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A Word

Dan Mason, AB6DM, President

Hello, TARA friends!

I hope this finds you well, and that your ham radio endeavors have been fulfilling.

November's mid-month TARA breakfast (at Village Grill) was extra special for two reasons, one, Dick W6SLZ got his breakfast hot, and two, a group of us went to scout Mountain Valley Airport for our next Winter Field Day. It has a lot of flat, mowed surface for us to spread out. Dick and I are going to conduct a EMI/RFI interference test in two of the areas at the airport. This WFD will have some extra emphasis on Emergency Preparedness, with some other emergency preparedness entities on site on a non-interference basis. We will make sure that hams who want to operate effectively will be able to do so. Thank you Theresa W5ILP for being our 2025 WFD Director.

Our long-range fox hunt in requiring an attenuator has been postponed until first quarter of 2026. We will have a build party for those needing help building kits and/or integrating them into their antenna feed lines.

Many of our TARA members are going to operate comms and road blockage at the 2025 ARA Ridge Rally car race on December 6th and 7th. The rally stages are along Jawbone Canyon Road and the roads branching out of the Kelso Valley. I believe there is room for more ham operators. It's

lots of fun. If you want to try it out, go to www.rallydata2.com and sign up (be sure to click on Ridge Rally first). You'll create a password to use any time you log in. You should receive a welcome letter email within an hour - if not, please check your spam folder and mark as "not spam" any email from rallyinfo@rallydata2.com since a lot of information will be sent from that email. If you have questions, contact Paula Gibeault, N6OQQ, Chief of Communications, 760-382-0821, mpgibeault@gmail.com.

The December General Meeting and Christmas Party will be on Thursday December 11th at 6PM at Old Towne Pizza in Tehachapi. We will again have the gift exchange game where you will have the opportunity to open a gift or steal one from someone else. The gift should be approximately \$25 in value. We will also have a nice collection of raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will cost \$1 each, or you can get 6 for \$5.

You will get emails for many of these events but also refer to the ac6ee.org club calendar.

73,

Dan - AB6DM

Hospitality

Valerie Mason - Hospitality Chairperson

Apple Festival is done and was Packed! The ladies, and maybe men/husbands :) who put that together did a Great Job! Thank you All who hosted that!

Halloween booths did well also. The parking was tricky again, but the guys (ladies?) got through it. Thank you to all who helped with that event and brought candy! The Chamber of Commerce "Trail of Treats" did well also. Very busy. The candy left from that will be used for future events, including WFD (Winter Field Day). Thank you!

Now onto the Rally Car race the beginning of Dec. Contact Dick, Dan, Valerie, John D if you're willing to help. They've already asked for more hands.

The Christmas party at Old Towne Pizza is on our normal club meeting night, just a little earlier. Bring small bills for raffle. Some people want to use the bigger bills for more than one drawing, so we change it out for you to give us the money for each one, so smaller bills make that easier and takes less time and confusion to process that. Thank you. Will we have a gift bag per child at Christmas party, so please let me know who is coming so I don't come up short please. Thank you 😊

73 to All!

KK6WLQ

EDITORS' Note:

The Dummy Load theme for December is – What are the easiest satellites to use for ham radio? How is your station setup for satellite contacts?

We enjoyed and appreciated 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.

We are grateful to Mike Hardee, AC6PC, for submitting a list of topics. If you have topics you would like to see in future issues, please submit them!

Which aspect of Amateur Radio interests you. We would very much appreciate your thoughts and ideas. If you don't send me any ideas for future newsletter themes, then I get to pick them, and you get stuck with topics I like!

Send them to kn6zgi@ac6ee.org by October 6, 2025.

73, Stephen, KN6ZGI

What is the most distant DX you have made?

Mike Hardee, AC6PC

2025 World-Wide DX Contest

It's the day after the 2025 CQ World-Wide DX contest and I'm staring at the fog outside my window while I'm writing this. The fog is so thick I can't even see my shack 100 feet away. I slept in this morning, recovering from the drama of the contest. Just kidding. I didn't really compete; I wasn't interested in keeping score. I just wanted to snag some countries I didn't have in my log yet.

It was my first solo DX contest. Now, I've always made a point to show up at Dick Brown's shack for the ARRL International DX contest. But the WW DX I had never witnessed. I thought that this would be like the salad buffet at Sizzlers; you know--just pick and choose the countries you wanted to log.

I did snag some new countries, since every operator and their dog was out on the air filling up every panadapter full of overlapping white lines. OBTW, I like waterfall displays...I can

stare at them for hours...well, yeah; I really wanted to note some interesting exchanges I heard in the process of participating or at least lurking on the air during the contest.

First off, the exchange for this contest is supposed to go like this: call sign, RST, and CQ zone. So, for me, to respond to a QRZ it would be "AC6PC you're 5/9 03. Pretty simple, really.

The first interesting call was just "Contest!" and that resulted in a pile up. Yep. He just kept saying "Contest!" and folks just kept responding with their call signs. I listened for *his* call sign for about 5 minutes, thinking that he'll eventually come through with his call sign, but nope; it didn't happen. I moved on.

Then I heard what I thought was a Malaysia call sign, but it was really faint. I turned up my gain and set filters so I could pick him out among all the QRM that was crowding in and then... KABOOM!!!

"DUHBYA FAIHVE EKKSRAHY TAIHNGGOW LAYMA!!!!" blasted into my eardrums. The panadapter showed a laser bright line $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide coming down the waterfall display. I snatched off my headphones; not quickly enough. I put my head down on the desk and waited for the reverb to stop in my head.

Ouch.

Back on the radio, I was getting a lot of countries that I didn't even know were countries. Island countries that didn't even show up on Google maps at max magnification. Everybody was very nice and professional. It was great to log them in. Then as I was scanning on 10 meters I heard shrieking...and it was getting louder the higher I eased up on frequency. I cut the gain down quickly. This operator in Argentina was shrieking at the top of their lungs. My headphones were still plugged in. They were lying on the table and I could still hear him shrieking out his call sign. I got up and walked to the other side of the room in the shack. I could still hear the shrieking there too. I wondered if shrieking as loud as you can could give you an extra S meter increment or another 1,000 miles in distance. I pressed on...

The day came and went. I logged over a hundred contacts. I took a break and went at it awhile after dinner and then decided it was enough for the day. I came back early the next morning, and the contest was still going strong. But now I could tell from the voices and exchanges that folks were a bit tired. Even cranky.

One operator got tongue-tied trying to repeat a call sign several times and gave up with a huge long wet raspberry.

Yuck. I hope he wiped his mic and his face.

Another openly admitted he was tired and cranky: "Somebody else take this darn mic. I'm tired." he said while the mic was on. Another great moment in amateur radio.

Then there was LT3E. I knew it was LT3E only because another operator responding repeated it. LT3E would say it so fast that it sounded like brrrrrEcho! QRZ! (I don't know how you can say Lima Tango Three so fast; you try it.) Maybe this person could apply to the NSA at their encryption division for a job. I listened for at least 5 station exchanges before somebody decided to let him know to slow down with the call sign (again, again?). Well, that

didn't happen either. Then there were the operators that had stations that splattered their signal across several counties. So much that you had to skip that section of the band and wait for them to get hungry and grab a sandwich or something and get back to it. Classy. I suspect that their signal was captured by NASA JPL's Juno spacecraft currently orbiting Jupiter. (Cue the theme music from 2001 A Space Odyssey...)

Another operator couldn't get the number after the prefix..."ITS FIVE, ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE!" The quick response was an equally loud "SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN!" I laughed so hard my headphones came off.

My "favorite" exchange was a prime example of when to quit if you get too tired and cranky. This one operator from Oregon was responding to an operator in Germany and right after finishing the exchange he kept talking about how this specific station was his first DX contact he ever made as a kid. Now granted, a contest is not quite the right place to have a rag chew in the middle of an exchange, but it was rather poignant. The German station cut him off with a "yeah, yeah...QRZ." Yep, he was tired.

All in all I had a great time with it. I plan to do the same next year. Until then, I can look forward to Dick's hosting TARA's ARRL International DX contest.

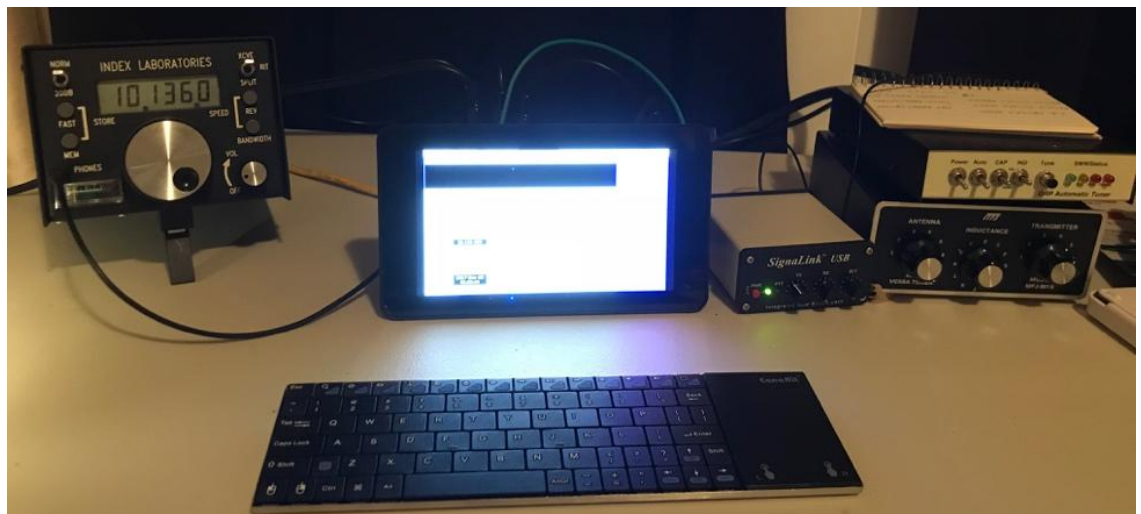
In the meantime, get on the radio and reach out to the world. You'll never know who you will meet out there...

Yeah, yeah, QRZ...

Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

Operating at 5 watts or less with simple wire and/or compromise antenna like a magnetic loop, I've been able to contact stations all over the US (48 States) and many DX (57 confirmed). The best so far is a December 27, 2017 contact with ZL2IFB in New Zealand. I used an Index Labs QRP-Plus that I've had since the mid 90's. I was just starting with "modern" digital modes and was running FT8 producing about 2.5 watts into a W4OP mag loop

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The antenna was sitting on a folding plastic picnic table all of ~ 2' above the ground. This QSO was 6650 miles for about ~2660 miles per watt!

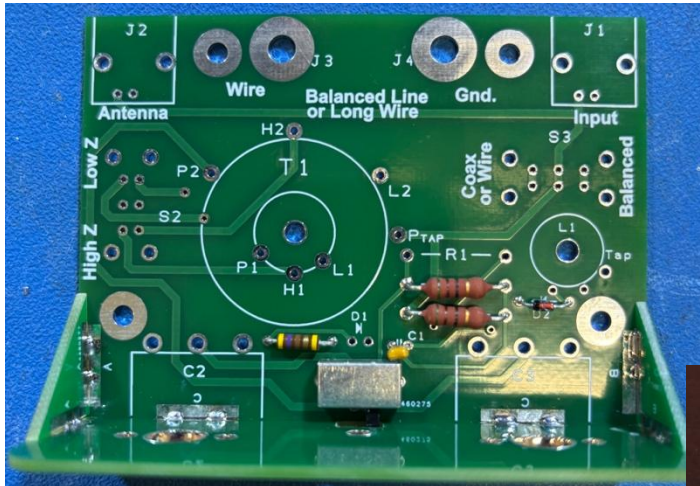
On the Bench

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?

Ray Gretlein, W6QPA

QRPGuys Multi-tuner (40-10 Meter) Build

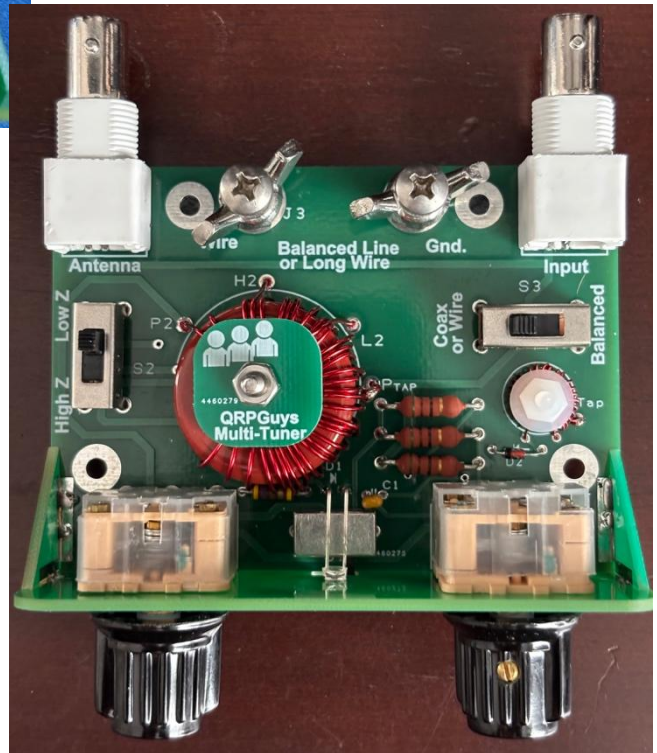
I've been tinkering with antenna matching units looking for smaller and rugged units I can use while camping and trying for Parks-On-The-Air (POTA) activations. This matching unit is from the [Multi-Z Tuner](#) from [QRPGuys](#). It is a simple kit based upon a design from W6JJZ, Charlie Lofgren of the Norcal QRP Club. I like the circuit because it uses an absorptive bridge that makes sure the transmitter's finals never see any more than 2:1 SWR while tuning.



This is kit that can be assembled in a few hours and would make a reasonably good starter project if you're interested in getting into building.

The most tedious task in the build is winding the multi-tap toroid (the large red one) otherwise it is through hole components nothing too small either.

It works well, matching my 17' vertical whip as well as an end fed half wave. The only downside is that it doesn't have an enclosure. All the components are exposed making packing it around a bit of a problem.



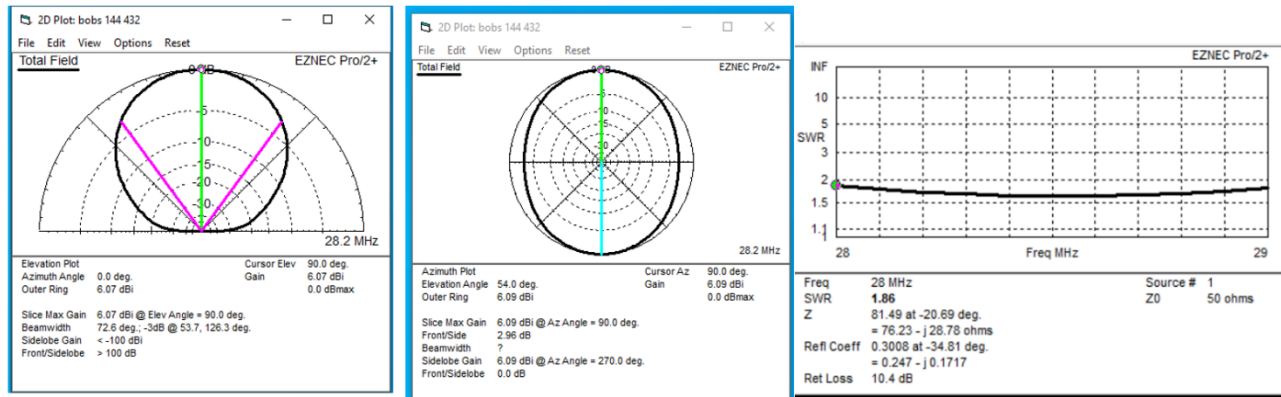
John Parmalee, K5VGM

GREETINGS,

There were many comments about ten meters antenna placement last Wednesday on the net, afterwards opened Eznec. I calculated a horizontal wire ten-meter antenna at different heights (wave lengths) above ground. I used 196.75" as a half wave or 393.5" as a full lambda at 28.2 MHz

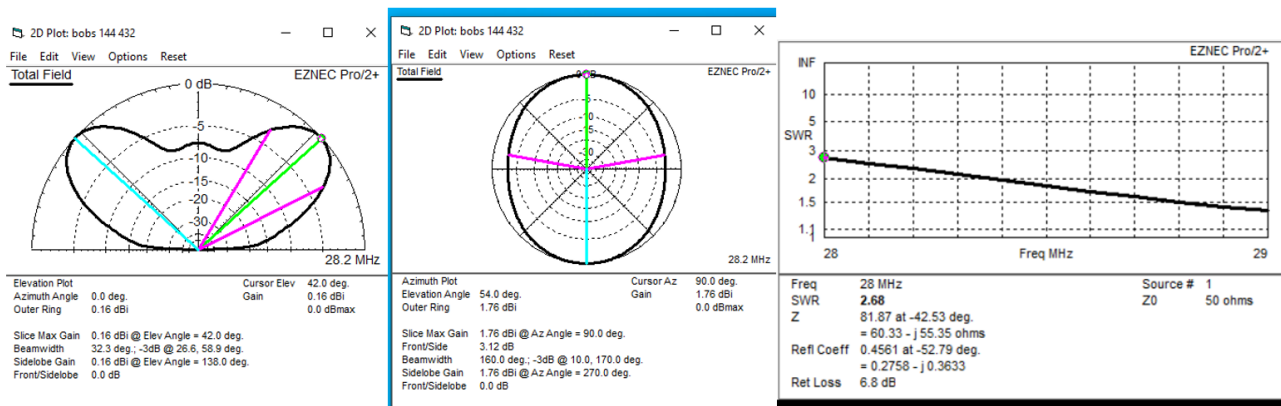
Eznec is a theoretical calculation that does not take into consideration all the random metal you might have in your yards such as powerlines, gutters, and so on. It does give you a guide as to what you will get. All the random metal involved probably won't change much unless it is a metal pole barn in size. Soil will make a difference, I used normal soil, but I suspect we probably have poor soil.

Ten meters horizontal dipole .25 lambda high



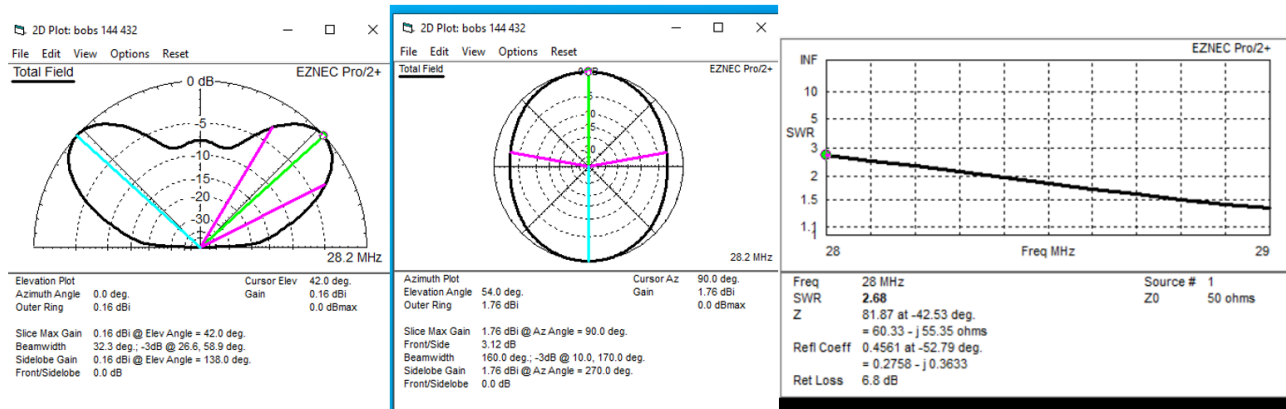
A couple of things to note: The graphs are All normalized to present full size, read the fine print to see an extra 3db of gain when mounted a full wave leigh high. Also, I noted a change of resonate frequency as the spacing went up by watching the VSWR. Centered at a

Ten-meter horizontals dipole .5 lambda high



quarter, then up the band at a half, not so far up the band at the quarters then back up the band at a full.

Ten-meter horizontals dipole .5 lambda high



I have thought about running the same for a vertical and even a ground plane but haven't. Let me know your thoughts and questions.

If you would like to learn Eznec I am willing to teach.

John Parmalee
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The Operating Room

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

Stacey, Future Amateur

Palo Alto CA Radio Club meeting

Good day, mates. I thank them for having me. They're very friendly. We introduced ourselves and they applauded me when I told them I was studying for my license.



Then Micah gave his presentation and during the presentation I modeled the Bear Valley team vest. The presentation was great and there were good questions afterwards.



On our trip Micah tried some Garlic ice cream, eww 🤢. I refused to try because I don't like garlic. But our trip there, the meeting and the way home were generally good.

Thank you

Stacey

Micah Martin, KN6VUT

Presentation to the *Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association (PAARA)*

Building TARA's presence in Tehachapi.

Micah KN6VUT - *Public Information Officer*

I was invited to give a presentation on my role as *Public Information Officer* for TARA.

Stacey accompanied me on my trip and was applauded for studying for her Tech and General license. She also modeled my BVS ERT vest as I spoke about our ERT team and radios.

I began my presentation with an introduction video that was made with the gracious help of Clare Scotti from the Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce, Mya Acosta - City of

Tehachapi Community Engagement Specialist, Claudia Black - Owner of The Loop Newspaper and Carla Garcia - Owner of Taco Samich.

The first half of the video was an over-the-top exaggerating masterpiece of TARA's role in the community, which the PAARA club found humorous. The second part was a serious summary by the women on what they thought of our club.

Among the topics I covered were the Tehachapi area, problems with line of site due to the geography of the area and cell phone coverage weaknesses.

I covered community events and to approach the agencies we serve as what can we do for you, rather than what can you give us.



The club meeting lasted from 7:00pm to about 9:00 pm with pizza at round table afterwards.

The club was very friendly and full of questions for me and Stacey.

I explained Stacey has already volunteered with our club, though

she uses FRS, she can listen to our simplex, so she still participates.

Despite Treasurer John denying my airfare and putting me up in a suite, we had a great time with PAARA and felt at home.



I gave a brief description of the Tehachapi area, saying Tehachapi was like an island between Northern and Southern California. I also described the Tehachapi area is made up of several different communities with their own unique characteristics, while still being Tehachapi.

I emphasized I make contact personally, attend as many community events as possible, and our members are now recognized around the community.

I mentioned as the community trusts us with fun events, when something serious happens, or groups need assistance with safety, they trust us and know us.



I spoke about our Wireless Wednesdays as part of our informal outreach and simply showing up at ribbon cutting helps the community know we're involved.

Technical Department

Stacey ready to assist



Raffle prizes, No reimbursement from Treasurer John

PAARA's Banner on the window



Tid-Bits

A collection of miscellaneous, mostly amateur radio-related items.

Dave - WA5GUL



October 17, 1907: Marconi's Miraculous Wireless Service

In October 17, 1907, the world awoke to a quieter revolution—one not of engines or empires, but of invisible waves crossing the Atlantic. That day, Guglielmo Marconi's transatlantic wireless telegraph service officially began operations, linking Clifden, Ireland, with Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. For the first time in history, nations could communicate across oceans not through ships and cables but through the air itself. What began as a spark in Marconi's imagination had become a technological reality: the first commercial wireless communication between Europe and North America.

Marconi, the Italian-born engineer often called the father of radio, had spent more than a decade perfecting his vision. As early as 1895, he had demonstrated that electromagnetic waves could carry signals over long distances without wires. By 1901, he had stunned the scientific community by sending the letter "S" in Morse code from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland — proof that radio waves could leap the curvature of the Earth. But that early triumph was fragile and inconsistent. Static, atmospheric interference, and erratic transmissions plagued the system. The 1907 service represented a far greater achievement: working commercial network, robust enough for governments, businesses, and newspapers to rely upon daily.

The route itself symbolized both technological ambition and imperial geography. Clifden, a remote coastal outpost in western Ireland, was chosen for its clear signal path and isolation from electrical interference. Glace Bay, perched on the eastern edge of Canada, mirrored it across the Atlantic. Between them stretched nearly 2,100 miles of water — a vast space that had previously demanded undersea telegraph cables, costly to lay and prone to damage.

Marconi's wireless stations stood as twin monuments to the age of electromagnetic communication, each with towering masts over 200 feet high and massive spark transmitters capable of generating signals at tens of kilowatts.

Messages transmitted between the two sites were initially confined to Morse code telegrams, sent at a cost of sixpence per word — cheaper than some cable routes, but still a luxury. The early customers were shipping firms, government offices, and news agencies eager for faster transatlantic correspondence. The implications were profound. In an instant, the tyranny of distance that had defined centuries of global communication began to erode. Maritime safety improved as ships could report their positions and emergencies from far out at sea. Political leaders could coordinate across continents with unprecedented speed. The world was becoming smaller, more synchronized, more modern.

Marconi's success was not without rivalry. Cable companies, alarmed by the new wireless threat to their monopoly, dismissed his claims and questioned his reliability. Even some physicists doubted that long-range transmission was possible without the help of ionospheric reflection—a phenomenon not yet understood at the time. But the proof was in the results: messages reliably crossed the Atlantic day after day. The British Admiralty soon adopted wireless communication, and by 1912—spurred by the Titanic disaster—the international maritime community made radio a standard requirement for all major vessels.

Marconi's system, initially cumbersome and sparking with electrical violence, soon evolved into a cleaner, more efficient technology. Continuous-wave transmitters replaced the old spark gaps, allowing clearer signals and even the transmission of sound. Within a generation, the wireless telegraph had become the wireless telephone—and then, simply, “radio.” The very idea of instantaneous communication across oceans laid the groundwork for the global information networks of the twentieth century, from shortwave broadcasting to satellite relays and the internet itself.

The Clifden and Glace Bay stations operated until 1917, when wartime security concerns led to their closure. Yet their legacy endured. They marked the point at which human communication ceased to be bound by geography. On that October day in 1907, when the first commercial signal leapt across the Atlantic, it carried more than dots and dashes — it carried a new definition of connection.

ARISS to Mark 25 Years of ISS With Special Worldwide SSTV Event in November

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) will commemorate the 25th anniversary of continuous human presence aboard the International Space Station with a special worldwide Slow-Scan Television (SSTV) event in mid-November. The ISS has been continuously inhabited since November 2, 2000, marking a major milestone in human spaceflight and international cooperation. ARISS, the first educational payload on the station, continues to play a key role in inspiring students, supporting STEM engagement, and connecting the global amateur radio community with astronauts in orbit.

The Series 30 SSTV event, titled “ISS at 25 and Scouts!” will feature 12 SSTV images celebrating the station's 25-year milestone and Scouting. Transmissions are scheduled to begin Wednesday, November 12 around 1730 UTC and continue through Thursday, November 20 (time TBD). Downlink will occur on 145.800 MHz FM using the PD120 mode,

following the standard ARISS pattern of approximately two minutes of transmission followed by two minutes off. A planned pause in images will occur to support an ARISS school contact with Azerbaijan on November 16 at 1450 UTC.

Radio amateurs and listeners worldwide are encouraged to participate, as ISS SSTV events are accessible to stations with a broad range of equipment. Many operators successfully receive images using only a handheld VHF radio and a phone-based decoding app, while more advanced satellite stations can produce particularly clean results. SSTV events continue to be a popular entry point for newcomers interested in amateur space communication.

Series 30 SSTV: ISS at 25 & Scouts

We're celebrating 25 years of the ISS (and being the first educational payload) plus Scouting!

Series: ARISS Series 30 - ISS at 25 / Scouting
 Images: **12 images** using PD120 encoding
 Frequency: **145.800 MHz** worldwide
 Certificate Available: **Yes** for submission to gallery at: ariss-usa.org/ARISS_SSTV/

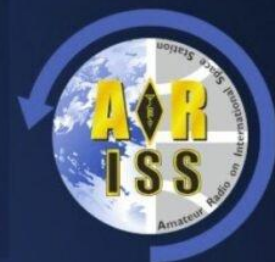
Event planned for **Wed. 12-Nov. around 17:30 UTC (12:30 PM ET)** until **Thu. 20-Nov (Time TBD)** with a scheduled interruption for an educational contact.

Transmissions will be the standard 2 minutes on / 2 minutes off.

Planned Contact with Azerbaijan on 16-Nov at 14:50 UTC | 9:50 AM ET

Follow ARISS Social Media for updates!

SSTV
Series 30



The next ISS SSTV event celebrating 25 years of the ISS will occur November 12–20, 2025. [Credit: [ARISS](https://ariss-usa.org/)]

Participants may upload their best received image to the ARISS SSTV portal at https://ariss-usa.org/ARISS_SSTV/ and then request a commemorative event certificate. Submitted

images must be single, unedited SSTV frames in GIF, JPG, or PNG format, limited to 800×800 pixels and 800 kB. Once the image is uploaded, operators will be prompted to request their personalized certificate, and because submissions are only accepted for a short time after the conclusion of the event, prompt participation is encouraged. In keeping with past ARISS activities, operators may also request a traditional ARISS QSL card to confirm SSTV reception. QSL requests must be mailed to the appropriate regional bureau with a self-addressed stamped envelope or sufficient return postage. Details and mailing addresses for each world region are available at <https://www.ariss.org/qsl-cards.html>, and operators should include date, time, frequency, and mode with their report. Additional updates and operating details will be posted on www.ariss.org and ARISS social media channels as the event approaches. AMSAT congratulates ARISS and the ISS program on 25 years of continuous human presence aboard the station and encourages radio amateurs everywhere to join in this special commemorative SSTV celebration honoring the ISS legacy and the role of amateur radio in space education.

[ANS thanks Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) for the above information]

Walter/K5WH

Other Amateur Radio Clubs of Interest

From time to time we will include information from other clubs that may be of interest.

We had a great article above about Micah and Stacy's visit to the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association.

Humorous

Valerie – KK6WLQ

How do you throw a space party?

You planet.

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>

November 2025

- 1-3 [Nov Sweepstakes–CW](#)
- 8-9 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
- 15-17 [Nov Sweepstakes–Phone](#)

December 2025

- 5-7 [160 Meter](#)
- 13-14 [10 Meter](#)
- 21 [Rookie Roundup–CW](#)

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.

November 2025

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — 1800 hrs, 10 Meter Technician Net every Saturday on 28.350 MHz
- 5, 12, 19, 26 — 1300 hrs “Wireless Wednesday” at Taco Samich
- 5, 12, 19, 26 — 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 6 – 1900 hrs, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 8 — 0830 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast TARA Club Breakfast at The Village Grill, 410 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 November.
- 13 – 1900 hrs, TARA Club Meeting Tehachapi Police Department, 220 W C St, Tehachapi
- 25 – 1800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Meeting at the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.
- 29 — 0800 hrs, BVS Emergency Radio Team Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by November 18.

December 2025

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 1900 hrs “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 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 – 1800 hrs, TARA Club Meeting and Christmas Party, Location TBD
- 13 – 0800 hrs, TARA Club Breakfast at -Dubs, 20800 Santa Lucia St, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Reserve a spot with [Valerie Mason](#) by 1 December.
- 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 December.

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
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

Local Repeater Information				
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
WindyLink Digital Voice Reflector	XLX987	https://xlx987.asuscomm.com	AK6MW	Hotspot, AllStar or EchoLink only at this time. EchoLink: AK6MW-L AllStar Node: 66849

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				
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
West Kern County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (WKCARES)	http://westernkerncountyares.org/index.html

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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>

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Membership Application

Download a copy of our Membership Application [here](#). Please share this with any friends, family or neighbors that are either hams or may be interested in amateur radio. Applications are accepted at all club meetings, or you may mail your application along with the applicable dues to the club Post Office Box:

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