



February, 2021 Issue of the Newsletter of the

Tri-County Amateur Radio Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021 -- 7PM 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. Check the ROSTER later in this issue to confirm your email is correct (it probably is if you have received QRM). You can also verify that your dues payment status is correct. If you think there is a problem, contact the club Secretary at k6agf@arri.net and describe the problem.

Meeting Topics include:

- Brief reports from Treasurer and Secretary. Funds, membership levels and renewals
- QRM solicitation and deadline.
- Vastly improved website now on line – input welcome. Thanks to Ken Mixon.
- **Presentation: Field Day/Chairperson Kurt Dodge: Does the club wish to proceed? Risks/Issues. Options. Captains/Volunteers Solicitation:**
- **Presentation: A description of Quartz-Pause (normally QuartzFest) by Ken Mixon, KC6WOK. Consider attending in 2022!**
- Member Questions and Answers – Technical or otherwise.

REMINDERS - RECENT CHANGES AND RECURRING EVENTS

Reminder – The Weekly Net Moved to a New Repeater in October 2020. Sundays at 7PM 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 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. Our thanks to Doug Barcon for contributing a weekly update on propagation conditions and to Jim Eagon for presenting the pre-recorded ARRL audio news during each weekly net. And, of course, to Bruce Bolton for so reliably conducting this net every week for so many years.

Starting Wednesday January 13th, regular club meetings start at 7PM (Not 7:30) on Zoom.

Starting Wednesday January 27, board meetings are now held on the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month, still at 7PM, on Zoom. Please contact the club Secretary at K6AGF@ARRL.NET a few days in advance if you would like an invitation.

Zoom at Noon – Continues Every Saturday at 12 Noon. You should be receiving an email reminder periodically. If you are NOT, contact the club Secretary via K6AGF@ARRL.NET.

In-Person Testing at Brackett Field in La Verne remains suspended, BUT let us know if you need help finding an online testing session for new ham licenses or for upgrades!

Thank-you all for participating at these events!

QRM Monthly Newsletter CONTENT WELCOME:

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, Dave K6EV. The newsletter is emailed monthly to all members in good standing.

RE-BUILDING TCARA'S HISTORICAL ARCHIVE:

PLEASE – take a look through your old records and files. We are on the lookout for old copies of QRM, club photos, brochures, even old meeting minutes and copies of old versions of by-laws. Please take a few minutes and see what you have in old email archives, file folders etc. If you find items or files, please contact the club secretary, Dave Wilkie K6EV. We can help with scanning paper records and, depending on size, identify convenient means of delivery. If you know of past members or officers who may have items of interest, let us know. Thanks in advance!

FEATURED STORES FOR THIS MONTH:

A MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT BRUCE BOLTON, AG6YS:

Happy February to all TCARA Members and friends of the Club!

We are in an exciting time as a Club, our website is growing, our membership roster is growing and the number of people participating in our Zoom at Noon weekly meeting and our weekly net is also growing! It is a wonderful time for Tri-County Amateur Radio Association.

Our membership recently voted to provide the Net Control Operator of the Club an ICOM IC-2730 radio. In use since January 24th, this is a dual band VHF/UHF mobile radio to be used as a fixed station. It will eliminate problems with HT batteries failing during long and active nets. As club property, the radio will be passed along to whoever has the long-term role as primary net control operator for our weekly net, which moved from VHF to a UHF repeater in October. As we move towards a more enjoyable and 'conversational' net style it really helps to have a solid platform. We've done away with the long roll call – come join the net and have some fun!

Another exciting topic is the start of the process to plan Field Day 2021 for June of this year, conditions permitting. Safety will be a paramount concern in finally moving forward. We'll be asking for volunteers to step forward to let our Field Day Director, Vice President Kurt Dodge know that they can be counted on to help organize in areas of Location, Hospitality, Logistics and Communications! The amount of fun and success we have on Field Day is completely dependent on each of us stepping up where we can.

Also new this month, TCARA's new Second Century Committee has begun its work, beginning by considering our goals and objectives, optimizing the operations and structure of our club to ensure that it is efficient and responsive to the input and desires of the Membership at large and warmly welcoming to new hams and new members. The committee also seeks to establish an archive of interesting club records for posterity, to the extent that these can be located ahead of our 100th anniversary in a few years' time. Chaired by Dave Wilkie it has been joined by Tim Adams, Grace Clark and Bruce Bolton as committee members.

I look forward to the time in the future where we may once more gather as a group, but we are considering the possibility of conducting hybrid meetings by way of video cameras, speakers, microphones, projector and computer(s). This could allow remote members to be able to interact from home through our Club Zoom Account with any who can gather in the Pilot's Lounge at Brackett Field in La Verne, when we are able to safely return!

May your February be filled with great contacts on Ham Radio! Until the next time we talk, 73 and Farewell, for Now!

Bruce Bolton, President of TCARA

BUY/SELL/TRADE/FREEBIES SECTION - RULES:

TCARA's QRM newsletter provides an opportunity for ham radio operators to connect for the purpose of buying, selling or gifting Amateur Radio related equipment. QRM will not include ads for equipment not reasonably related to Amateur Radio. Included items are those used for regular station operation including radios, antennas, power supplies, test equipment, radio cabinets, parts, supplies and related literature. Computers, furniture, consumer electronics and household items may not be advertised. Buyers may not post items that are not legal to possess or sell in the U.S. or California or radios and equipment which may not be sold per the FCC. QRM will not, accept adds for commercial sales for this section of the newsletter nor for services-for-free or trade. Advertisements for weapons are not acceptable.

TCARA accepts no fee or percentage of any kind for transactions between participants. TCARA will not be held liable or responsible IN ANY WAY for ANY transaction that takes place between the participants of this forum. TCARA does not guarantee the identity or authenticity of any member who posts items for sale, nor for the authenticity of goods. **TCARA provides NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE of any kind** and no guarantee of satisfaction. TCARA makes no guarantee of availability. TCARA will fully cooperate with law enforcement agencies when requested by officials. **ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE ENTIRELY BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.** No money and no goods should ever be sent to TCARA.

All listings must be accompanied by a telephone number and an email address. You may specify whether you want the telephone number published. Listings are accepted from club members in good standing only. Photographs are recommended. **TCARA reserves the right to refuse to publish any listing for any reason at its sole discretion.** If you have questions or items you wish to list, please contact the QRM Editor.

BUY/SELL/TRADE/FREEBIE - LISTINGS:

Jerry Grzelak, KG6MN has available a **2 meter (144MHz) two element cubical quad** antenna available to any interested ham at no charge. If you are interested, contact Jerry at jerrykg6mn@hotmail.com for more information.

Dave Wilkie, K6EV is offering an **LDG-AT200 Pro II 200 W Automatic HF Antenna Tuner**. Comes with supplied accessories as well as an ICOM compatible IC-PAC-6 interface cable for ICOM radios such as the IC-7300 and IC-7610, etc. HRO sells cables for Yaesu such as the 991A. Purchased new at HRO in mid-June 2020 and lightly used for a few months. Able to handle the full 100W output of a transceiver even in 100% duty cycle modes such as FT8 or RTTY (unlike the LDG AT100 Pro II which should probably be limited to about 35W for digital modes). LDG's website shows a transferable 2-year warranty (so covered till mid 2022?). The original purchase receipt and box are included. That said, at this price, no returns and no shipping. Local sale to TCARA and/or GOTAhams club members only. \$160 firm. These are about \$240 new and the cable would be a further \$13. Selling as I added a linear amplifier and moved to the use of a manual antenna tuner which is rated at 2KW power. If interested or if you have questions, contact Dave at d33wilkie@gmail.com

Dave Wilkie K6EV also has an **LDG-AT100 Pro II 100W Automatic HF Antenna tuner**, purchased new in December 2019 and also with an IC-PAC-6 ICOM cable, box, manual, receipt. \$125 firm, no returns, local only, club members only. Still in warranty? This one is extra nice for battery operation as its 'latching' type relays only draw power while switching. Upgraded to AT200 for FT8, but then added the amplifier. Contact Dave at d33wilkie@gmail.com.

MEMBER NEWS!

At risk of repeating ourselves, we warmly welcome some brand new TCARA members:

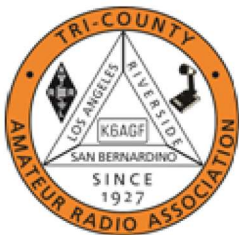
- Angelo Rosin KF6YJV. Angelo joins us from up in the bay area (Oakley, CA) so we probably won't hear him on the UHF repeater much, but he is a friend of many years of Bruce AG6YS and has been on many of our recent Zoom chats and meetings. Angelo is dusting off his radios and thinking about an upgrade to Extra. Welcome!
- Heidi and Mark Bender of Lakewood CA - KD6ZSE and KD6NUT respectively. Mark and Heidi have been with us and on the nets previously and we welcome them for 2021! It is great to have another ham couple in the club!
- Maribel Gershman KN6HSW of San Dimas has been active on the local repeater and has joined a number of TCARA Zoom sessions and nets and we welcome her warmly as a TCARA member for 2021. If you listen to the WA6FZH repeater you will hear Maribel there as her busy schedule permits. Welcome!
- Marida Slobko KK6YJM of Mount San Antonio Gardens is another local ham who has been very active on local repeaters for a while and who recently has taken on occasional net control duties with the GOTAhams club. Marida joined us back in December but we can't stop welcoming her!
- And thank you to the huge number of you who have renewed your memberships for 2021 as well as returning past members – and a welcome to those of you who are thinking of joining us soon!

Club members Frank Mayancsik KB6IQ, Grace Clark KM6LJL and John Shelton KA6CHX are all recently 'up and running' on FT8 and going great guns. Frank is already closing in on his FT-8 Worked-All-States. And a special congratulations to Grace who, amidst all the headwinds of a pandemic quarantine, Claremont rocks and some space limitations, has her first HF antenna on the air! She is now an expert with radios, post hole diggers, ground rods, rocks, fiberglass masts, coax waterproofing, lightning arrestors, and seemingly interminable other elements of our most advanced ham radio technologies! She is unstoppable.

Also this month: Bruce Bolton AG6YS has his TS-850 HF radio dusted off and warmed up. Now we need to encourage him to get that HF antenna installed and on the air on the HF bands. Let's gang up on him! (We call it encouragement). Time to start that HF net Bruce!

We are looking forward to a fun presentation of what Quartz-Pause (Quartz-Fest) near Quartzite AZ was really like this year. Ken Mixon KC6WOK, Mark Arlotti KM6AHY and John Shelton KA6CHZ (any others?) were among many who attended this year, maintaining social distancing. Ken has posted information and photos of the experience on our (rapidly growing) website (**check it out**) and he will also do a short presentation at the upcoming club meeting. Wait for next year when we are past the pandemic severely limiting group activities!

Please, if you have some good tidbits about life on the bands (or off the bands), drop a quick note to your QRM editor – Dave, K6EV so that we can include them in this space.



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General Meeting Minutes – Jan 13, 2021, 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order 7:02PM
- II. Approval of Minutes of General Meeting of Dec 9, 2020 as sent via QRM by general acclamation.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Outgoing Treasurer Kurt Dodge, Incoming Ken Barto. Net funds on hand \$5,008.79. One check for \$25.00 outstanding (raffle prize).
- IV. Secretary's Report – Dave Wilkie. 42 Renewals as of Jan 1, probably more in PO Box. Request for inputs for QRM February issue.
- V. Program Director Vacancy Filled: Tim Adams, N6DLC appointed to vacancy by board per bylaws. Solicitation of program material and presenter-volunteers made by time Tim. Contact Tim with requests or ideas.
- VI. Publicity Report – Ken Mixon: Evolution of website over past 30 days. Thanks to Ken and other volunteers for their contributions and to Tim Adams who is now generously hosting the site and providing many of its technology underpinnings as a donation to the club via his web hosting service. Tcarclub.net. George Cox plans to talk to Tim and Ken about adding HTML hooks to improve search engine visibility.
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Congratulations to raffle winners: Marida Slobko KK6YJM, Kurt Dodge KK6WGT, Grace Clark KM6LJL, Bruce Van Buskirk KM6WBI, Richard Shultheiss KG6HLA, Doug Barcon K6AHT, Mike Perlman W6MAP, Laurel Wetzork KM6VOA. Thanks to all for making our virtual get together fun. Happy New Year.
 - b. Formation of TCARA Second Century committee to review club operations and past difficulties and propose improvements, to collect and develop archives of club documents and photographs as possible and, eventually, to collect ideas for future celebrations of the club centennial. Dave Wilkie appointed chairperson. Proposed members are Grace Clark, Tim Adams and Bruce Bolton. Dave is beginning to inquire with long term and previous members for copies of archival materials (photos, docs etc). It was mentioned that Art Aslesen W6TPG may have some history materials.
 - c. Formation of TCARA 2021 Field Day committee. Kurt Dodge appointed as chairperson. Volunteers for key roles. Contact Kurt. Expecting Discussion of locations, contingency plans for pandemic and the setup considerations. Kurt will HAVE TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS and Captains for different tasks. Working sessions? Tim Adams volunteered to participate. Contact Kurt Dodge at kwdodge1@msn.com to discuss.
 - d. Silent Keys:
 - i. Don Obert, KR6S, Former TCARA VP. October 23.
 - ii. Jack Swank, W6FAM, Dec 24, 2020.
 - iii. Michael Horgan, KN6ENV of Claremont, January 2021. Details pending.

On this subject, Ken mentioned that a silent key page was being added to the site and Brad requested that this would be so, to commemorate those that have passed. Reminder of the passing of Chris Peterson WD6CLT last year.

- e. New Member Welcome: Maribel Gershman, KN6HSW.
 - f. General Announcements: Hamvention 2021 cancelled due to pandemic. But registrations underway at qsotodayhamexpo.com for virtual hamfest on March 13, 14. Discounted admission for pre-registration. Brad reminded us that HAM-CON in the LA area would not occur in 2021 as venues have become prohibitively expensive, as well as for pandemic reasons. It is doubtful that HAM-CON will return to L.A. in its previous form. For TCARA, a reminder that Club meetings are at 7PM not 7:30 going forward. Sunday night nets are now on WA6FZH San Dimas at 446.400 (-) PL 103.5. Members were reminded to join us for Zoom at Noon every Saturday – at Noon! And don't forget the nightly nets with our sister club – GOTAhams every night at 8.
- VIII. Member questions/ideas round-table: Marida moved and Grace Seconded a motion that the club purchases a mobile radio that the club net operator could use to conduct the weekly club net on Sundays. The ICOM-2730 was proposed with a cost between \$250 and \$300 dollars. The vote was carried unanimously. Also, a subject for the 2nd Century committee was raised by Marida: The value of the ARRL Audio news, or some means of adjusting its use to better encourage conversations between members during the club nets. It was observed that the old method of roll call and the news was not very engaging and a number of participants had dropped out. Dave committed that the committee will take add this to the list of things to consider and will see if we can have our cake and eat it too somehow by both providing news and information but ensuring engaging nets.
- IX. Presentation: Walk thru of on-line remote license testing. It works and it's not tough! How to set it up and what it looks like. Presented by Shaun Luciano, K6CT is a VE with the W5YI group who has conducted many remote testing sessions this past year. A superb presentation that was informative and well received. Open questions on payment method and how candidates who pass a test can arrange for additional testing at the next license level. Thank you Shaun!
- X. Adjournment at 8:31 followed by social discussion until well after 9PM.

Meeting Attendees:

MEMBERS:

Doug Barcon, K6AHT
Alan Couch, KN6AYY
John Campbell, KK6BCY
John Shelton, KA6CHX
Tim Adams, N6DLC
Dave Wilkie, K6EV
Ken Barto, N2HL
Maribel Gershman, KN6HSW
Grace Clark, KM6LJL
Jerry Grzelak, KG6MN

Brad Rachielles, KC6NNV
George Cox, WB6OEB
Bruce Van Buskirk, KM6WBI
Kurt Dodge, KK6WGT
Ken Mixon, KC6WOK
Marida Slobko, KK6YJM
Bruce Bolton, AG6YS

GUEST PRESENTER:

Shaun Luciano, K6CT

TCARA Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2021, 7PM

- I. Call to Order – 7:01PM. Bruce Bolton, Ken Mixon, Dave Wilkie, Tim Adams, Brad Rachielles, Doug Barcon attended.
- II. January 6 board minutes approved by general acclamation.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. QRM: Few inputs from membership. Brad indicated that previously there was a dedicated editor who spent time digging materials up, but often the frequency of publication was significantly reduced. Dave indicated that he felt reliable publication was important with or without abundant input.
 - b. Board discussed a member inquiry about a specific online SDR class. Unknown teacher, for fee class, out of date hardware of limited add on use. Board did not endorse as it may be a weak value.
 - c. Roster: 45 paid members plus 3 unpaid licensed family members. 48 active members as of Jan 26 2021.
 - d. Little response yet to requests for archive materials. Dave is approaching individuals as time permits.
 - e. Information updates to ARRL HQ for 2021. LA Section info updates. Still pending.
 - f. Responding to inquiry from two returning hams. Suggestion that 2nd Century committee explore improved outreach methods and materials. Actively continuing 1:1 Elmering activity for several hams.
 - g. Jay Jones membership now recorded as paid thru 2025 on roster. CLOSED.
- IV. Treasurer's Report –No report or update.
- V. Programs Report – Tim Adams: February meeting main topics tentatively Ken's report on QuartzPause and kickoff of Field Day 2021 planning by Kurt with solicitation of lead volunteers for key positions.
- VI. Publicity/Website report – Ken Mixon. Updates posted on winter field day. Materials on QuartzPause. Completing membership badges. Will update news on changing hamfest scene and virtual hamfests. Suggestion by Doug Barcon to add former member Wa8lmf.net by Stephen Smith as a possible web link training resource and Tim will explore Stephen as a possible presenter. No longer lives in area.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Status of year-end handover tasks:
 - Letter to bank for signature card renewal: Incoming President + Treasurer: Attempted but bank could not accommodate and need to reschedule when all 4 parties are available. Handover of PO box key, petty cash, codes for account etc. pending Kurt's availability. Bruce confirmed that contract for PO box is in club's name.
 - Jim transferred access to Google Drive to Bruce. Closed. Utility of this to be determined.
 - Club Equipment: Bruce has several large boxes. Will inventory as time permits.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Field Day is to be major topic at upcoming club meeting. Discussion of organized approaches to solicit Field Day participation and enthusiastic captains and volunteers. Risks/Issues: Pandemic conditions. Many members are already committed to other field day activities. Possibility of eventual collaboration with other groups? Kurt has the lead in coordinating Field Day outreach and planning.
 - b. Motion by Dave to approve TCARA Second Century Committee members Tim Adams, Bruce Bolton and Grace Clark who have agreed to participate as members. Second by Ken Mixon. Approved unanimously.
- IX. Adjournment at 7:46pm by general consent. Next board meeting Wed. Feb. 24 at 7PM.

TCARA CLUB GENERAL INFORMATION SUMMARY:

TCARA General Contact Information:

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

Web Site: WWW.TCARACLUB.NET Club Email: k6agf@arrl.net

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

Zoom—at–Noon: Zoom meeting every Saturday at 12 noon. Invitations sent to member's email.

2021 Officers:

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| President: Bruce Bolton, AG6YS | 626-335- 5606 | 1bcbolton@gmail.com |
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| Publicity Director: Ken Mixon, KC6WOK | 909-917-4450 | kc6wok@gmail.com |
| Program Director: Tim Adams, N6DLC | 626-203-3315 | tim@wnbnet.net |
| Past President: Brad Rachielles, KC6NNV | 909-816-7333 | bradrachielles@gmail.com |

Appointments:

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| 2 nd Century Chair: Dave Wilkie, K6EV | 909-625-5921 | d33wilkie@gmail.com |

Membership:

TCARA welcomes new members. Dues are \$20 dollars per year (\$10 for the balance of the year if joining after June 30th). Spouses and children are also members. Voting members are those holding active amateur radio licenses, and whose dues are not in arrears. Payment is due by January 1st of each year. Make checks payable to TCARA. Please use the attached renewal/application form and follow the instructions on that form.

Monthly Club Meeting:

Beginning in January, 2021 the Monthly club meeting will now begin at 7:00PM (not 7:30) on the second Wednesday of each month, except for the December Holiday Celebration. Normally the club meets in the Pilot's Lounge at Bracket Field Airport, 1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA. (Building containing 'Norms Hanger' coffee shop). However, during the pandemic the club meets via Zoom video conference and invitations are sent to members via email. Visitors are welcome. Contact the club Secretary a few days ahead of the meeting to obtain 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. If you would like an invitation, please send your particulars to the club Secretary at K6AGF@ARRL.NET Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 7PM.

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 or for the whole session. Tell us what you've been up to or just say hi and listen in. Members should be receiving a reminder and login link periodically. If not, contact the club Secretary via K6AGF@ARRL.NET.

Weekly Net - Sundays at 7PM via WA6FZH repeater - 446.400 MHz (-) offset, PL 103.5Hz.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME. Please join our net.

Field Day:

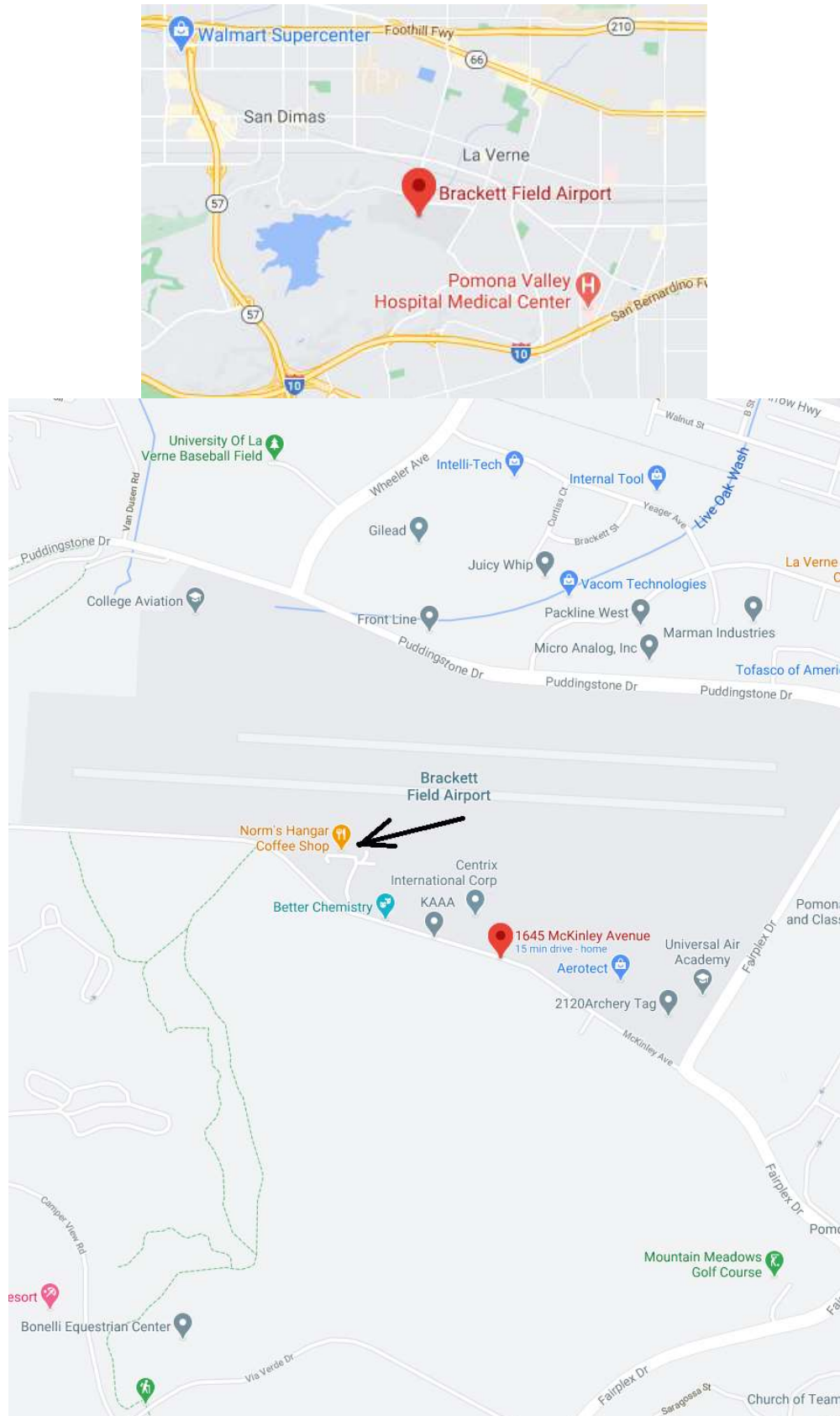
The club generally plans and executes a Field Day operating plan at a site and in a configuration developed by the members. ARRL Field Day is Amateur Radio's signature annual operating event and is a lot of fun. Field day occurs on the last full week-end of June. Planning generally begins in the fall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

Amateur Radio License Testing

TCARA members offer ARRL VEC testing that provides license examinations for all classes of Amateur Radio License (Technician, General and Extra). 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 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 other remote test sessions that may be available to you on-line.

Testing is available for either new licensees or upgrades.

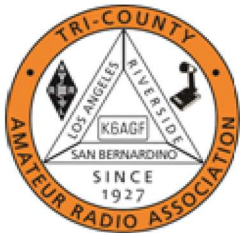
Map to Club Meeting and Test Session Location at Brackett Field Airport in La Verne



Membership Roster/Dues Status: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR INFO IS UP TO DATE. IF YOU SEE ERRORS OR OMISSIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY AT K6AGF@ARRL.NET. **As of January 26, 2021. If you are not listed below, we have not received your renewal for 2021.**

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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____ Are you a VE?_____

Other Interests/Skills/Goals: _____

Other licensed Spouse or Children (Names/Callsigns)_____

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. 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. I agree that the club may share my stated email address with club members and in the monthly QRM newsletter.

*Signed: _____ *Date _____

PLEASE Include required initial dues payment (\$20 or \$10 after June 30th) 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.