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**P.O. Box 723
Visalia, CA 93279**

The next meeting of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club will be Thursday, January 23, 2003 at the Supervisors Chambers, 2800 W. Burrell in Visalia at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM on 146.880 MHz for our weekly net. All amateurs are welcome to check in. At the upcoming meeting, discussion will continue on the proposed repeater voting system. Chris Hembree N6HPP will give a demo, using his laptop computer, on the Echolink/IRLP System. This should be a fun and interesting meeting. Hope to see you there

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OFFICERS

Pres - Ray Quinn KF6KMY
Vice-Pres - Steve Lee-Thomas W6SLT
Sectry - Joseph Simons WB6MUD
Tres - Jimmie Reeves KC6YRU
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Activities - Not Filled

**MINUTES FROM
DECEMBER MEETING**

Holiday Pot Luck dinner served from 19:30 to 20:30 hrs.

Meeting called to order at 20:30 hrs by President Ray Quinn KF6KMY
Treasurer Joe Simons WB6MUD reports approximately \$650-\$700 in the bank, after the purchase of two Yaesu FT 1500M 2 meter radios.
One radio is a reserve for the IRLP node, the other for the Holiday Pot Luck raffle. Each radio was \$139.00
Introductions
Each person present told the group how long they had been a licensed "ham", and about how long they had been a member of TCARC. Ed Cowley, W6ARE has been a "ham" since 1948!
Minutes from the last meeting read. Motion to approve as read by Joe Simons. Second by Hal Clover. Motion carried.
Discussion of IRLP node on the TCARC repeater having too long of a 'hang' time, and subsequently being locked out of the IRLP reflector.
Ray Quinn is working on a solution to this problem.
Dave Millhouse, N6YMM, presented printouts regard-

ing preliminary research into a controller for a voting repeater system. Discussion regarding coverage areas of the Blue Ridge transmitter, costs of controllers, and needs regarding linking radios, antennas, and sites.
Steve Thomas, W6SLT, suggested Representative Nunes be contacted to solicit his support as a co-sponsor for legislation to limit CCR restrictions regarding Amateur Radio stations.
Dave Millhouse, N6YMM, and Steve will look into contacting Mr. Nunes and trying to obtain his support.
Nominations for Officers for 2003
President - Ray Quinn KF6KMY
Vice President - Steve Thomas W6SLT
Secretary - Jim Reeves KC6YRU
Treasurer - Joe Simons WB6MUD
Repeater Coordinator - Hal Clover KC5LUB
Activities Director - unfilled
Motion to close nominations by Dave Millhouse. Second by Joe Simons. Motion passed.
Motion to vote slate of nominations in by Dave Mill-

Motion passed.
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Discussion - Dave Millhouse suggests a club project of building attenuators, to be used in a T Hunt.

Chris Hembree, N6HPP, is working on a demonstration of Echolink on a laptop computer connected to the Internet by a cell phone. Presentation at a future meeting.

Next meeting January 23, 2003.

Motion to close the meeting by Steve Thomas. Second by Dave Millhouse. Motion passed.

Raffle followed meeting. Results:

Multi-tipped screwdriver: Jim Reeves, KC6YRU

Compact tool kit:
Joe Simons, WB6MUD

Flashlight:
John Stevens, KB6DAV

Cactus table setting:
Dave Millhouse, N6YMM

Cactus table setting:
Ed Cowley, W6ARE

Screwdriver tool:
Steve Thomas, W6SLT

Snowman table setting:
Joe Simons, WB6MUD
Candy table setting:
Steve Thomas, W6SLT

Cactus table setting:
Alan Vicenti, WD6MTR

Candle set:
John Stevens, KB6DAV

Candy table setting:
Steve Thomas, W6SLT

Yaesu FT1500M Radio:
Alan Vicenti, WD6MTR

Submitted by:
Jim J. Reeves, Jr.
KC6YRU
Secretary, TCARC
December 5, 2002

DUES

Again it's that time of year. Dues for 2003 are due. This is important for the Club to function financially, so please get them in as soon as you can. \$20.00 per year for an individual and \$25.00 per family membership.

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any items that you would like to list for sale in the newsletter, submit them to me and I will get them in here.
Alan WD6MTR

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SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for those interested or who have input for the repeater. Some of the ideas are a voting system, alternate sites and an additional repeater. Time: 10:30 AM, Saturday January 18th at Perko's on West Noble (KMART shopping center) in Visalia. Bring your ideas to share.

EDITOR'S NOTE

With little time to get out this first newsletter of the new year, I had very little to write about. I promise to try my best to make future issues more interesting.

73 de Alan Vicenti
WD6MTR

**TULARE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME _____ CALLSIGN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LICENSE CLASS _____ RES PHONE _____ BUS PHONE _____

MEMBER ARRL _____ RACES _____ ARES _____ OTHER _____

EQUIPMENT _____

BANDS _____

INTERESTS - Please Check

EMERGENCY SERVICE _____ RAG CHEWING _____ BUILDING _____

TRAFFIC HANDLING _____ DXing _____ ANTENNAS _____

CONTESTS _____ QRP _____ OTHER _____

DESCRIBE _____

SIGNATURE _____

[\$20.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family]

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