG	W5GGW	55	
23 DAVID	KJ5NPX	56	
24 HAZEL	KJ5NPW	57	
25 APRIL	KJ5JIJ	58	
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2 Introductions

WA5MA introduced the club officers present: 2nd Vice President, Ky, KY5VAR; Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Andrew, W5AWS; Repeater Trustee, Gregg, W5GGW; Public Service Liaison Bobby, KJ5CLV; and Treasurer, Jerry, KE5PMK.

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



3 Business

If you were absent the club meeting then you missed it as there was no video recording of a live-stream.

3.1 Storm Spotter Training Canceled

The meeting was a sudden arrangement in response to cancellation of the scheduled National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training event at Centennial Park Community Center.

Some discussion ensued with the conclusion that it is unlikely that the Storm Spotter Training event will be rescheduled.

3.2 Newsletter

You can download a copy of the March newsletter via this link:

- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/20260301-TARC-Newsletter-March-2026.pdf>

3.3 Minutes

WA5MA asked for any questions or comments about the minutes of the January meeting. Nothing heard. Ky, KY5VAR, moved to approve the minutes as written; Chris, KE5PLQ, seconded; members approved the minutes by acclamation. You can download a copy of the February minutes via this link:

- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/February-2026-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

3.4 Financials

WA5MA asked Treasurer Jerry, KE5PMK, to report on the financials.

KE5PMK said that Paul, WB5ANX, had succeeded in renting a climate controlled storage space 10×15 feet in size for the sensitive repeater spare parts. To get a reduction in rent, WB5ANX leased the space for a year, which KE5PMK will reimburse WB5ANX from club funds.

WA5MA asked whether there were any questions about the financial reports as published in the newsletter. Nothing heard.

WA5MA asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Mark, KD5SMF, moved to approve the financial reports; Paul, KE5EHM, seconded; and the members present passed the motion by acclamation.

3.5 Back to Basics

Mark, WA5MA, opened the floor for Back-to-Basics questions from the meeting participants. Attendees of a previous meeting proposed this topic for discussion in the form of a review for experienced hams and to enlighten newly licensed hams in need of guidance. The idea being that amateur operators would answer questions who are able to speak from experience.

3.5.1 Logging

First question was about logging programs.

Andrew, W5AWS, said that being easier than fritzing with technology he used paper and pencil to log contacts, entering contacts to his QRZ log at a later time.

Mark, KD5SMF, said that he used Polo by Ham2K:

- <https://polo.ham2k.com/>

There is also HamRS, which does a nice job of mapping one's contacts making it easy to see one's reach:

- <https://hamrs.app/>

The short answer is to try these and others until you find one that fits your requirements for ease-of-use and functionality. There are lots of logging programs, many of them free to use.

3.5.2 Digital Mobile Radio

There was a lot of discussion about DMR and digital communications. Jeff, AE5ME, is our local expert for WinLink, Meshtastic, M17, etc. Greg, AI5HV, is our expert on DMR generally. Gregg, W5GGW, offered some good ideas about using the various DMR chat-rooms; WA5MA tapped Gregg for a future club presentation.

3.5.3 Parks On The Air

Our Tech Night on April 7th will be at 1800 hrs in Haikey Creek Park where Tony, KA5TRO, will be demonstrating a POTA activity.

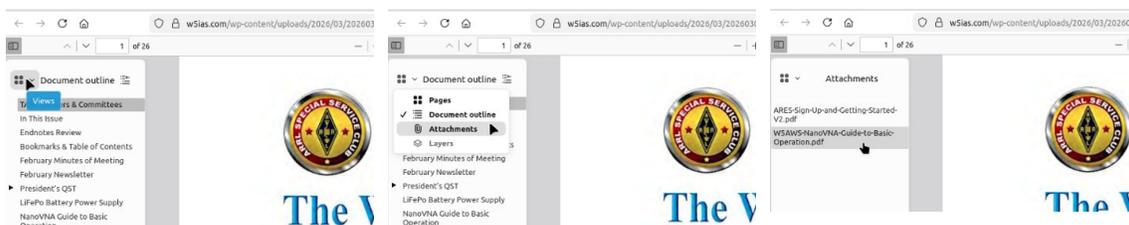
On April 18th, there will be a live POTA activation of Keystone State Park at Shelter #4 from 0900 until 1000 hrs. For more information, send email to pota@w5ias.com.

3.5.4 DMR Net

Mark, WA5MA, mooted the idea of a DMR Net at 1930 hrs every Tuesday evening prior to the weekly club net

3.5.5 NanoVNA

Andrew, W5AWS, said that newly licensed operators need to know how to tune their antenna for a low SWR at the frequency of operation, and that the NanoVNA is a useful and inexpensive piece of test equipment. With that in mind, there is an article in the March newsletter explaining how to use a NanoVNA included as an attachment to the newsletter—see the sequence of screenshots below.





The guide to the NanoVNA uses tuning an antenna for FT8 and JS8Call as an example, which you can find similarly attached to the NanoVNA explanation.

For the above screenshots, the newsletter opened in the FireFox web-browser after clicking on the newsletter link on the web-site.

3.6 Green Country Hamfest

WA5MA said that the Green Country Hamfest will happen on April 10th & 11th. We have club tables there and need volunteers to staff the tables and to act as greeters at the door, serving for a couple of hours during the day. Volunteers will be eligible to participate in the drawing of a prize.

There are thirteen slots open for volunteers to act as door-greeters.

With the death of Richie, W5OKL, Green Country Hamfest needs committee members to help with the organization. If interested in helping, contact Merlin, WB5OSM.

WA5MA said that in his opinion, the Green Country Hamfest is the best in this area of the country. Without adequate help from volunteers, its continuation could be in jeopardy.

3.7 W6L QSL Cards

WA5MA asked whether anyone had any W6L QSL cards remaining that he could have returned to him.

3.8 TARC Apparel

WA5MA said that Robert, KI5WDD, manages Tulsa Amateur Radio Club apparel. See this link for more information:

- <https://w5ias.com/adverts/>

3.9 ARES

WA5MA said that a change is in the works to create an active and inactive list of ARES volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for ARES, visit the club website at this address:

- <https://w5ias.com/tulsa-county-ares-sign-up/>

3.10 OKC Marathon

WA5MA said that the Oklahoma City Marathon needs help with race communications—about 90+ operators.

3.11 Bicycle Events

WA5MA said that the Tour de Tulsa is the next cycling event in need of volunteers for event communications; for this and other events volunteer at this location:

- <https://w5ias.com/events/>



Next event after Tour de Tulsa is the Copland Classic. For which April 28th is the deadline to sign-up and be eligible for a T-shirt.

3.12 Tech Night Zoom

WA5MA said that we plan to live stream Tech Nights on Zoom.

3.13 Next Meeting

WA5MA said that the next in-person meeting will be April 27th during which Kelly Baker, N5TUG, will give a presentation on Skywarn.

3.14 Adjournment

WA5MA called for a motion to adjourn: Kenny, KC5MJE so moved; Ky, KY5VAR seconded; approved by general exodus. Meeting adjourned at 2030 hrs.
