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A Word

Dan Mason, AB6DM, President

Hello, TARA friends!

The big news of the year so far is that TARA won Tehachapi's Finest 2025 Best Non-Profit organization of the year, beating out two other worthy organizations. We got a nice trophy, a framed picture from the Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce signed by all their crew, and certificates of appreciation from Senator Shannon Groves, Congressman Vince Fong, Tehachapi Mayor Joan Pogon-Cord, and Kern County District 2 Supervisor Chris Parlier. We also got a greeting card from the Tehachapi Kiwanis club. All of these were on display at both Wireless Wednesday and the June 12th General Meeting. We worked very hard to earn this award and hope to score a grant or two or three for our projects. Thank you all for being part of TARA.

See the photos in the notice Micah sent out.

We had a great crowd at the General meeting, including about 4 first time visitors. The Field Day presentation was fruitful since we got the remaining preparation boxes checked.

Wireless Wednesday at Taco Samich has been good as well, with many people curious about amateur radio meeting our friendly crew for the first time.

We are ready to go for the 2025 ARRL Summer Field Day. The operation site is again High Country Park in BVS. Setup starts Friday afternoon on June 27th, and operations run continuously from Saturday, June 28th, through Sunday, June 29th. Our Field Day Director is Zach W9UOI who is also our HF Digital Mode station captain. Dan AB6DM is our Phone Mode station captain. Micah KN6VUT is our Public Relations rep and GOTA station captain. Joe KJ7PUL is the Safety officer, and Valerie KK6WLQ is the Hospitality rep. If you need a pass into BVS, contact Dan AB6DM at 661-203-8398 or at impresaspeed@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in a certain meeting presentation subject or a special ham activity, contact me at 661-203-8398 or better impresaspeed@yahoo.com.

73,

Dan - AB6DM

Hospitality

Valerie Mason - KK6WLQ

Congratulations TARA!

We Won the 501c3 of the year award at the Tehachapi's Finest Gala! Thank you to all who participated in events we did ham radio communications for that helped us win. Even in rough weather, but friendly reminder, all emergencies may not be in great weather.

Right? The Gala was fun and yes, we dressed up 😊. Dan and I went to represent TARA/the club. We were able to talk to many people. Thank you, Clare Scotti, for all your help 😊!

Our next event is Summer Field Day (SFD, in case you hear us say that and don't understand). Thank you, Zack, for running the club's SFD this year!

Set up is June 27th, 2025. The contest is officially on the 28th and 29th, Saturday and Sunday.

Contact info for Dan Mason for gate passes etc.: 661-203-8398 or Valerie Mason: 661-203-8619.

Please let us know before Friday the 27th if you're coming in and need a pass. We will be very busy and may not get your message or answer for a while.

Meal plans so far:

Saturday - potluck with crockpots and finger foods. No BBQ because of the open flame.

Sunday morning - Eggs and bacon. We are cooking at home and crock-potting to the camp site early.

Snacks welcome Friday through Sunday morning.

Water provided by the club. Bring your own of any other drinks, Except alcohol, None!

No alcohol.

'73 All
KK6WLQ

Valerie Mason

From our Public Information Officer, Micah Martin, KN6VUT



✿ Tehachapi, This One's for YOU! ✿

The Tehachapi Amateur Radio Association - TARA is honored to be named Tehachapi's Finest Non-Profit Organization for 2025—but this award isn't just ours. It belongs to the incredible Tehachapi community that makes everything we do possible. ❤️

On Saturday, May 31st, President Dan and Hospitality Chair Valerie joined local leaders and neighbors at the Tehachapi's Finest Recognition Gala at Mirabelle Estate, hosted by the Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce and the Tehachapi News.

Surrounded by the people and organizations that bring our town to life, we felt the deep connections and shared

commitment that make Tehachapi special. And in addition to our beautiful trophy, we are deeply honored to have received certificates of recognition from:

- 🏛️ Tehachapi City Mayor Joan Pogon-Cord
- 🏛️ California State Senator Shannon Grove – 12th District
- 🏛️ U.S. House Representative Vince Fong – 20th District of California

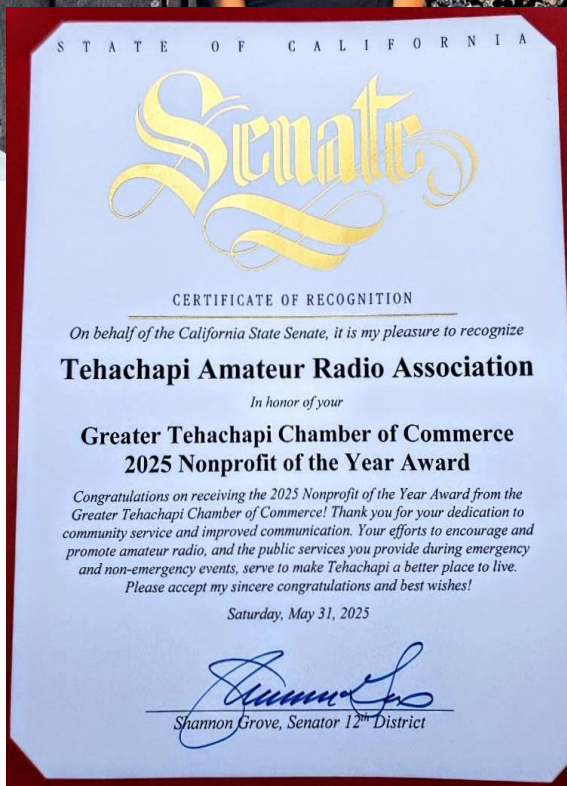
📻 From emergency preparedness to public service, our mission has always been about one thing—YOU, Tehachapi.

Whether it’s helping during disasters, fostering communication, or just building friendships on the airwaves, we are here because of the support, encouragement, and belief of this community.



To our volunteers, members, and neighbors—this recognition is a reflection of your dedication, passion, and spirit. Every radio transmission, every training session, and every act of service is powered by YOU.

♥️ Thank you, Tehachapi, for trusting us to serve!



**TEHACHAPI'S
FINEST**
RECOGNITION GALA

SCAN FOR TICKETS

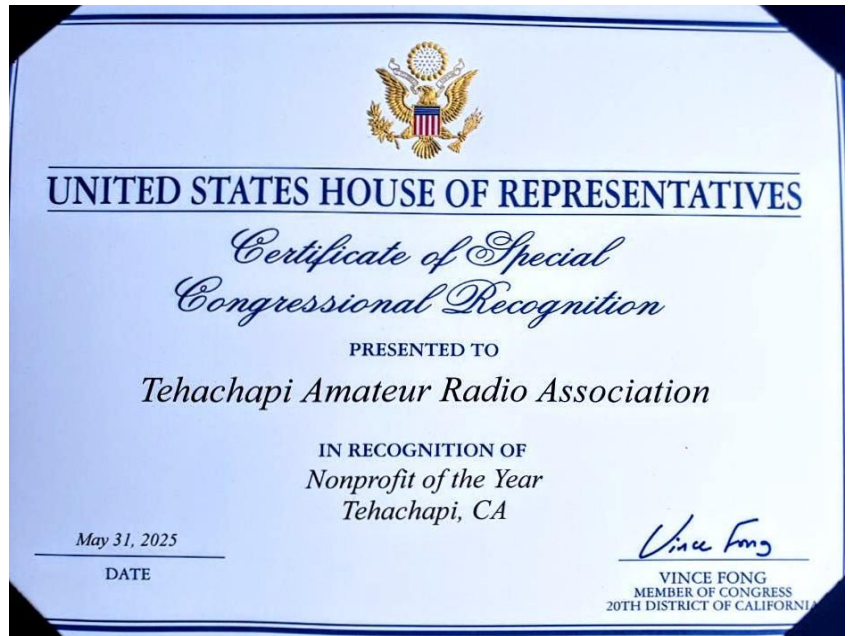


PRESENTED BY THE GREATER TEHACHAPI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND THE TEHACHAPI NEWS.

Saturday, May 31, 2025 | 5pm - 8pm | Mirabelle Estate - 24492 Bear Valley Rd
AMBER MITCHELL, GALE CALDWELL, & PHYLLIS BELCHER
(CITIZEN OF THE YEAR)
MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB, THE LOOP NEWSPAPER, &
WILD ROOTS STYLE CO
(SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR)
COLDWELL BANKER FRONTIER,
TEHACHAPI HITCHING POST THEATER, & MCDONALDS
(LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR)
CHEERS TO CHARITY, FAMILY LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER, &
TEHACHAPI AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
(NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR)

Attend the Gala to find out who the winners are!
Call 661-822-4180 to RSVP by May 23

THANK YOU, SPONSORS

We look forward to many more years of connection, collaboration, and community!

EDITORS' Note:

The Dummy Load theme for July is - Do you have a favorite Mode? What modes do you typically operate on and why? Which ones would you like to explore?

We received some nice comments about the articles submitted last month. You don't have to write a multi paragraph article to submit. It would be nice to have a few words from many of you about our theme for the month. If you have some thoughts for an article, send me an email with your phone number and we can build an article interview style with a few minutes on the phone.

The topics for August through December are not set yet!

In addition to your article on the topic above, we need your input on topics that you would like to see in future issues of The Dummy Load. Which aspect of Amateur Radio interests you. We would very much appreciate your thoughts and ideas.

Send them to kn6zgi@ac6ee.org by June 9, 2025.

73, Stephen, KN6ZGI

Your Field Day Plans and Preparations

Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

Field Day Preparation

For each event I start by reviewing any lessons learned (presuming I can find where I jotted them down) from previous outings. Past Field Day events have been a great source of lessons learned (AKA I made a lot of mistakes). For the upcoming ARRL Field Day June 28-29, I'm using a condensed/integrated compilation of notes from the last Winter Field Day and Summer Field Day 2024.

- Touch and test EVERYTHING you plan to use at field day... from radios, to antennas, power sources...down to the last connector and cable needed to make it all work. Every year I find that something I knew was in the kit ... isn't! I'm trying to have zero missing items this year.
- Operate everything in the exact configuration you plan for Field Day. Again, I was sure I had used xyz device with this radio before ... why isn't it working? Field Day is an exercise, and it provides an opportunity to test deployment abilities ... I'm just trying to make sure that I don't learn the same lesson again .. I prefer to find new ways to mess-up.
- Update Software. I use an aging Microsoft Surface 3 for logging and digital mode processing. Being a Windows OS, I've learned to make sure Windows OS is updated and then PAUSE updates for 7 days...nothing quite like having Windows process an update just as you start your hot streak of Field Day QSOs. I also use N1mm+ for logging and WSJT-X for FT-8 and JS8Call for JS8. Each of these may have updates that are needed and tell you about it just as you're knee deep into Field Day. Make sure the latest contest forms and databases are loaded and tested; then don't change a thing. These updates generally need Internet service ... thus not easily done depending on your deployment locations.
- READ the rules, especially if you want to score as many points as possible. Many points are available in addition to QSO points. I've left points "on the ground" simply because I didn't remember the time I needed to listen in.

Those are my focus items for this year.



Defective Solar Panel -- So far, my testing has found the solar panel on the left (my "100 Watt" panel) is only producing half the power of the 60 Watt panel on the right. I also found one section of coax has an intermittent connection.

Good Luck on your Field Day!

John Parmalee, K5VGM

MY FIELD DAY EXPERIENCES

Carl Carlson, an engineer at a TV station where I was training invited me to a meeting of the South Miami Armature Radio club and shortly after I obtained my Novice license, KN4VGM. June rolled around and it was field day weekend. The club went to Crandon Park, a long barrier island off of Miami with miles of beach. I remember the antenna was a balloon hoisting an eighty-meter quarter wave vertical. This was taken to a shore sand bar. It was held in place with a couple of cinder blocks. The water of course was the ground or counterpoise. In Miami there are several AM stations on a pier over salt water. As I remember there was only one radio and everyone was delighted with the performance. I also remember sleeping on the beach.

A few years later, now in the service at George AFB near Victorville the Victor Valley Radio Club mustered a couple of guys and we went to a camp site somewhere on highway 2 near Wrightwood. Only a couple of guys and not many contacts.

There was a decade and a half hiatus from Ham Radio in the seventies and eighties as I was building Radio Paging and vehicle location systems. I had a great time building systems in a dozen or more cities, linking them with microwave, satellite and how ever I could get control of a transmitter. Most of these were simulcast, as many as forty or so paging transmitters on the air at the same time as a choir.

When I retired one of the first things I did was check for my ham ticket. It expired! I took the test and got a General with the code requirement gone. Sometime later I upgraded to Extra

and passed the VE exam. I joined Northwest Amateur Society, (Houston). My first Field Day with NARS was in a shelter in a park. This is an industrious group that usually scores on the top of or near top of their section. They operated radio sites as far away from each other as the rules will allow, 500 feet. Temperatures are in the high 90's and the humidity matches. The restroom facilities are minimal too!

The club moved its meetings to a fire house that has a four-band beam. Much better facilities too. I talked the club into a diplexer that would allow three transmitters to share the beam. Forty meters was a separate coax so four stations at a time. We also had an eighty-meter dipole from the tower. I purchased a roll of RG8x and we made all the necessary jumpers.

An hour or two into field day operating, three stations were reporting high VSWR. A quick check with a dummy load showed the diplexer was working normally but the antenna showed an open with an ohm meter and antenna analyzer. Some scrambling and we lashed up some dipoles and we were on the air. Some weeks later, with the help of a fire department ladder truck we discovered someone had extended the coax center conductor to the antenna with what looked like # 22 wire. Operating the rigs at a hundred watts it popped like a fuse.

In more recent years I have just visited the site and two other Houston field day sites. As for this year, having just moved from sea level I found when I went to Big Bear, I had trouble breathing and I understand this year's site is at a higher altitude site also so I think I will set it out.

73's JP
K5VGM

On the Bench

This is a semi-regular column for members to share the off-the-air aspects of their ham radio activities. Using a sports metaphor, on-the-bench refers to a player not currently active in the game. So, applying that in a ham radio context, what is "On-the-(work)bench" in your shack?

Nothing this month. What radio projects are you working on?

The Operating Room

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Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

Operating Overseas

Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

My wife, Jan, and I had an opportunity to join friends on a trip to Florence and Tuscany recently. Of course, this was not intended to be a ham operating event ... ham radio would be tagging along, to be exercised only if time permitted.

Well, that was good enough for me to pull together the lightest kit I could manage (photo at right) and to start learning what was required to legally operate an amateur radio in Italy. I settled on a [QRPLabs QMX 80-20 meter](#) transceiver, [Microsoft Surface tablet](#), a [Begali Traveler key](#), MFJ manual tuner, GRA-1899T antenna, [BioLite 74Wh PD compatible power bank](#) (one for the radio and one for the Microsoft Surface tablet).



A search of the ARRL website led me to the [CEPT](#) agreements. European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations ([CEPT](#)) radio-amateur license -- allows US Amateurs to travel to and operate from most European countries without obtaining an additional license or permit. Wahoo, that was a relief! The US ham must be licensed as a General or higher and carry a few documents to be shown if requested by an official of the host country:

- a) An official copy of your FCC granted amateur license – obtain this from the [FCC's Universal Licensing System \(ULS\)](#).
- b) A copy of FCC Public Notice DA 16-1048 and is found [here](#). This is a statement in English, French and German stating that a US licensed ham is authorized to operate in CEPT countries (Italy is a member)
- c) Proof of US citizenship, your US passport meets this requirement

There are other criteria if you're a General class licensee, those are discussed in the [Information for US Amateurs Traveling Abroad](#) document.

As far as your call sign goes, when operating in CEPT country we simply sign the host country's prefix and the call district from which you're operating. For me my call became I5/W6QPA/P.

We spent four nights in Florence, during which I had no opportunity to operate. Our next stop was four nights in a smaller agricultural/rural area in the town of Pienza. Here our hotel had windows that opened, providing a narrow ledge upon which I sat up the [GRA-1899T multiband HF VHF](#) antenna (see [The Dummy Load March 2025](#) page 16 for my early experience with this antenna). My operating position in Pienza was a table behind a sofa next to the window (photo below)

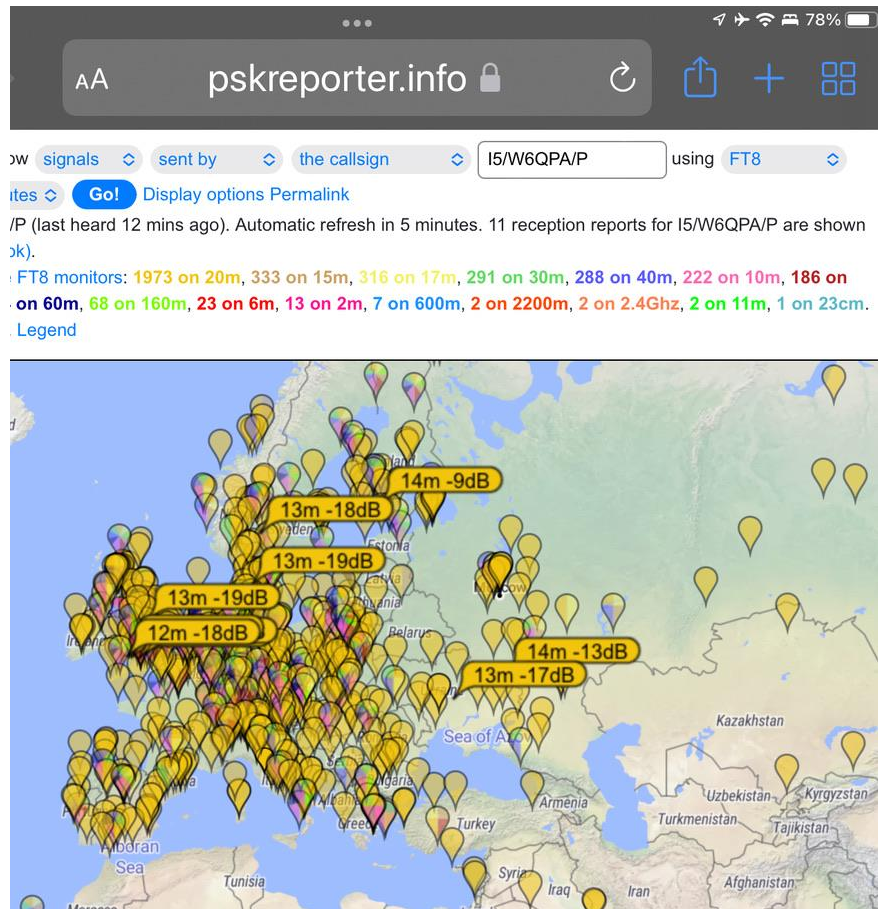


I
tried

several different locations in our room and finally found the best was on the window ledge just outside the window four floors above ground. I forgot to get a photo of the precarious window ledge I used for the antenna mount.

I operated twice in the late evenings for about an hour each night. I looked for CQ's in the CW bands as well as calling CQ for most of the hour I operated. Unfortunately, I had zero CW contacts. In a last bit of desperation, I switched to FT8 and netted one contact SP5ZTM in Poland. PSK-Reporter showed I had a reasonable reach considering the compromised antenna and its compromised location.

While not a resounding success in terms of contacts, I learned still more about portable operating (mostly to avoid hotel rooms!) And I did have fun figuring out what the minimum kit should be and exploring portable antenna solutions.



A Surprise POTA Adventure

Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

May was a great travel month for Jan and me. Ham radio tagged along just in case there was a bit of down time. We rented a house in Sun River Oregon (20 minutes from Bend) for a family gathering to celebrate Jan's birthday. We arrived on Monday; our kids were to arrive beginning on Wednesday afternoon and evening. I had about a two-hour window on Wednesday afternoon during which I could get on the air.

For this excursion I brought the [QRPLabs QMX 80-20 meter](#) transceiver, [Microsoft Surface](#) tablet, a [Begali Traveler key](#), my favorite portable antenna the [SOTABeams 40-30-20 meter Band hoper III](#) linked dipole and two [BioLite 74Wh PD compatible power bank](#) battery packs (one for the radio and one for the Microsoft Surface tablet).

I sat up on the back patio of the house and began looking for contacts via the [POTA app](#). This app lets you see hams who are trying to activate a park. I was tuned for 20 meters and found several activators looking for contacts. It was gratifying to throw my call out in response to their "CQ POTA" and have these activators come right back. In a few minutes I had three in the log. Then it occurred to me that Sun River might be in a national park or forest. I looked at the map on the POTA app and found that indeed I was in the Deschutes National Forest POTA site number US-4378! I changed my mode from POTA hunter to POTA activator to take advantage of the fact that I unwittingly was operating from within the Deschutes National Forest.



I used the POTA app, to spot my location as an activator! I began sending CQ POTA DE W6QPA.

Posting to the POTA site as an activator is almost like announcing you are a rare DX-pedition station. I sent my CQ POTA twice and had a mini-pile up! This is almost too easy.

Unfortunately, it began to rain, I made a few more contacts making a total of 7 QSO (three short of the number needed for a successful activation ... bummer) and called it a day. It was a great experience and far more successful than my attempt from Italy. I think I'll always bring along this HF kit with an antenna that seems appropriate for the planned location, on all our future trips!

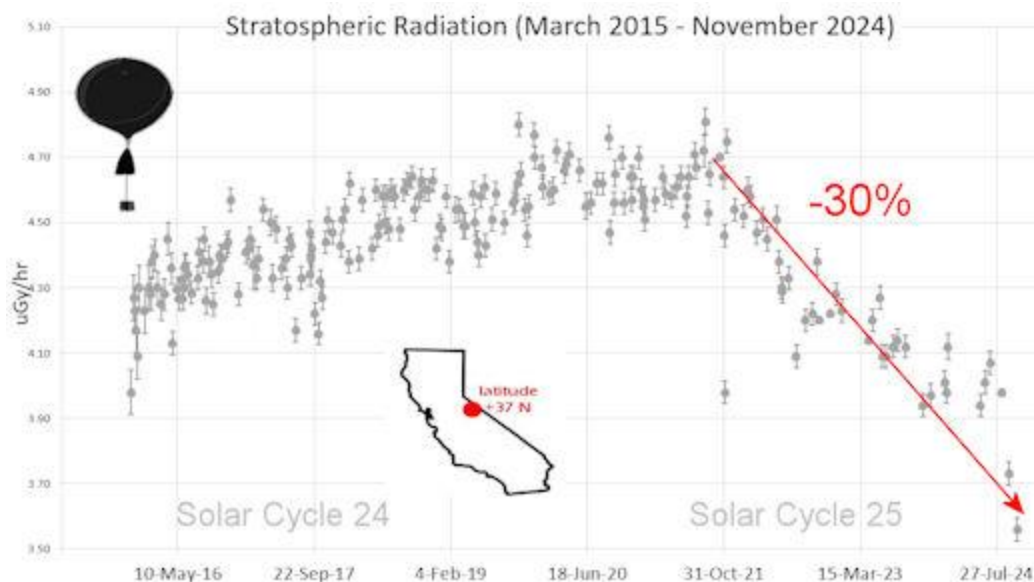
Tid-Bits

A collection of miscellaneous mostly amateur radio related items.

Cosmic Rays in the Atmosphere

SPACE WEATHER BALLOON DATA: Almost once a week, Spaceweather.com and the students of [Earth to Sky Calculus](#) fly space weather balloons to the stratosphere over California. These balloons are equipped with sensors that detect secondary cosmic rays, a form of radiation from space that can penetrate all the way down to Earth's surface. Our monitoring program has been underway without interruption for 10 years, resulting in a unique dataset of *in situ* atmospheric measurements.

Latest results (Nov. 2024): Atmospheric radiation is sharply decreasing in 2024. Our latest measurements in November registered a 10-year low:



What's going on? Ironically, the radiation drop is caused by increasing solar activity. Solar Cycle 25 has [roared to life](#) faster than forecasters expected. The sun's strengthening and increasingly tangled magnetic field repels cosmic rays from deep space. In addition, solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs) sweep aside cosmic rays, causing sharp reductions called "[Forbush Decreases](#)." The two effects blend together to bring daily radiation levels down.

Who cares? Cosmic rays are a surprisingly "down to Earth" form of space weather. They can alter the chemistry of the atmosphere, [trigger lightning](#), and [penetrate commercial](#)

[airplanes](#). According to [a study](#) from the Harvard T.H. Chan school of public health, crews of aircraft have higher rates of cancer than the general population. The researchers listed [cosmic rays](#), irregular sleep habits, and chemical contaminants as leading risk factors. A number of controversial studies ([#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#), [#4](#)) go even further, linking cosmic rays with cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death.

Technical notes: The radiation sensors onboard our helium balloons detect X-rays and gamma-rays in the energy range 10 keV to 20 MeV. [These energies](#) span the range of medical X-ray machines and airport security scanners.

Data points in the graph labeled "Stratospheric Radiation" correspond to the peak of the [Regener-Pfotzer maximum](#), which lies about 67,000 feet above central California. When cosmic rays crash into Earth's atmosphere, they produce a spray of secondary particles that is most intense at the entrance to the stratosphere. Physicists Eric Regener and Georg Pfotzer discovered the maximum using balloons in the 1930s and it is [what we are measuring today](#).

Coronal Rain Video



Humorous

Dave Walter – WA5GUL



“Antenna, Antenna, Antenna”

ARRL Contest Calendar

This page provides a summary of events sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for amateur radio. The most current information is on the website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>.

Another source for contest and on-the-air activity is WA7BNM Contest Calendar at

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>

June 2025

- 7-8 [International Digital Contest](#)
- 14-16 [June VHF](#)
- 21 [Kids Day](#)
- 28-29 [Field Day](#)

July 2025

- 12-13 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

August 2025

- 2-3 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
- 16-18 [10 GHz & UP - Roundup 1](#)
- 16-17 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)
- 17 [Rookie Roundup](#)

September 2025

- 13-15 [September VHF](#)
- 13-14 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)
- 20-22 [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)

TARA Calendar

This page is a summary of events sponsored by or involving our club. All dates are subject to change. Please check the club Facebook and [website](#) for updates.

June 2025

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — 1900 hrs, TARA Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — 1930 hrs, BVS ERT Net (ARES) (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 4, 11, 18, 25 — 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 4, 11, 18, 25 — 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 5 — 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 12 — 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 14 — 0830 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast TARA Club Breakfast at P-Dubs, 20800 Santa Lucia St, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 June.
- 24 — 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 27,28,29 — Summer Field Day, Setup Friday Afternoon, Operating Saturday and Sunday. Contact Zach W9UOI to support our Field Day at Zachary.dickinson.82@gmail.com
- 28 — 0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by June 18.

July 2025

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 3 — 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 5, 12, 19, 26 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — 1900 hrs, TARA Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — 1930 hrs, BVS ERT Net (ARES) (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 10 — 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 12 — 0800 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast TARA Club Breakfast at The Village Grill, 410 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 2 July.
- 22 — 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 26 — 0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by July 14.

August 2025

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — 1900 hrs, TARA Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — 1930 hrs, BVS ERT Net (ARES) (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 7 — 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)

- 9 — 0830 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast TARA Club Breakfast at P-Dubs, 20800 Santa Lucia St, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 August.
- 14 – 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 26 – 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 30 —0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by August 18.

September 2025

- 3, 10, 17, 24 – 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 3, 10, 17, 24 – 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 4 – 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 7, 14, 21, 28 — 1900 hrs, TARA Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 — 1930 hrs, BVS ERT Net (ARES) (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 11 – 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 13 — 0800 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast at The Village Grill, 410 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 September.
- 23– 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 27 —0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 15 September.

Reference Information

Local Repeater Information				
BVS APRS Digipeater	144.390	No tone	AC6EE-3	APRS
BVS Repeater Backup Freq.	146.700 145.580	123.0 Hz Tone Simplex	W6SLZ	Open Machine
BVS Repeater	440.625	100.0 Hz Tone	W6SLZ	Open Machine (WIN System node)
Tehachapi Repeater (Cummings Mtn.)	442.925(+)	141.3 Hz tone	KI6HHU	On the KERN System
Tehachapi Repeater (Double Mtn.)	446.320(-)	151.4 Hz tone	KI6HHU	On the KERN System

Local Repeater Information				
Tehachapi Repeater	444.225(+)	100.0 Hz TONE	KG6KKV	Overlooks Bakersfield
Tehachapi Repeater	447.120(-)	67.0 Hz Tone	KR6DK	Linked to KR6DK Bilingual Repeater Network
DMR Repeater	442.675	Offset: +5.000 ColorCode: 1	K6RET	Brandmeister, Bakersfield, CA The location is in the Tehachapi Mountains near Cummings Mountain
DMR Repeater	442.225	Offset: +5.000 ColorCode: 1	K6GTA	Brandmeister, Located about halfway up Bear Mountain at about 3,200' coverage to west side of the mountain in Bear Valley Springs
Tehachapi Simplex	145.58	No Tone		Local Simplex
Tehachapi Simplex	146.54	No Tone		Local Simplex

In addition to the repeaters listed above the following repeaters, part of the Kern System, can be reached from locations throughout the Tehachapi area and much of the San Joaquin Valley. They are linked together, and more information may be found at

<http://www.KernSystem.org>

KERN System Linked Repeater				
Frazier Mountain (8,000')	447.860	141.3 Hz Tone	KK6AC	Jerry Garis
Cummings Mountain (7,800')	442.95	141.3 Hz Tone	KI6HHU	Lee Bouchard
Double Mountain (8,000')	446.320	151.4 Hz Tone	KI6HHU	Lee Bouchard

ARRG Linked Repeaters				
Cummings Mountain (7,800')	444.425	100 Hz Tone		

ATTENTION:

For those interested in monitoring dispatch for the Bear Valley Springs Police Department

- KCSO Eastern Dispatch — 460.225
- KCSO East TAC — 460.125

All dispatch for BVSPD will be handled by the Kern County Sheriff’s Department

Club & Other Websites	
TARA website	http://www.ac6ee.org
TARA Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/TARAtchapiamateurradio/
Tehachapi-hams (email list)	https://groups.io/g/tehachapi-hams/
Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)	http://www.k6ox.club/index.html
Kern County-Central Valley Amateur Radio Club (KCCVARC)	http://www.w6lie.org
ARRL	http://www.arrl.org
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Meeting and Club Membership Information

The Tehachapi Amateur Radio Association meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM (except for July - no meeting). Our meeting site is the Tehachapi Police Department Conference Room, 220 W C St, Tehachapi.

- Member Annual Dues: \$25.00/year
- Individual Memberships: <https://square.link/u/Q38FHI5A>
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Membership Application

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