



Trinity County Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter

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Sorry, Folks – it's another VERY short newsletter. Your newsletter editor continues to have more obligations than time. I don't have much to write (or at least not the time to write it) but I don't want to let another month go by without at least some form of newsletter going out. Gee, things have got to slow down sometime!

Next Meeting:

Remember, we'll be meeting at "Granny's House" on Taylor Street in Weaverville, Wednesday, January 10, 7:30pm.

Repeater News:

Both the Hayfork Bally 146.730 and Bully Choop 146.925 repeaters are back to "coordinated" status and should be in the next ARRL Repeater Directory with the correct callsigns and sponsorship information.

In other repeater news, vigilance on e-bay has found us 2 more isolators so we now have a total of 3 – one for each repeater. Total cost to the club for all three was about 1/3 the cost to buy one new isolator.

In not so good repeater news, we continue to be plagued with power problems at both .73 and .925. Next season will need to see either some tree trimming or complete relocation of the solar panels at Hayfork Bally. Bully Choop is in need of a new set of batteries.

Club Christmas Party:

The TCARC Christmas party was held December 8th at the Weaverville Fire Hall. I was only able to attend a part of it but it seemed well attended, beautifully decorated and of course the collection of food was fantastic! Thanks to Bonnie and Will for the turkey and stuffing and to the rest of the group who brought the rest of the food.

Rule Changes:

Most have heard by now of the recent changes to several aspects of our hobby. The most significant change is that in the very near future, there will be NO requirement for any kind of knowledge of CW for any class of Amateur license. There are of course very strong opinions to both sides of the argument as to whether that is a good thing or a bad thing. I'll leave those discussions to other venues.

The other rule changes have to do with allowable emissions and frequency ranges. The most notable changes are in the 80 meter band where the narrowband modes have been squeezed into a much smaller footprint at the bottom of the band to make way for large increases in wideband modes. The 40 meter band has a similar change but not quite as drastic as 80. The 15 meter band saw an increase in the novice/tech+ CW allocation. The rest of the bands seem unchanged.

80 Meters,
novice/tech+ CW only 3525-3600
General: narrow 3525-3600, wide 3800-4000
Advanced: narrow 3525-3600, wide 3700-4000
Extra: narrow 3500-3600, wide 3600-4000

40 Meters
Novice/Tech+: CW only 7025-7125
General: narrow 7025-7125, wide 7175-7300
Advanced: narrow 7025-7125, wide 7125-7300
Extra: narrow 7000-7125, wide 7125-7300.

15 Meters
Novice/Tech+: CW only 21025-21200

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