



November, 2020 Issue of the Newsletter of the  
**Tri-County Amateur Radio Association**

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**NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING DATE:**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Location: Zoom Video Conference**

Invitations will be sent to all members to the email address on file. Guests are welcome to join us – please contact us at the email address above a few days ahead of the meeting so that we can collect your information and arrange to email you an invitation.

**Agenda for the November Meeting: A lot of good and important activity this month! Join us!**

1. Introductory remarks by TCARA President Bruce Bolton AG6YS. Recent Changes.
2. Election of 2021 TCARA Officers
3. Plans for the 2020 December 'Virtual' Holiday Celebration and Raffle (online)
4. Renewal dues for 2021 and relation to Holiday Raffle
5. Draft Program plan for 2021
6. Vote on shift in meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00PM
7. Live Presentation on YOUR screen: Real QSO/ ops with FT8/FT4 – Dave Wilkie K6EV
8. Member chat and discussion, meeting closure.

NOTE: When TCARA is able to resume face to face meetings, our normal meeting place is the Pilot's Lounge within the Brackett Field Airport Administration Building. (Same building containing 'Norms Hanger' coffee shop). 1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA. 91750. See the map at the end of the newsletter.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATE:**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Location: Zoom Video Conference**

Voting Members in good standing are welcome to join Board meetings. If you would like to do so please contact one of the officers several days in advance of the meeting so that an invitation can be emailed to you. The Board will be reviewing plans for the November meeting and December Holiday Celebration and Raffle.

## **QRM News and Announcements:**

**New TCARA President:** Due to other commitments, TCARA President Larry Horowitz resigned office as TCARA President effective on the date of the October regular club meeting, October 14, 2020. Larry has been a major contributor to TCARA, the broader Amateur Radio community and to our local community in general for many years and we celebrate his service and will miss his energy and commitment. With the assent of the Board of Directors, TCARA's Vice President, Bruce Bolton AG6YS has agreed to take on the role of Association President for the remainder of 2020. Bruce is working with club members and officers to firm up TCARA's plans for the balance of the year and for 2021. He'll be looking for contributions to some key efforts so please, step up and join in!

**Important Club Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>!** PLEASE join us for the November meeting as we elect new officers, complete our holiday plans and establish our roadmap for 2021. An important meeting, as you can see from the agenda on page 1 of this newsletter.

**Raffle During Virtual Holiday Celebration/December Meeting!** We have plans for some fantastic prizes during this meeting. Given our remote/social distancing situation, we are going to allocate tickets to each member equally with one IMPORTANT provision: To receive raffle tickets the member must: a) have paid his/her \$20 annual dues for 2021 ahead of the raffle, and, b) must be present during the Holiday Celebration to win. Winners may only win one time, and the grand prizes will be drawn first. A list of prizes will be announced in advance of the celebration, probably at the November meeting.

**Reminder – The Weekly Net Moved to a New Repeater in October 2020.** Due to technical problems with the N6USO repeaters that had reduced coverage to some TCARA members, the club decided to move the weekly net to a new repeater. The net continues every week on the WA6FZH repeater located on Johnstone Peak in San Dimas. This repeater is at 446.400 MHz with a negative offset of 5 MHz (441.400) and a PL tone of 103.5Hz. Results have been great – Please join the net. We are also encouraging a more conversational net so bring your news, ideas, jokes and questions. We are VERY grateful to WA6FZH for maintaining this as an open repeater for the benefit of the local Amateur Radio Community.

**Slate of Officer Candidates for 2021 Election:** Per the club by-laws, a slate of nominee's was completed by the close of the October club meeting. The candidates are:

President: Bruce Bolton – AG6YS  
Vice President: Kurt Dodge – KK6WGT  
Treasurer: Ken Barto, N2HL  
Secretary: Dave Wilkie – K6EV  
Publicity Director: Ken Mixon – WC6WOK  
Program Director: Brad Rachielles – KK6NNV

## FEATURED STORES FOR THIS MONTH:

### In Memoriam – Clint Stone KQ6NJ (SK).

This past September 13<sup>th</sup>, TCARA lost one of its best and most active contributors. Clinton (Clint) C. Stone (KQ6NJ) contributed in many ways to TCARA and the TCARA sponsored testing sessions, most recently as the trustee for the club station K6AGF. A celebration of life was held at Glenkirk Church in Glendora on October 16<sup>th</sup>, attended by many local Amateur Radio Operators as well as many other friends and family of Clint. In addition to those who knew Clint well over many years, he'll be remembered by countless examinees who were greeted by him as they arrived at license testing events and were either congratulated or consoled by him as they left - and were always encouraged. Clint, thank you for all you did for so many of us.

**ACT FAST – CHECK OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER IN THIS ISSUE!** Please take a look at the club roster summarized towards the end of this issue of QRM. If you think you belong there and are missing, please contact Dave Wilkie, K6EV. Similarly, if you find your contact information is incorrect – please let Dave Know. With so much of the club's business being done electronically as we move towards our second century, it is really important that we have a correct email address – and hopefully the correct telephone number. If you see a member with a blank email, he may not receive this message. If you know them, please reach out to them and encourage them to contact Dave with corrected information. Dave can be reached at [d33wilkie@gmail.com](mailto:d33wilkie@gmail.com) If email just is not an option, you can leave a message on Dave's home phone at 909 625 5921. Please include your call sign and a callback number. **It is important we do this quickly as we will use this information for organizing the exciting Holiday Celebration RAFFLE and for soliciting renewals. Not to mention some plans for 2021.** For privacy reasons, we've not published addresses and phone numbers – but if you think those may have changed please send us updates for that info also.

## **TCARA CLUB INFORMATION:**

### **TCARA General Contact Information:**

Business Address: Tri-County Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 75, Claremont, CA 91711

Web Site: [WWW.TCARACLUB.NET](http://WWW.TCARACLUB.NET)

Club Email: [1bcbolton@gmail.com](mailto:1bcbolton@gmail.com)

Weekly Net: Sundays at 7PM Pacific Time. 446.400 MHz, (-) PL 103.5

### **2020 Elected Officers:**

President: Bruce Bolton, AG6YS      626-335- 5606      [1bcbolton@gmail.com](mailto:1bcbolton@gmail.com)

Vice President: Open Office

Treasurer: Kurt Dodge, KK6WGT      909-593-1772      [kwdodge1@msn.com](mailto:kwdodge1@msn.com)

Secretary: Keith Reeves, KM6AVK      909-576-0944      [keithhreeves@gmail.com](mailto:keithhreeves@gmail.com)

Publicity Dir: Jim Eagon, K6JFE      951-212-1970      [jeagon@gmail.com](mailto:jeagon@gmail.com)

Program Dir: Open Office

### **Appointed Offices:**

Net Control: Bruce Bolton, AG6YS

K6AGF Trustee: Doug Barcon, K6AHT

Refreshments: Rick Shultheiss, KG6HLA

### **Membership:**

TCARA welcomes new members. Dues are \$20 dollars per year (\$10 for the balance of the year if joining after June 30<sup>th</sup>). Spouses and children are also members. The right to vote on club matters is reserved to club members who hold active amateur radio licenses, and whose dues are not in arrears. Payment for annual renewal is due by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Make checks payable to TCARA.

### **Monthly Club Meeting:**

7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month, except December when the club schedules a Holiday Celebration. In normal circumstances the club meets in the Pilot's Lounge at Bracket Field Airport, 1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA. (The same building that contains 'Norms Hanger' coffee shop). However, during the pandemic the club meets via Zoom video conference. Invitations are sent to members ahead of the meeting (via email). Guests who wish to attend should contact the club or an officer a few days ahead of the meeting so that we can arrange to send you an invitation.

**Board of Directors Meetings:**

Board meetings are held to plan general meeting activities and other matters consistent with the by-laws. Board meetings are open to members who wish to attend but please advise the board a few days in advance so that any modification to the venue can be arranged to assure adequate space or other capacity. During the pandemic the board meets virtually via Zoom video conference.

**Zoom at Noon – Every Saturday:**

Each Saturday at noon the club holds an informal social and technical chat via Zoom Video conference. Invitations are emailed to all club members. Drop in for a moment of for the whole session. Tell us what you've been up to or just say hi and listen in.

**Newsletter:**

The club is always looking for suitable and interesting materials as well as news and announcements for the newsletter. If you have something, please contact the QRM editor. The newsletter is emailed monthly to all members in good standing.

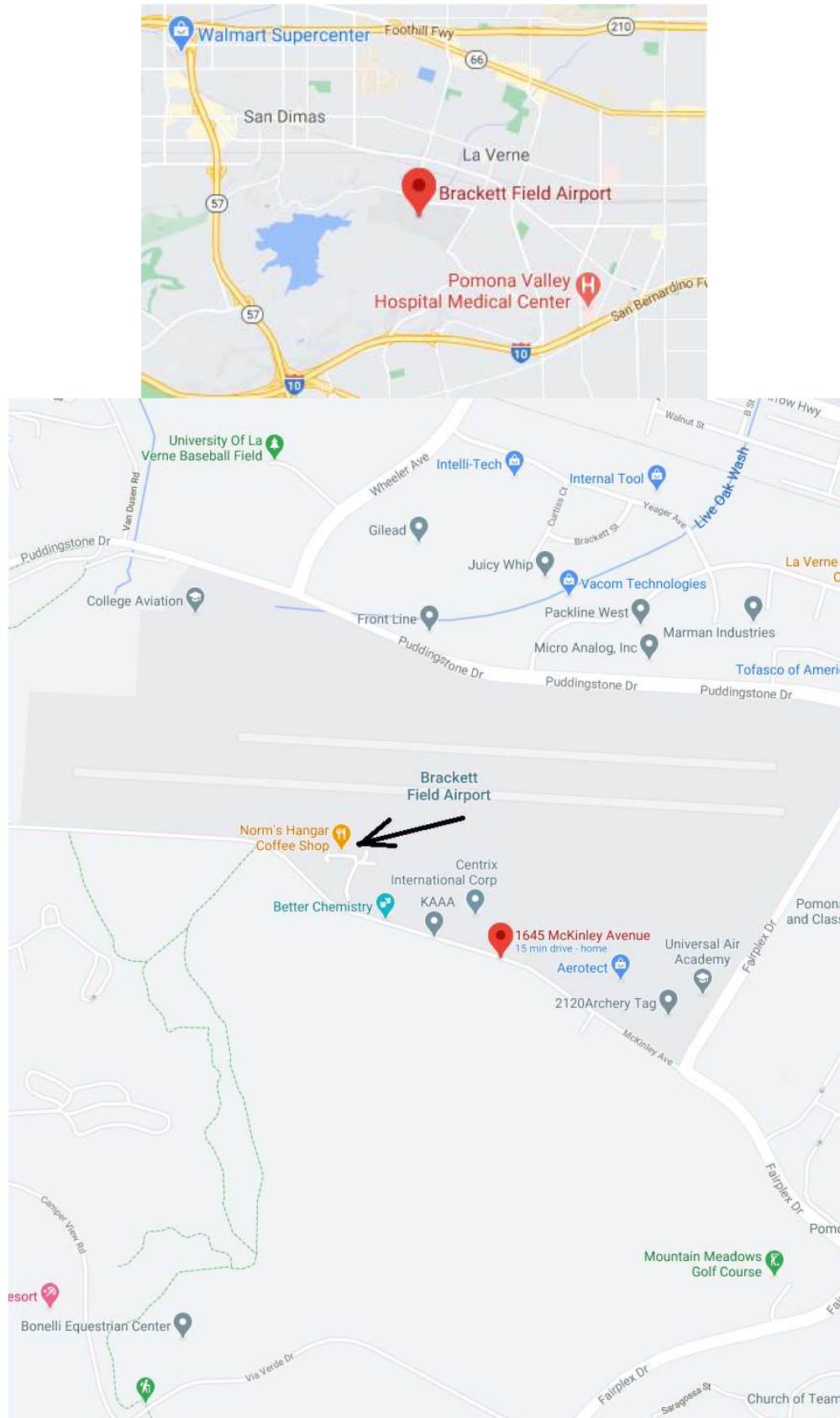
**Field Day:**

The club generally plans and executes a Field Day operating plan at a site and in a configuration developed by the members. ARRL Field Day is Amateur Radio's signature annual operating event and is a lot of fun. Field day occurs on the last full week-end of June. Planning generally begins in the fall and winter of the previous year.

**Amateur Radio License Testing**

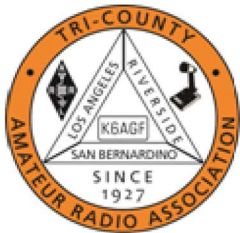
TCARA sponsors an ARRL VEC testing team that provides license examinations for all classes of Amateur Radio License (Technician, General and Advanced). Testing is generally on the last Saturday of each month and is at 1PM. The testing location is held at the Bracket Field Airport Administration Building, 1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA. 91750. (The same building that holds 'Norms Hangar' coffee shop). While walk-ins are usually accepted, we recommend that you contact Mr. Frank C. Westphal in advance and advise him of what license level you will be testing for. You may contact Frank by email at [k6fw1@verizon.net](mailto:k6fw1@verizon.net) or by phone at (909) 257-7205. Frank will advise you as to what to bring or not to bring to the testing session. Testing fee is \$15.00. TCARA members are also available to help you as you study for your license. To date, testing sessions have been suspended during the pandemic. Contact the club or an officer for information about remote test sessions that may be available to you on-line. **Testing is available!**

## Map to Club Meeting and Test Session Location at Brackett Field Airport in La Verne



**Membership Roster:** PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT AND YOUR INFO IS UP TO DATE. IF YOU SEE ERRORS OR OMISSIONS PLEASE CONTACT DAVE WILKIE AT: [d33wilkie@gmail.com](mailto:d33wilkie@gmail.com)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – WELCOME!

**\*REQUIRED FIELDS – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

\*Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Call Sign or 'None': \_\_\_\_\_ \*License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

\*First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

**\* APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships: ARRL\_\_\_\_ ARES\_\_\_\_ RACES\_\_\_\_ MARS\_\_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_\_\_

Interests: DX\_\_\_\_ VHF/UHF\_\_\_\_ HF\_\_\_\_ DIGITAL\_\_\_\_ CERT\_\_\_\_ PROJECTS\_\_\_\_

CW\_\_\_\_ SATELLITE\_\_\_\_ MICROWAVE\_\_\_\_ FOX HUNTING\_\_\_\_ EMERG. PREP\_\_\_\_

Other Interests/Skills/Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Volunteer Examiner (VE)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:** \$20/Year Due upon joining, renewals due Jan 1. \$10 if joining after June 30.

Note: Only licensed members with dues not in arrears may vote. Spouse, children are TCARA members. Only members with valid amateur radio licenses whose dues are not in arrears may vote. There are no age limits. **Make checks payable to TCARA.**

**By signing this application I agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Tri-County Amateur Radio Association.**

\*Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE Include required initial dues payment (\$20 or \$10 after June 30<sup>th</sup>) so that we can process your application.

### **FOR TCARA USE ONLY:**

TREAS: Dues Received \$\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

TREAS: Form of Dues (Cash, Check, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date App. Forwarded to Secty. \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: Date added to Member DB \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Packet Emailed \_\_\_\_\_

You may hand deliver your application at any TCARA meeting (see web site for details) or mail it to the P.O. Box above. Feel free to contact us at the email address above or per the contact info on our website with any questions about the club, membership or Amateur Radio in general. Visit us during our weekly net or at any meeting.