



Trinity County Amateur Radio Club  
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# Newsletter

## September 2006

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### Next Meeting

Be sure and join us for the meeting September 13th, 19:30 hours at TCOE. We need everyone's input, and we want to be sure to have a quorum!

### Sad News

On the evening of Tuesday, September 05, Kathy Weil, daughter of WA6BXN Johnny and XYL Lois Weil, lost the battle to the illnesses she'd been fighting. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Johnny, Lois and the rest of the family. Services will be Friday, September 16, 1 pm at the Weaverville Congregational Church.

### Good News

KA6ZVR is making good recovery from his shoulder surgery. Way to go Bob!

### Dues Reminder

As noted in the secretary's aside in the minutes, 10 more paid up dues would go a long way toward covering our expenses for the year. If you find you haven't yet paid in your \$20, please do so ASAP! That would make our treasurer KI6GR more comfortable about things. Remember we follow a July 1st to July 1st fiscal year.

### Courtesy Beep Reminder

It is a good practice to leave a little space between one transmission and the response. When folks come right in on the tail of the previous person's transmission there is no room for a "break" to enter. Sometimes someone has more up to date information to respond to a caller's request or maybe even emergency traffic is trying to get in. While in a QSO, wait for the courtesy beep after the other station

unkeys before you start your reply and every now and again let the transmitter drop altogether.

### Fire Season Still With Us

The Pigeon Fire reminds us that fire season will be with us for at least another month, and these incidents can grow at a horrifying rate. So do be prepared to respond if needed. Whether we would have been allowed to might have been a subject for debate, but what a difference we could have made for a couple of people if some of us had driven the back roads to Big Bar and set up a communication station. It could have been as simple as a table with a battery, 2m radio, j-pole antenna and a sign saying something about Ham Radio communications or gone as far as putting up a quick random wire antenna and running an HF station. Folks down river who are not radio amateurs had no means of communicating with the outside world for at least 4 days. I heard of at least one "welfare check" that was needed and I'm sure other folks in the area would like to have sent or received some number of messages.

### Repeater Maintenance

ND6T Don and XYL Charlotte made a journey one day to the Bully Choop machine and another day to the Hayfork Bally site. They found both machines survived the winter quite well. Don repaired a couple of items on Bully Choop (with assistance from Charlotte's keen eyes that spotted a fallen piece of hardware) that should make a nice difference in the day to day operation of that machine. He installed a new antenna tuner circuit at the Hayfork Bally site. Both machines will need a few more visits before the snow flies.