



Trinity County Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 7:30pm at the TCOE Conference Room.

Dues are due!

It's that time of year again! If you haven't already done so, please send in your club dues, \$20 for a family membership (or a single membership for that matter), to the club address.

Junction Fire:

The good news is that no club members lost their homes in the "Junction Fire" Saturday July 29th. It burned pretty close to Tom, W6BVC and XYL Iris's home on Oregon Mountain but didn't make it quite that far. Tubal, KD6RKJ, noticed some smoke but his canyon seemed to keep even that mostly directed away from him. Incidentally, one of his pups chased away the folks who came to warn him of the fire and last I heard hadn't returned. If anyone comes across a black and white Fox Terrier with a metal tag on its collar, please let Tubal know.

Here's ARES Coordinator Vicki, KF6OAH's official newsletter writeup of the event: Saturday July 29 brought us our first fire of the year (hopefully our only one!). ARES coordinator Vicki KF6OAH was delighted with the general willingness of ARES members to help out. Guy KD6MTU volunteered by radio on his way home to help out. Since several others were in danger of having to evacuate their homes, his offer was readily accepted. He spent

the evening until about 1:30 Sunday morning at the Red Cross shelter located at the Douglas City School. Many thanks to him for his help. Thanks also to Don, ND6T, Will, K6UHS, and Bob, WD6AIA who were willing to assist at the shelter if needed. Thanks to Robert, KB6YTD, Greg, WB6FZH, and Don, ND6T who responded to various radio messages during the fire, and helped keep communications open with Tubal, KD6RKJ, who elected to stay up on Oregon Mountain during the fire. ARES coordinator Vicki, KF6OAH was delighted with the willingness of Shasta ARES members to monitor the .925 frequency and relay messages to the Red Cross coordinator in Shasta. Al Pena, KQ6W, Carl Seguin, KJ6C, Mac McCulley, W6MAC and Richard White, KF6ZGY, were especially helpful. Johnny Weil WA6BXN and XYL Lois were among those evacuated to the shelter. It was good to see them, despite the fact that they were having to be away from home for the night. Daughter Kathy is still at a convalescent hospital in Redding. Another of our members evacuated was Tom W6BVC and XYL Iris. Fortunately they did not lose their home. Reminder to all: be sure you bring at least a handi talkie with you if you need to evacuate your home in a time of crisis!

Health and Welfare:

Bob, KA6ZVR, has had surgery for the injury to his neck and it's reported that he already has improved use of his arm.

Ham Radio (leads to) to the rescue:

Monday, July 31, Mike Walker, KG6OJT, was at a fishing hole in Lewiston where a fellow with two children were attacked by bees or yellow jackets and the fellow was having difficulty breathing. Mike put out an emergency traffic notice on .925 and Vicki, KF6OAH, picked it up. With a call to 911, Lewiston fire, CDF and Weaverville ambulance were soon on their way to the scene. KF6OAH tries to monitor most of the time, but is not always at home and greatly appreciates that other members with phone capability monitor as well.

Remember folks, Public *Service* is one of the main reasons the Amateur Radio *Service* exists.

Club Picnic:

Your editor didn't get to attend, but I understand it was well attended and well enjoyed. MANY THANKS AGAIN TO VI AND ED FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY! Vi says it is so easy having us, that she would not mind if we came twice a year. Can you beat that for hospitality.