



Tri-County Amateur Radio Association

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www.tcara.org



(Club programs will be announced if not listed below)

The club program for March 10 is listed on page 3

Directions to the Meeting

From the I-10 Freeway just East of the 57 FWY, take the Fairplex Drive off-ramp from either-direction and go North up the hill on Fairplex Drive. Continue going North over the hill until you come to McKinley Ave. with a street signal light. Now turn left on McKinley Ave., when you reach the next street signal light stay in your left or number one lane to continue on McKinley Ave. When you reach a stop sign, continue straight across to continue on McKinley Ave. Continue on McKinley Ave. going west until you reach the end of the road then turn right going towards the Administration Building. When you *enter* the building through the front door, go past the gift shop then turn left. The meeting room is on the left side in the hallway.

Use MapQuest as a reference to help you find your way to the meeting, just copy the address below to:

<http://www.mapquest.com>

Brackett Field Airport - Administration Building 1615
McKinley Ave., La Verne, CA 91750

Membership/Dues

Individual - \$30 for a period of July 1st thru December 31, 2010 (18 Month period)

Membership enables you to receive membership prizes, vote, Place FREE FOR SALE ads in the QRM, receive the QRM, and run for an office, It's open to any persons licensed and unlicensed. Members participate in a number of activities in the Amateur Radio community.

Activities include club meetings, projects, special events, and any ARRL events. The TCARA Sunday net is held at 7 p.m. FREQ: 145.440 Mhz. with a – input, PL 136.5

Net Information

Tri-County also holds a weekly 2-meter net for general club information. The net is held on the [145.440 Repeater](http://www.n6uso.com). All amateurs are welcomed to check in. This repeater is located on the highest of the Sunset Ridge peaks, so those with beams should point to just north of Claremont. It is a high level machine with great coverage and should afford us all of the benefits. Sergeant Burton Brink with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the repeater owner and has our thanks. SO Please load this frequency AND PL into your rigs and join the net. The Frequency: 145.440, PL 136.5 and with a – input. Check out his website at www.n6uso.com

73, Brad Rachielle, KC6NNV – President of TCARA

Net Location and Time

Our Sunday Net starts at 7 PM, Freq: 145.440 MHz & a (-) input, with a PL 136.5 Hz Repeater website:

www.n6uso.com

Time Line for the Net

ARRL News, DX Report, General Information, Check-ins from Board Members, General Membership, Visitors. Visitor check-ins, are always encouraged.

Health and Welfare

Health and welfare information goes to Bob Embrey, KD6DKV, at 626-339-3402

Northeast District LAX Sec. ARES Net

WEEKLY: THURSDAY at 7P.M.

(Using the D.A.R.N System)

CONTROL OPERATOR: Dennis Oszuscik, KI6UNC

ASSISTANT: Bill Brinkley, KC6UNY

All ARES members are encouraged to check-in and visitors are welcome - of course.

The net on the DARN System with any of the following frequencies:

- 147.360 + PL/103.5 "ARES 2 DARN" - Mt Disappointment
- 1283.25 - PL/114.8 "ARES 3 DARN 1.2"
- 446.740 - PL/100.0 "ARES 4 DARN 1" - Palos Verdes
- 446.240 - PL/100.0 "ARES 5 DARN 2" – Mt Disappointment
- 446.940 - PL/100.0 "ARES 7 DARN 3" - Mt Wilson
- 445.280 - PL/100.0 "ARES 6 DARN 4" - Verdugo Peak

We invite all ham to participate in this Los Angeles Amateur Radio Emergency net.

You can also join use on the web at: www.aresndistrict.org. You can get more information by calling Russ Keating-KI6WIR, Northeast District Emergency coordinator at: ki6wir@arrl.net or by calling 1-909-292-3419

ARES-LAX N.E.D., MEETING PROGRAMS

March 13th - For our March 13th meeting, we will have Joy Matlack-KD6FJV bring us information on the Baker to Vegas (B2V) Challenge Cup Relay and how we can participate.



ARES Net Control Stations Needed for Rescheduling

Dennis, KI6UNC, is setting up the net control station schedule for January through March 2010. Any members interested in being placed in the schedule should contact

Dennis as soon as possible before December 19 with the dates they are available. Contact Dennis at doszuscik@yahoo.com

Emergency S.A.T.E.R.N Communications

S.A.T.E.R.N (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) of Riverside/San Bernardino Cos. is looking for Amateur Radio Operators in Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Corona and the surrounding areas. Contact Tony Stephen at (909) 628-2843 or E-mail at: [<ke6jzf@surfside.net>](mailto:ke6jzf@surfside.net) for info. Check in on the SATERN Net Sundays at 8 P.M. on -146.985 PL 146.2 (Keller PK).

QRM – Newsletter

TCARA has archived the QRM Newsletters for viewing on the Internet. All files are saved in a PDF portable document format, and viewing requires the Adobe Acrobat Reader program. A Free download is available at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html>
If you would like to add an article to the clubs monthly Newsletter, please send it to Ken Berglof – K6SRU at e-mail address: k6sru@arrl.net . You need to send it before the 22nd of each Month. Early submissions are always appreciated. TCARA, QRM Newsletter Editor Ken Berglof - K6SRU

Lic. Testing Session for Amateur Radio

The ARRL VE testing session is held at the Administration building in the pilots lounge at Brackett Field Airport, 1615 McKinley Ave., La Verne, Ca. 91750. VE Testing session is held on the last Saturday of the Month (No VE session in December). The testing session starts at 1:00 P.M. (1300) sharp. It is located at the same place where TCARA has their Club meeting. To find your way, use MapQuest: <http://www.mapquest.com>, then add the address above to MapQuest.

The testing will be for Technician through Extra Class. **Call Frank Westphal, K6FW** (coordinator for the ARRL VEC session) at 909-628-8661 for reservations. Leave on the answering machine the class of the test you want to take, and your name address and telephone number. Bring your current original license and a copy, and any CSCE's with copies of same and a picture ID.

There is a \$15.00 testing fee.

Some Repeaters, and Emergency response Groups in the area.

ARES Disaster Services located in So. CA: Check out Northeast District Los Angeles Section "Amateur Radio Emergency Service," ARES-LAX website at: <http://www.aresndistrict.org>

ARRL Orange Section, ARES website:
<http://www.orange-arrl.org>

Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Services:

145.300 MHz (-) offset PL 156.7 Hz (Mt. Disappointment)
224.300 MHz (-) offset PL 100 Hz <http://www.lacdcs.com>

Azusa – ACS/RACES net:

Mon. 7:00 PM 144.970 MHz - Johnstone PK.

Glendora –ARES net:

Tues. 7:00 PM 144.970 MHz Johnstone PK.
Contact person: Clint Stone, KQ6NJ (626) 335-5777

Glendora Emergency Response Communications Net:

The GERC Net is Tues. at 2030 hrs (8:30 pm local) on 144.360 MHz simplex.

Local Groups:

La Verne Emergency Communications Team, K6LVN: Their Nets is held on Mondays at 7:30 PM, on the W6GLN/R repeater system located on Johnstone Peak. The FREQ is 144.970.

Glendora Emergency Amateur Radio Service:

Call-sign is W6GLN. Their Nets is held on _____ at _____PM on the W6GLN/R repeater system located on Johnstone Peak. The FREQ is 144.970.

Claremont "Cards" Net:

Claremont Cards Net is held on Monday at 7:15 p.m., Frequency 145.440 MHz, with a (-) input and a PL 136.5 Hz. Repeater owner is Burt N6USO.

Contact person: Bill Seymour WA6MOD, can be reached at wa6mod@arrl.net For information about the group go to:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/cards-members/>

Johnstone PK Emergency & Red Cross:

146.820 MHz (-) PL 100 Hz

Western San Bernardino County:

The SATERN (Salvation Army) net is Sun. at 8:00 PM Freq. 146.985 MHz (-) 146.2 Hz Keller PK.

Rancho Cucamonga ACS/RACES:

Monday Net: 7:00 PM 147.300 MHz PL123, Contact John Garcia - KF6ZQN

Chino Hills Auxiliary Radio Team (CHART):

Net is every Thursday, except the 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 p.m. CHART's tactical frequency is 145.510 simplex. The City's 220 MHz repeater frequency is 224.720 PL 127.3 & (-) offset.

American Red Cross:

The Red Cross is seeking volunteers. The Communications Committee of the Pomona Valley Chapter American Red Cross is seeking volunteers for short-term and ongoing assignments.

The Communications Committee is responsible for providing vital connections during times of disaster. Ham radio operations experience is not required, but some technical skills are preferred.

For more information, please contact Ralph Ogata, Director, Emergency Services, or Darlene Vega, at: (909) 622-1348 or go to: <http://www.redcross.org>

Local Swap-meets

(Local swap-meet hours are usually 7 A.M. to 11 A.M.)

First Saturday of each month - EL Cajon ARC Swap-meet is located at the Santee Drive-In Theater on Woodside Ave. and Hwy. 67 in Santee, CA, starting at 6 AM, talk-in Freq. 146.520, buyers pay 50 cents.

Second Saturday of each month - Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club (IEARC) is sponsoring their Swap meet and is located at Cable Airport 1749 W. 13th St. Upland, CA 91786. For more information, E-mail at: n7ddu@arrl.net or go to their website at: <http://www.w6ier.org>

Third Saturday of each month - Electronic (Ham) Swap Meet –The Electronics Swap meet in Chino Hills is open on the third Saturday of each month. The Swap meet is located in Chino Hills, South side of 71 FWY. If you're traveling South East on HWY 71, turn off on Soquel Canyon RD exit, then, turn right. Then turn left at the next stop light that is Pomona Rincon Road. Go about 2 or 3 blocks more, and then look to your right.

Location: Chino Hills High school, 16150 Pomona Rincon Rd. Hours 6:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Need more Swap meet information? Visit their web site at <http://www.chhsmusic.com> then click on "Electronic Show."

Last Saturday of each month - TRW Swap meet is located in Manhattan Beach, on the Northwest corner of Marine Ave., and Aviation Blvd., and South of LAX, and West of the 405 FWY. Take the 105 FWY West to Aviation Blvd., then go South on Aviation 2.5 miles to Marine. The talk-in Freq. is 145.320, - input, PL114.8

QEX -- the March/April 2010 Issue (Feb 16, 2010) -- The March/April issue of QEX is coming soon, and it is full of theoretical and practical technical articles that you won't want to miss. [Full Story](#)



<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/02/16/11345/?nc=1>

Club program for March 10:

Electric Safety in the Shack ►

Presented by Charlie Basham, N6DZW

Building and operating a ham radio station is a perfectly safe pastime. However, inattention and carelessness can

lead to severe injury, burns or even death by electrocution.

You may recall that last October three family members in a Florida ham radio operators household were killed, when the antenna they were installing in the dark fell into overhead power lines. It was a tragic accident that should never have happened.

Our March presenter is Charles Basham, N6DZW, and Manager of Public Safety for Southern California Edison.

Charlie will talk to us about the very basics of electric safety for in the shack, outdoors and especially during Field Day.

Charles is an Extra Class ham who grew up in Pomona and was a member of Tri County ARA more than 40 years ago when he was a novice.

Charlie Basham (N6DZW) is Manager of Public Safety at Southern California Edison -

Charlie has worked for Southern California Edison for 30 years. During that time he was a senior manager in the Corporate Communications department and directed a wide range of communication functions such as advertising, employee communications, media relations, and highly visible public projects ranging from producing PBS TV children's shows to Rose Parade floats to the naming of Angel Stadium to Edison Field in Anaheim. He is also SCE's company historian.

As Edison's public safety manager, Charlie is focused on the challenge of promoting electric safety awareness, especially to the high risk work groups such as building contractors and agricultural workers. One other at-risk group are amateur radio operators. As a licensed (currently an Extra Class) "ham" radio operator for more than 45 years, Charlie enjoys talking about electric safety to the many ham radio clubs throughout Southern California.

Charlie is the national chairman of the Public Safety Committee for the Edison Electric Institute based in Washington D.C. He is the past president of Utility Communicators International and was a two-term regional president of the Public Relations Society of America.

Charlie's earned more than 100 national and regional awards for his accomplishments in safety communications, advertising, marketing and public relations. Most recently he was part of a creative team that produced an Emmy Award winning environmental program for PBS television.

Before working for Edison Charlie was the managing editor of both Hot Rod and Guns and Ammo magazines, and the editor of a state-wide real estate trade magazine.

Charlie is an accomplished freelance writer and photographer, and an adjunct professor with the University of La Verne. Mr. Basham holds a Masters Degree in communications, a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and serves on the board of the governing board of the-Historical Society of Long Beach.

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Our club meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every Month except for December. The meeting is location at Brackett Field Airport Administration building in the Pilots Lounge at: 1615 McKinley Ave., La Verne, CA 91750.

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