

Introduction to TCARA

“Tri-County Amateur Radio Association” sprung from the Citrus Belt Radio Club which was organized in 1915. It is believed to be the third amateur radio club formed in Southern California.

World War I closed down the activities, and the club was not reactivated until 1927, when the name was changed to Tri-County Amateur Radio Association.

Curtailed of radio operations during World War II resulted in another period of inactivity, but activity was resumed in 1946 and the club has seen consistent growth. On August 21, 1946 TCARA became a member of the ARRL Southwestern Division, Los Angeles County.

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After World War II TCARA continued, and to this day! Still treats members and non-members alike with all respect, and made TCARA what it is today fun and exciting.

Participation is always appreciated on the board and off the board. The Club Members who are able to participate, make the club interesting and exciting for the next TCARA generation.

They say we're one of the oldest clubs west of the Mississippi.

Promoting amateur radio for the community is what we do! And it's our pleasure.

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Tri-County Amateur Radio Association (TCARA) is located in Southern California, USA. We are one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in the West. Some members claim that TCARA is the oldest club west of the Mississippi, and have club booklets to prove it.

Communications is a very important part of our lives, and amateur radio is a very good example of how licensed citizens can coordinate efforts with Emergency Rescue and Law Enforcement. Tri-County Amateur Radio Association has a very active membership. We have experts in many areas of amateur radio, from DXing, building and modifying equipment, and Emergency Communications.

Amateur radio services can be very valuable to our local communities and local government agencies. During the Grand Prix fire of 2003, some of our members participated in providing their valuable talents as radio communicators, and assisted with many of the operations needed to battle the fire and aid the community.

Radio amateurs from all over the world keep in touch by setting daily schedules with other amateur radio operators around the world to exchange greetings, weather reports, and just to make new friends. TCARA has made it a goal to educate and guide newly licensed persons as well as those whom are interested in this great hobby.

All licensed radio amateurs are welcomed to TCARA. We currently hold a Sunday evening net and General Club meetings on the second Wednesday of every month. Unlicensed persons are also welcomed and encouraged to learn about this wonderful hobby of wireless radio communications. There are many members of TCARA that will help in meeting your needs in becoming a seasoned amateur radio operator.