

TRINITY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: TC Office of Education: 201 Memorial Dr., Weaverville

Date: 3/13/25 Time: 1830 hours

Call to Order:

- I. Introductions: Philip S. Mike C. Karl F. Steve F. Peter A. Harry S. Rick K. Robert J. Dan R. Matt S. Mark T. Zack H. (guest) Jiia M.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the 1/9/2025 meeting.
- III. Reports:
 - a. Financial: Treasurer Jiia-
 - b. Membership, communications, etc.: Secretary Philip- Two new members w/ one more hopefully joining.
 - c. ARES: ARES EC: Karl- looking for a second EC for ARES. Mike to help w/ ICS training.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Website, triniythams.com updates: Dan/Karl- Karl trying to add a beginner's guide to ham radio, working w/ Dan. Changes to the web site, or keeping it simple. Jiia mentioned adding forms, Dan stated it was simple to do. A lot of info on the web, not needed on our site. Is what we are putting on the site related to the club?
 - b. Next monthly Net Control. Group- Jiia primary, Dan as back-up.
 - c. FG stations install Trinity Center: Karl- working w/ schools, issue is contact info when we need access to equipment. No more contact for the Trinity Center location, but schools are interested in reliable communication. Getting in through Office of Education. Robert J. can help with the installation if it does not interfere w/ his normal school districts duty. Schools want to have the ability to have a back-up system through Ham Radio. Instruction information in a binder to help with using the radio from the FG program.
- V. New Business:
 - a. 146.880 repeater update: Philip- Ready to go, asking the club for suggestions on using it during net control.
 - b. GMRS repeater at the EOC: Philip- up and going, Rick programed the repeater and a couple HT's.
 - c. GMRS net: Philip- waiting on the addition of the Oregon mt location.

d. Winlink net: Steve- there is a current Winlink net. Steve to share the link. It's on every Wed. Steve gave a demonstration to the club. Great for emergency situations by sending text messages to a phone using a gateway. No special equipment needed if your radio supports this. You can purchase simple equipment to get started. All forms used by emergency crews are on the system. It is an email system that is valuable to emergency use. Steve will spend more time demonstrating this system at an upcoming meeting. Your account is your callsign @winlink.

e. Post Mt. radios: Philip- Waiting to see the future of the Fire Station in Post Mt. OES may be able to provide batteries for their solar system. Looking into another location on the same property for the GMRS.

f. Training on FG station discussion: Karl- working on training material for the FG radios, working on a power point and printed material for operators.

g. NRSN group discussion: Karl-

VI. Comments and Announcements: Dan brought a new Meshtastic radio that looks like an old blackberry unit. Great for comms during power outages. Text based communication only. New members in Weaverville are always coming in. No license required. Harry had his radio also. Bring in your toys to share with the club.

VII. Ideas for next meeting: Winlink demo. Also, nominees for officers of the club.

VIII. Adjournment: 2010 hours

Next Meeting: 4/10/2025

To join via the Zoom app:

NEW ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 823 6134 8035

Passcode: 725294 browser:

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