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## A Word

### Dan Mason, AB6DM, President

Hello, TARA friends!

Come When You Can, As You Are.

I am encouraged to see many of you attending one or more of our various activities. Each of us have one or more things that interest us. Each of us have busy lives where we must pick and choose what we can participate in. I believe that every one of our activities are an opportunity to grow in, serve through, and simply enjoy amateur radio. Everyone learns something, gets needed help, or passes on valuable knowledge. However, it is easy to drop out when it seems you can't participate enough. There is no "enough"; any amount is valuable. Just show up anytime.

On Saturday, April 26th, we, along with Tehachapi CERT, served with parking/patrol/communications at the 2025 Tehachapi Wind/Kite Festival. It rained and sleeted off and on, but our team, the vendors, and the guests stuck it out, and everyone had a good time. The conditions gave us a reminder that when we serve in an emergency, it's not always beautiful weather (Winter Field Day, LoL!). I, for one, will be fine tuning my equipment list and game plan for inclement weather. Thank you, Clare KO6GDV and Micah KN6VUT, for setting up this rare opportunity.

May 10th is our first of two Fox Hunts, right after the breakfast at Village Grill. Hunters, do not show up until I contact you on the radio (W6SLZ and/or 145.580). This one will be at Meadowbrook Park in Tehachapi, it is designed to be a closer range hunt with a larger region hunt coming later in the year. We would like to incorporate a potluck picnic/BBQ (bring your own beef) after the hunt. Last thing, NO, we are NOT hunting actual foxes, and NO, you do NOT get to keep the transmitters if you find them! Ha, ha!

On Saturday, June 14th at 11 AM, after the P-Dubs breakfast, we will have a VE session at the Salvation Army in Tehachapi. This is an opportunity to make a new ham or to get an upgrade for yourself. Spread the word.

Planning for the 2025 ARRL Summer Field Day continues. 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. Please support him by volunteering for subcommittees and filling in the boxes for equipment and labor. Contact Zach at zachary.dickinson.82@gmail.com or 701-340-3372.

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

73,

Dan - AB6DM

### **EDITORS' Note:**

The Dummy Load theme for June is Field Day Plans and Prep - What are your plans and preparations for Field Day? You can also tell us about some of your previous Field Day experiences. Give us some of your lessons learned at Field Day.

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.

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

Send them to [kn6zgi@ac6ee.org](mailto:kn6zgi@ac6ee.org) by June 9, 2025.

73, Stephen, KN6ZGI

# Your Go-Bag Contents

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Dan Mason, AB6DM

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Hi. For KK6WLQ and I, our "Go Kit" is simply a big suitcase set up like a 72 Hour bag. Radios are just what we can grab on the way out (usually HTs) or are already in the car. We have chargers out in the open to grab with the HTs. Lastly, we have a 1K "SoGen" charged and ready to power/recharge anything. If we have enough time in our bug/deployment, we have a choice of portable solar panels to help. Jackets and hats are essential. We do not yet have a cool go-box with a mobile and battery installed, instead just operating out of the car and on foot. Someday we hope to have this.

73,

Dan - AB6DM

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Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

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A Go-bag/box packed and at the ready has been an elusive pursuit for me. I've had a number in the last 7 years. It is a constantly evolving concept. The first was a "kitchen sink" approach. I had simply repackaged all my equipment into pelican-style cases and shlepped the whole kit-and-caboodle to the field.

This incarnation was the KX-3, Panadapter, Linux based Raspberry-Pi for logging and digi modes, a Bioenno 144 Wh LiFePO4 battery, charge controller and 60 watt solar panel,

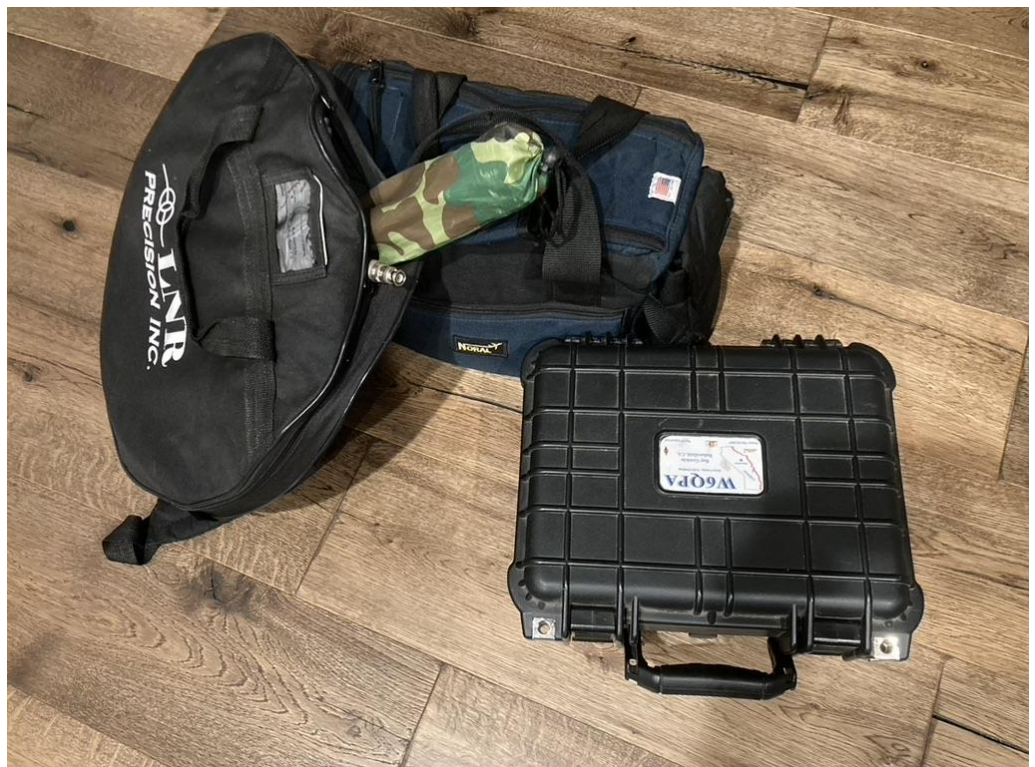


SOTA Beams 40-30-20 linked dipole and a 7 Meter telescopic mast. It worked well but was not easily portable (thus the camping trailer motif).

Another version was essentially the same kit in a backpack camera bag. This too, worked well, was certainly more portable. It also included many items that I just didn't use. And still required too many cables to make a workable station.

Yet Another iteration paired down to just what had been used in a previous outing. This time the KX-3, keyer paddles and RPi, display and keyboard were carried in a small pilot-flight bag. Still using the SOTABeams dipole and mast along with the Bioenno battery and charge controller.

I'm currently taking a much less complex collection with me. The current instance is





not trying to be prepared for anything/ everything.

Yeah, I know it should be able to meet unknown operating environments and be self sustaining ... that'll be my next evolution.

This kit is focused on vacation travel that is not ham-radio-focused.

For logging and digi-mode support I'm now using an older Microsoft Surface running Win10. A QRPLabs QMX 80-20m CW/digi transceiver and a Gabriel GRA-1889T base loaded antenna. I added an MFJ antenna tuner as the QMX doesn't have a built-in tuner. For power I'm now using a BioLite PowerBank (Charge 80 PD) 74

Wh USB-C PD compatible and a PD trigger to provide 5, 9, 12 or 15 volts. The powerbank will power the Surface tablet as well as the QMX for nearly 8 hours. I went to smaller battery packs after I ran into a problem with some airlines not allowing the TSA max 160 Wh batteries. I recently found that airlines can choose whether to allow more than 100 Wh batteries and then only two...at least that is the interpretation I ran into.

This kit fits in a small back backpack with room for a jacket and snacks. I'm planning to add a light weight solar panel in the coming months.

The antenna breaks down into the two cardboard tubes, providing a protective cover for the antenna, a small tripod, and the counterpoise.

I'm taking this on a trip this month, I'll report back on the performance ... presuming I get a change to operate – it's a non-ham vacation ... I'm just sneaking the radio along.



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Stephen Lee, KN6ZGI

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## My Go-Bag

I still need to put together a Go-Bag for myself. In the meantime, I have located a few resources that will help me organize things to setup Go-Bags for radio gear and other emergency situations. Possibly some of it will help you organize one too. I purchased a mini 100 Ah battery and an Apache case to build a battery box similar to Ray's, W6QPA. Once I get it built and documented I will write an On the Bench article about it. Below are the components.



## From ARRL:

ARRL published this information in September 2024 to help us get prepared. September is National Preparedness Month, and ARRL is working to help radio amateurs have a plan for family resilience. Many hams enjoy public service as part of their operating. Being ready to activate for a served agency through the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) involves not only being licensed and trained, but also prepared and equipped.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, suggests that hams and their families have a “go-bag”. He says there are a few things to consider: “You need to be able to function while activated, so that means you need a kit for your needs and a kit for your radio needs. If your family is impacted by the situation, they also need to have some gear at the ready.”

On the ARRL website, there’s an Emergency Prep Kit Checklist. It lists the common items such as food and water for several days, a first aid kit, medications, chargers for your devices and other useful items.

Having a kit for your radio is useful as well. “Go kits will vary based on function and need for the field,” said Johnston. “Most kits should include a dual band HT and/or mobile radio with antenna, a power supply and all necessary cables and connectors. Every kit should include note pad or paper of some type as well as pens or pencils. You should have a power source and power cables. If you are working HF then you will need an HF radio and antenna, and if you want digital capabilities, then a computer with software preloaded will be desired.”

Other things you may want will include tape and tools, spare batteries, headphones, flashlights of some sort, cell phone chargers, and a multimeter. Other items that won't fit in a bag but may be needed include a generator, a working surface like a small folding table, a chair, and some type of shelter.

Need a bag for your go kit? Consider the ARRL Gray Canvas Backpack. \$30.00 in the ARRL Store.

From Anthony Luscre, K8ZT:

## Portable Operations & Go-Boxes



**Anthony Luscre, K8ZT**

Another very good source of information comes from Anthony Luscre, K8ZT. I joined Long Island CW Club because I wanted to become proficient with CW. I am still trying to commit enough time to relearning

CW. However, I found they have a wealth of other resources as well. Anthony holds a weekly Zoom presentation for LICW members called Essential Operating Subjects. One of his presentations was Portable Operations & Go-Boxes. [Portable Operations & Go-Boxes](https://www.k8zt.com/). His website is <https://www.k8zt.com/>. On his site you can find a link to his list of presentations and other resources. Anthony is willing to do live Zoom presentations for amateur club meetings on any of his presentation topics.

## 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. Isn't there anyone working on a radio project?

## The Operating Room

This is a semi-regular column for club members to share the on-the-air aspects of their ham radio activities.

Nobody in the radio shack lately?

## Tid-Bits

A collection of miscellaneous mostly amateur radio related items.

### **A hidden solar cycle is awakening, but more extreme space weather over the next 50 years may not be a bad thing**

News

By Tereza Pultarova published April 17, 2025

"The next set of solar cycles will be more active."

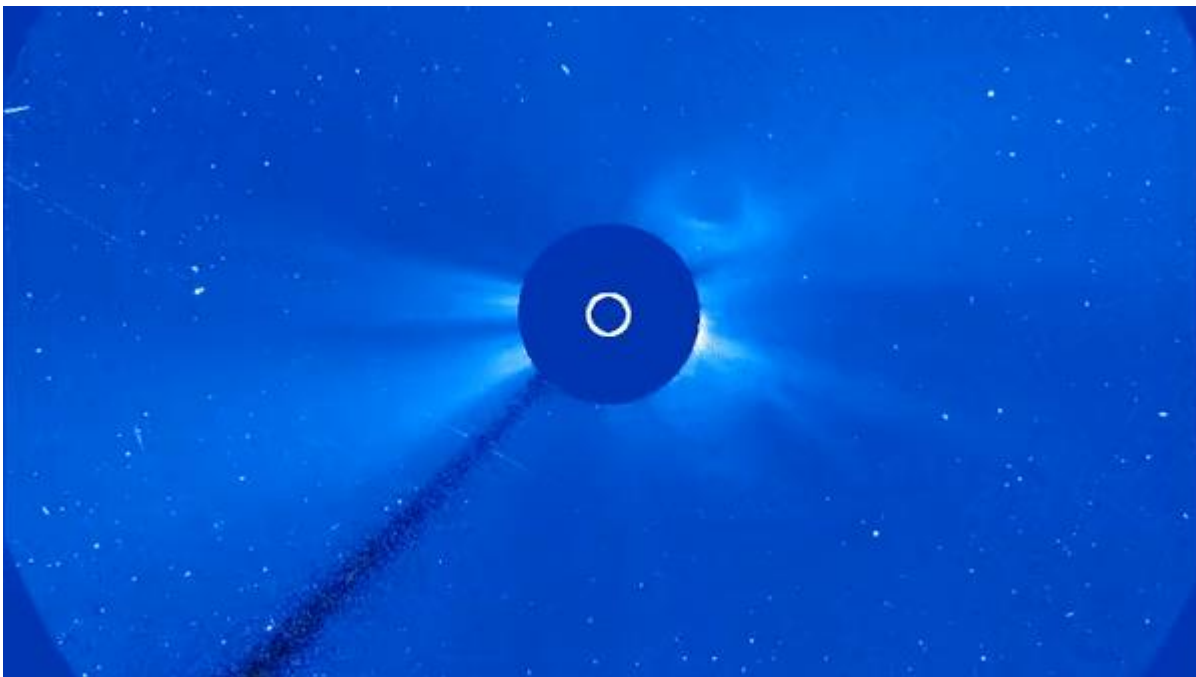
Space weather may get more vicious in the next 50 years, a study suggests, but it may be good news for some satellites circling our planet. (Image credit: MARK GARLICK/SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY via Getty Images)

Space weather may intensify in the coming decades with more frequent solar flares and eruptions to batter the planet. Whilst Earth's technology, including satellites and power grids, is likely to feel the squeeze, some of the effects might be surprisingly positive.

The current solar cycle, the 25th since records began, may have just recently passed its peak. Monthly numbers of sunspots, solar flares and eruptions are now set to gradually decline.

But a new study suggests the respite may not last long, as the upcoming four solar cycles are likely to produce more severe space weather events. It's a resounding warning for our world dependent on sensitive electronic technologies, but the study suggests that due to some lesser-known side effects that space weather has on Earth, the environment around the planet may, in fact, become more benign.

## Why do scientists think space weather is set to get more severe?



Powerful burst of ionized gas shot from the sun's upper atmosphere. (Image credit: NASA)

A team of researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, reviewed decades of satellite data measuring the density of energetic particles around Earth. These charged protons mostly come from the sun in the form of the solar wind and remain trapped by Earth's magnetic field in pockets known as the Van Allen radiation belts. The measurements revealed that over the past 45 years, the density of those particles showed an increasing trend that peaked in 2021, shortly after the last solar

minimum. The most recent data suggests that the density of those particles began to drop soon after the current solar cycle picked up strength.

The researchers believe the data points to a little-known phenomenon, which hides behind the 11-year cycle of ebb and flow of solar activity. This phenomenon is the Gleissberg Cycle, named after its discoverer, German astronomer Wolfgang Gleissberg. Reviewing the records of past solar cycles, Gleissberg noticed in 1958 that the strength of individual solar cycles, as measured by the fluctuations in the number of sunspots, appears to ebb and flow over time, following an approximately 100-year pattern. In other words, whether one cycle is stronger than the other is not random; something deeper appears to be at play.

"Usually, over four solar cycles, the intensity of solar activity will increase," Kalvyn Adam, a former NCAR researcher and lead author of the new study, told Space.com. "Then it will reach its peak and then it will go down over another four solar cycles."

Scientists have no idea what drives this underlying pattern, but the recent satellite measurements of high-energy proton densities around the planet suggest that the Gleissberg Cycle may have reached its lowest point.

"That would mean that the next set of solar cycles will be more active," said Adams.

## Reverse trend



Large sunspot regions on the sun. (Image credit: NASA/SDO)

During more active solar cycles, the sun's magnetic field tends to get more tangled, producing more sunspots (temporary areas with extremely strong magnetic fields) and subsequent solar flares and ejections of hot plasma from the sun's atmosphere (coronal mass ejections or CMEs). Both flares and CMEs occur when the dense, twisted magnetic field lines above sunspots burst and reconnect.

Although CMEs are the number one source of charged particles trapped by Earth's magnetic field, the relationship between the density of this soup of trapped protons and the strength of a solar cycle is strangely counterintuitive. Instead of getting denser when more CMEs lash the planet, this high-energy proton soup gets thinner when the sun is more active. That, Adams explained, is due to some lesser-known side effects that space weather has on Earth's atmosphere.

"If you get more solar activity, you'll get more heat and more energy into our atmosphere," said Adams. "If our atmosphere is getting more heat and energy, it will expand. As the atmosphere expands, the protons will run into that expanded atmosphere and eventually drop out."

The recent solar maximum has, Adams argues, caused such an expansion. The resulting dip in proton density was then detected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) satellites 15 and 18.

## The good news

As solar cycle 25 is set to weaken soon, the high-energy proton soup around the planet will soon get denser again. However, the long-term data suggest that due to the 100-year Gleissberg cycle, the sun will remain overall more active than it has been in the past four decades. That in turn means that in the long run, Earth's atmosphere will remain hotter and as a result leak more high-energy protons.

That's good news for satellites orbiting the planet as they will be subject to weaker radiation, which over time erodes electronic devices and causes malfunctions. Astronauts on the International Space Station, too, should be subject to lower doses of this carcinogenic radiation, which could make human spaceflight in the coming decades somewhat less health-threatening.

## The glitch

But there is a glitch. Regardless of the overall lower proton density in Earth's orbit, solar storms are set to become more common and likely more devastating. These solar storms create havoc in orbit in multiple ways. The sudden heating of the atmosphere when a CME hits thickens the gas around Earth, increasing the drag facing satellites in low Earth orbits. As a result, those satellites lose altitude and have to scramble back using their thrusters or risk an early demise.

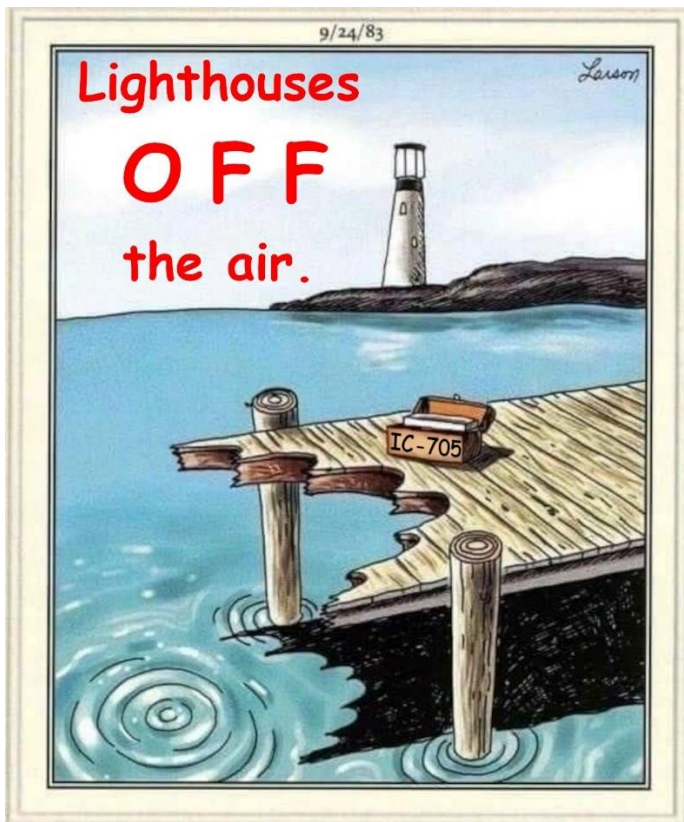
One such powerful solar storm hit Earth in May last year, causing a "mass migration" of satellites. Thousands of spacecraft lost altitude at once, forcing their operators to push them back up into higher orbits to save the missions. During that chaotic period, the authors of that study said, the risk of orbital collisions was exceptionally high as operators didn't have time to calculate satellites with the same care they usually do.

"The worry that we are going toward more solar activity is definitely there," Adams said. "We have built an enormous amount of technology, including satellites and power grids, since the last Gleissberg maximum. But it's not all bad. Our paper suggests that the baseline environment when space weather is quiet should, in fact, be somewhat safer."

The study was published in the journal Space Weather on March 2, 2025.

## Humorous

Dave Walter - WA5GUL



# 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>

## May 2025

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- [\(no ARRL Contests\)](#)

## June 2025

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

## July 2025

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

## August 2025

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- 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

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- 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.

### May 2025

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- 1 – 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 4, 11, 18, 25 — 1900 hrs, TARA Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 4, 11, 18, 25 — 1930 hrs, BVS ERT Net (ARES) (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 – 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 – 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 8 – 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 10 — 0800 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast at The Village Grill, 410 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 May.
- 10 — 1100 hrs, Fox Hunt after the TARA Club Breakfast, Location at Meadowbrook Park in Tehachapi followed by a picnic/BBQ. DO NOT SHOW UP EARLY for the fox hunt.
- 27 – 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 31 — 0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 21 May.

### June 2025

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- 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)
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- 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)
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- 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

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- 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.

## 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 ( <a href="#">WIN System</a> node)
Tehachapi Repeater (Cummings Mtn.)	442.925(+)	141.3 Hz tone	KI6HHU	On the <a href="#">KERN System</a>

Local Repeater Information				
<b>Tehachapi Repeater (Double Mtn.)</b>	446.320(-)	151.4 Hz tone	KI6HHU	On the <a href="#">KERN System</a>
<b>Tehachapi Repeater</b>	444.225(+)	100.0 Hz TONE	KG6KKV	Overlooks Bakersfield
<b>Tehachapi Repeater</b>	447.120(-)	67.0 Hz Tone	KR6DK	Linked to KR6DK Bilingual Repeater Network
<b>DMR Repeater</b>	442.675	Offset: +5.000 ColorCode: 1	K6RET	Brandmeister, Bakersfield, CA The location is in the Tehachapi Mountains near Cummings Mountain
<b>DMR Repeater</b>	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
<b>Tehachapi Simplex</b>	145.58	No Tone		Local Simplex
<b>Tehachapi Simplex</b>	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>

<u>KERN System Linked Repeater</u> s				
<b>Frazier Mountain (8,000')</b>	447.860	141.3 Hz Tone	KK6AC	Jerry Garis
<b>Cummings Mountain (7,800')</b>	442.95	141.3 Hz Tone	KI6HHU	Lee Bouchard

KERN System Linked Repeaters				
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	<a href="http://www.ac6ee.org">http://www.ac6ee.org</a>
TARA Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TARAtchapiamateurradio/">https://www.facebook.com/TARAtchapiamateurradio/</a>
Tehachapi-hams (email list)	<a href="https://groups.io/g/tehachapi-hams/">https://groups.io/g/tehachapi-hams/</a>
Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)	<a href="http://www.k6ox.club/index.html">http://www.k6ox.club/index.html</a>
Kern County-Central Valley Amateur Radio Club (KCCVARC)	<a href="http://www.w6lie.org">http://www.w6lie.org</a>
ARRL	<a href="http://www.arrl.org">http://www.arrl.org</a>
West Kern County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (WKCARES)	<a href="http://westernkerncountyaes.org/index.html">http://westernkerncountyaes.org/index.html</a>

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Hospitality Committee Chair	Valerie Mason	KK6WLQ	<a href="mailto:val3mason@yahoo.com">val3mason@yahoo.com</a>
Public Affairs Committee Chair	Micah Martin	KN6VUT	<a href="mailto:kn6vut@ac6ee.org">kn6vut@ac6ee.org</a>
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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>
- Additional Family Member: \$12.50/per person
- Family Memberships: <https://square.link/u/Q38FHI5A>

The QR codes below can also be used to link to your favorite transaction application.



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## **Membership Application**

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