



On Tuesday, 21 April 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 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 – April 21st, 2026**

### **TARC Club Officers for 2026**

President - Mark WA5MA  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jack W5JHC  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Approve March meeting minutes - Mark WA5MA  
Approve March financials - Mark WA5MA  
Approve \$100 for ARES events, signage, equipment, etc.  
Sooner Sprint June 20<sup>th</sup> – Mike KI5EGH  
Approve \$50 for Sooner Sprint Special Event. Printing.  
Details on the upcoming bike rides – Paul WB5ANX  
Stormspotting and Skywarn – Kelly Baker N5TUG  
OK POTA wrap up – Tony KA5TRO  
TARC Apparel link on website (Member Corner / Ham Store) – Robert KI5WDD

### **Upcoming meetings and events...**

TARC Tech Night is May 5<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at TU / Jeff AE5ME presenting on Winlink forms.  
Where to find them, how to fill them out and what to do with them.  
TARC Monthly Meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at TU  
Jack W5JHC Field Day prep, Paul WB5ANX Update on the bike rides.  
TARC Weekly Net – Tuesdays at 8 PM on the Superlink Repeater System  
TARC CW Net – Mondays and Thursdays 7 PM on 7.037 +/- QRM  
OKC Marathon – April 26<sup>th</sup> Sign up at <https://coraok.org/signup/>  
Tour de Tulsa Bike Ride – May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Copland Classic Bike Ride – May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tulsa Tough Bike Ride – June 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Mark WA5MA  
President – Tulsa Amateur Radio Club



1 Attendance

Forty-six hams added their names to the attendance register, a copy of which is reproduced below.

20260421—Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Meeting Attendance Register

Name	Call-sign	Name	Call-sign
1 ANDREW	W5AWS	34 TOM	PENDING
2 MARK	WA5MA	35 DAVID	K5TZS
3 JERRY	KE5PMK	36 SAM	KC5BXG
4 NED	N5JHB	37 JEFF	AE5ME
5 REMELL	KA6DOY	38 DAVID	KJ5LVN
6 KENNY	KC5MJE	39 ROY	WK5F
7 MIKE	K15EGH	40 APRIL	KJ5JIJ
8 BART	N5TWB	41 DAVID	KJ5NPX
9 BEN	WB5VST	42 HAZEL	KJ5NPW
10 JAMES	WB6ZNM	43 KELLY	N5TUG
11 RICK	K5BAP	44 CJ	WW0CJ
12 RAY	K5CFY	45 MICHAEL	N5RDV
13 ROBBY	W5RML	46 GREGG	W5GGW
14 CODY	K5JDO	47	
15 PAUL	WB5ANX	48	
16 GREG	A15HV	49	
17 SHANNON	KC5RBG	50	
18 DAVE	W5PPA	51	
19 JERRT	K3QE	52	
20 DALE	K3DD	53	
21 DARYL	N5NYT	54	
22 JASON	KG5UKL	55	
23 BRAD	WA5PSA	56	
24 FRED	K5LLZ	57	
25 RANDELL	KJ5DII	58	
26 CAROLYN	KJ5MTH	59	
27 MARK	KJ5NCK	60	
28 JAY	KJ5BLZ	61	
29 COREY	KJ5LAM	62	
30 KY	KY5VAR	63	
31 MIKE	KG5YKM	64	
32 PATRIC	KJ5HKJA	65	
33 MIKE	KJ5NON	66	



## 2 Introductions

WA5MA introduced the club officers present: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ky, KY5VAR; Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Andrew, W5AWS; Repeater Trustee, Gregg, W5GGW; 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 see this link of the live-stream recording done by CJ, WW0CJ:

- <https://drive.proton.me/urls/KHNTWKKVHM#RKfEOdQzrrao>

### 3.1 Newsletter

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

- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/20260401-TARC-Newsletter-April-2026.pdf>

### 3.2 Minutes

WA5MA asked for any questions or comments about the minutes of the January meeting. Nothing heard. Gregg, W5GGW, moved to approve the minutes as written; Bart, N5TWB, seconded; members approved the minutes by acclamation. You can download a copy of the March minutes via this link:

- <https://w5ias.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/March-2026-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

### 3.3 Financials

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

KE5PMK said that the Green Country Hamfest was a strange event. We took in \$1,587 in cash and twenty-eight new members. However, we were unable to account for \$332 despite double-checking the numbers. Luckily, the \$332 discrepancy is in favor of the club. We sold 113 raffle tickets, and took in \$830 in membership dues. Overall, the club broke even with the \$332, otherwise we would have lost money on the raffle.

KE5PMK said that overall, this year the Hamfest fund balance was \$35 less than last year.

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. Greg, AI5HV, moved to approve the financial reports; Ky, KY5VAR, seconded; and the members present passed the motion by acclamation.



### 3.4 ARES Funding

WA5MA said that since our club Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) activities are extensive, he would like a motion to approve expense of \$100 for support items.

Someone wondered whether we needed approval since the amount is below the \$300 threshold that the club officers can approve without going to the membership.

Ky, KY5VAR, said that we can easily spend \$100 on coffee and donuts, and that the request should be for a larger amount.

Someone asked for the club balance of available funds.

Treasurer Jerry, KE5PMK, said that the club general fund balance is \$4,693.

Paul, WB5ANX, suggested that we approve an expenditure limit of \$300 with any unspent funds returned to the treasury.

After further discussion Carolyn, KJ5MTH, moved that we approve ARES expenditure up to \$300; Ky, KY5VAR, seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

### 3.5 Sooner Sprint

WA5MA asked Mike, KI5EGH, to talk about the new Sooner Sprint Contest.

KI5EGH said that the idea is to expose new operators, and those who might not have considered operating, to radio contesting in a relaxed environment that gives operators a chance to find out what contesting is like. Normally, contests are high pressure, competitive events. KI5EGH intends the Sooner Sprint to be laid-back and super-friendly. Initially, the contest will be CW with stewards slowing (QRS) to match the sending speed of the contesters, even down to 5 wpm. For more information, see the club website here:

- <https://w5ias.com/sooner-sprint/>

WA5MA said that we need a motion to approve expenditure of \$50 to cover printing costs. Daryl, N5NYT, so moved; Paul, WB5ANX, seconded; motion carried by acclamation of those present.

### 3.6 SKYWARN

WA5MA asked Kelly, N5TUG, to present SKYWARN.

N5TUG said that SKYWARN was formed in 1965 nationally. In 2000, Tulsa amateurs assumed control of the local SKYWARN net. See the SKYWARN statement of intent below.



## The SKYWARN® Spotter and the Spotter's Role

The United States is the most severe weather-prone country in the world. Each year, people in this country cope with an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, 1,200 tornadoes, and two landfalling hurricanes. Approximately 90% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather-related, causing around 500 deaths each year and nearly \$14 billion in damage.

SKYWARN® is a National Weather Service (NWS) program developed in the 1960s that consists of trained weather spotters who provide reports of severe and hazardous weather to help meteorologists make life-saving warning decisions. Spotters are concerned citizens, amateur radio operators, truck drivers, mariners, airplane pilots, emergency management personnel, and public safety officials who volunteer their time and energy to report on hazardous weather impacting their community.

Although, NWS has access to data from Doppler radar, satellite, and surface weather stations, technology cannot detect every instance of hazardous weather. Spotters help fill in the gaps by reporting hail, wind damage, flooding, heavy snow, tornadoes and waterspouts. Radar is an excellent tool, but it is just that: one tool among many that NWS uses. We need spotters to report how storms and other hydrometeorological phenomena are impacting their area.

SKYWARN® spotter reports provide vital "ground truth" to the NWS. They act as our eyes and ears in the field. Spotter reports help our meteorologists issue timely, accurate, and detailed warnings by confirming hazardous weather detected by NWS radar. Spotters also provide critical verification information that helps improve future warning services. SKYWARN® Spotters serve their local communities by acting as a vital source of information when dangerous storms approach. Without spotters, NWS would be less able to fulfill its mission of protecting life and property.

**The WX5TUL Skywarn Net operates on the Superlink Repeater System.  
Frequencies can be found on the [w5ias.com](http://w5ias.com) website.**

**During severe weather please monitor the Skywarn Net.  
Be safe and keep your eye on the sky!**

For more of the SKYWARN presentation, see the recording of the live-stream;

- <https://drive.proton.me/urls/KHNTWKKVHM#RKfEOdQzrrao>



### 3.7 Bike Rides

WA5MA asked Paul, WB5ANX, to give us the latest news on our support of the various bike rides around the area. See the live-stream recording for more detail:

- <https://drive.proton.me/urls/KHNTWKKVHM#RKfEOdQzrrao>

### 3.8 Antenna Rotors

WA5MA yielded the floor to Fred, K5LLZ, who asked for anyone with Tail Twister rotor parts surplus to their requirements to contact him as he needs parts to refurbish complete assemblies. See the recording of the live-stream for more detail:

- <https://drive.proton.me/urls/KHNTWKKVHM#RKfEOdQzrrao>

### 3.9 Upcoming Events

See the agenda for a list of upcoming events and activities.

### 3.10 OK POTA

Tony, KA5TRO, was absent the meeting therefore unable to summarize the OK POTA event.

### 3.11 Apparel

Robert, KI5WDD, was absent the meeting unable to inform us of any changes to the club apparel.

### 3.12 Next Meeting

WA5MA said that the next in-person meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> during which Jeff, AE5ME, will give a presentation on Winlink forms, where to find them, how to fill them out, and what to do with them.

### 3.13 Adjournment

WA5MA called for a motion to adjourn: Roy, WK5F so moved; Cody, KJ5JDO seconded; approved by general exodus. Meeting adjourned at 2030 hrs.

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