

TRINITY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CLUB ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 2283, WEAVERVILLE, CA 96093

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual club Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 9th, from 5 p.m. (The meal will be served at 6 - 6:30 o'clock) to 9 p.m. at the Weaverville Fire Hall. For those of you who may not know where that is, when entering Weaverville from the east on Hwy. 299, proceed to the Nugget Restaurant, which will be on your left, turn left there, and proceed to the second street on your left, which will take you into the parking lot of the Fire Hall.

If you have not signed up to bring food, please phone KB6YTD Robert who is keeping the list, and he will make suggestions to help you decide! (Phone 623-1972). Two turkeys are being cooked by two lady members. So, that leaves lots of room for salads, desserts, veggies, etc.

The custom is that we bring our own table service for the meal, so prepare for that.

You are encouraged to bring a gift (ladies bring a gift for a lady, and guys bring a gift for a guy!) We will indulge ourselves again in the CRAZY Gift Exchange, which is indeed an ice-breaker!

PROGRESS OF REPEATERS

Two of our members, KB6YTD Robert and ND6T Don had some busy days prior to the snow 's arrival on the scene of Hayfork Bally and Bully Choop repeaters. Our net on 146.73 MHz via Hayfork Bally seems to be holding up fairly well, with the onset of winter. The 146.925 MHz service on Bully Choop

appears to be intermittent, the reason not being known, but it will remain in this situation until the snow melts up there, in the spring, hopefully!

We appreciate the efforts expended by these two diligent technicians, and I just want to mention our appreciation for the efforts expended over the years by silent-key W6HOR Bob Buckley, and other supporters through the years. These repeaters provide good service to folks travelling through Trinity County, sometimes in emergency status, when they have car trouble, or other problems.

Club members need to remember to keep themselves available to relay messages for these folks when they hear calls for help. We may not always hear such calls, but never let it be said that we did hear and did not help!!

Hope all of you had a good Turkey Day - we heard about the celebrations of some when N6TKY checked into the Western Public Service System on 39.52Mhz that evening.

This is all the news for now. Keep in touch on the Thurs. Night net on 73. And, you new members, be sure to make the party on the 9th for an eye-ball.

- 73s N6TKX Evelyn

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MINUTES Trinity County Amateur Radio Club, November 9th, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Vice President Bob Martin, WD6AIA, in the absence of WB6FZH Greg. The minutes were read aloud, not having been sent out. The PL on Guy's repeater was corrected to .123. Present were N6TKX Evelyn, N6TKY Jim, KA6ZVR Bob, KD6GCQ Terri, K6UHS Will and his XYL Bonnie, W6BVC Tom, KB6YTD Robert, WD6AIA Bob, KF6OAH Vicki, KF6OAI Russ, and KI6GR John. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1515.86, of which \$832 is set aside for the repeaters. \$160.99 was paid out for repeater batteries. ICU registration renewal will cost us \$43, and a bill for \$13.69 for postage was presented. On membership, we were all pleased that Bob and Virginia Smith had renewed. On the membership list Bob McNeil KA6ZVR should be listed as general, not tech.

ID CARDS: nothing new to report.

CANDIDATES FOR TESTING: We need a master list so we know who has expressed an interest, who is being elmered, etc.

REPEATERS: .925 has been out since last Thursday. Don ND6T and Robert KB6YTD are planning on going up Bullychoop Friday the 10th. The power cord for .73 is now in conduit, and that repeater has a new control receiver and new call chip. Problem: tree growth now shades the solar panels most of the day. With 2 new brackets the panels could be split and moved to the 2 ends of the building. Old brackets could be reused for one panel and new ones would be needed for the other. Bob McNeil KA6ZVR has some possible brackets. There is the

possibility that the pole currently used by the county fire chiefs will be available later. Packet digipeater is still at Robert's house. Audio coming out of the TNCs is distorting, over deviating, and the output too high. YTD wanted to know if he had the group's permission to replace the resistors. Portable repeater is now tuned to 146.880; the nearest repeater at that frequency is Crescent City. Duplexer will need to be retuned. New call signs and trustees for the repeaters need to be updated in World Radio and ARRL listings as well. Also NARCC blue book. Web site for NARCC is NARCC.org. No contact yet with USFS re. Hayfork Bally site rental agreement. QUESTION: Was W6HOR's obit ever submitted to World Radio? Copy of the obit is obtainable from .Trinity Journal Office

NEWSLETTER: The system we have set up is not working. The Post Office does not get the disk to Guy in a timely manner, so the e-mail newsletter cannot go out on time.

Will try a new system: Tom W6BVC and Robert KB6YTD will set up a list-serve from TCOE. Evelyn N6TKX can hand deliver the disk then, either to TCOE or to Budman's Book Mine.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: It was moved, seconded and passed to reimburse Bonnie for the turkey. Evelyn is cooking a free bird already.

CALENDAR: January meeting will be at Will and Bonnie's. Forming a nominations committee should be on the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Riley
KF6OAH secretary