

Trinity County Amateur Radio Club (TCARC) Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

Location: Trinity County Office of Education, Weaverville

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 18:30

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:38.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

Members Present (In Person): Dan, Steve, Erik, Harry, Philip, Mike

Guests Present (Zoom): Tony, Ryan

3. Approval of Previous Minutes - January 8, 2026

Motion to approve prior membership meeting minutes made by Dan, seconded by Harry.
Approved by consensus.

4. Old Business

a. Repeater Status Updates

- Hayfork repeater may experience weather-related issues during snow events.
- Pickett Peak work delayed approximately one month pending Travis's availability.
- Need identified for an additional frequency pair.

b. Training / Licensing

- Rick and Steve continuing as Volunteer Examiners (VEs).
- Ham Radio Crash Course (HRCC) resources discussed.
- Plan to provide Ryan information regarding HamCram/licensing resources.
- Possible future meeting with Ryan's group to discuss amateur licensing.

c. Events / Outreach

- Discussion of portable operations (POTA/SOTA).
- Emphasis on building operational skills under emergency conditions.
- July 4th activities discussed, including possible Trinity County Fair parade participation.

- SOTA activity concepts included Mt. Eddy activation (~10-mile hike) and Bonanza King activation (~1/3-mile bushwhack).
- Bully Choop event planning noted limited parking capacity (~3 vehicles).
- VOAD and Amateur Radio collaboration discussed.
- CERT coordination mentioned (Andrew – Blue Lake OES).
- Community contacts noted: Tony Valls (Coffee Creek) and Ryan Crowe (NVCSS).

5. New Business

a. Organizational Compliance

- TCARC nonprofit filing requirements discussed: IRS Form 990-N, CA Form 199N, and Statement of Information.
- Treasurer and Secretary to verify filing status and requirements.

b. Insurance

- Insurance review needed to confirm policy remains active and does not lapse.

c. Website / Communications

- Add GMRS repeater information to club website.
- Continue website updates; Dan to advise if additional assistance is needed.

6. Presentation / Discussion

Technical presentation topics included HF grounding and bonding, antenna design and operation, radio protocol concepts, and Arduino projects with custom circuit boards.

7. Net Control

Next Month's Net Control: Steve

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 19:42.

Next Meeting

March 12, 2026 – 18:30