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RadioActive!

Phil Dolber, W6WBT, 1st Vice President

If you are a new ham radio operator, or not very active on the air, I would like to encourage you to find a Field Day operation and join in. Introduce yourself and let them know you want a chance to operate with one of the seasoned operators as an Elmer. You will be amazed after a few contacts you will be hooked. Don't be disappointed if they want you to start in the log seat first. This is a good opportunity to learn what to listen for and what the exchange is, preparing you for the operator's chair.

Field Day is a good motivator for getting on the air and upgrading your license. It is also a great way to meet other Hams in the community. Most field day sites are very social during the day when there are more people around. Not just Hams but also their families and other guests as well.

Unfortunately I am unable to participate in Field Day this year, but please come out to Brite Lake and support Dan and Valerie for TARA's Field Day operation.

There are sign up sheets for volunteers not just of setup and teardown. To volunteer please call (661) 750-2878, or email ac6ee@arrl.net

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EDITORS' Note:

There will be no newsletter for July and August. We'll pick it up again with the September issue. I'll be sending request for your inputs again toward the end of August. The theme will, of course, be "How I spent my Summer Vacation [Hamcation]" just like when we returned to grade school. We'll be asking for recaps of your Field Day activity and any ham activities you enjoyed over the summer. I hope you all have a "RadioActive" summer!

Ham Nets

Ray Gretlein — W6QPA

We have covered topics focused on building Ham equipment and antennas in past editions. This month, I thought, I'd talk about "Operating". One of the many "operating" activities available to us as Hams are "Nets". Per the ARRL "Operating Manual" "...A net, short for 'network of stations', is an organized on-the-air activity." There are a wide variety of 'Nets' ranging from public service traffic nets (NTS) which pass radio messages or "Radiograms" (and was the foundation of the Amateur Radio Relay League in its beginnings), to rag-chew nets (sort of like our Wednesday night 'Just Because Net'), to special interest nets, to emergency nets such as SKYWARN and ARES.

For more information on Ham Nets I suggest visiting some of these websites:

- ARRL Net Directory — <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-net-directory-search>
- AC6V Web site, HF Nets — <http://ac6v.com/nets.php>
- The National Traffic System — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Traffic_System
- Amateur Radio Net overview — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amateur_radio_net#cite_note-1
- SKYWARN — <https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN>
- ARES — <http://www.arrl.org/ares>

If you are new to Nets, join us on the W6SLZ repeater at 19:00 PT for the Wednesday 'Just Because Net' and have a look at a relatively informal 'rag-chew' net.

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>

June 2022

- 4-5 International Digital Contest
- 11-13 June VHF

- 18 Kids Day
- 25-26 Field Day

July 2022

- 9-10 IARU HF World Championship

August 2022

- 6-7 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
- 20-21 10 GHz & Up – Round 1
- 21 Rookie Roundup – RTTY

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 2022

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 19:00 PST (PDT 16, 23, 30) “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 2 – 19:00 PDT, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 9 – 19:00 PDT, Club Meeting, Tehachapi Police Department Conference Room, 220 W C St, Tehachapi.
- 11 — 14:30 PDT — VE Session at the Salvation Army Community Center, 538 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA 93561.
- 12 — 08:30 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at Gracian Grill
- 26 — 08:00 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with Valerie Mason by 14 June 2022.

July 2022

- 6, 13, 20, 27 – 19:00 PDT “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 7 – 19:00 PDT, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 9 — 08:30 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at Gracian Grill
- 14 – 19:00 PDT, TARA Club Meeting, Tehachapi Police Department Conference Room, 220 W C St, Tehachapi.
- 30 — 08:00 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with Valerie Mason by 14 July.

August 2022

- 2 — 17:30 - 19:30 National Night Out, Philip Marx Central Park 311 E D Street, Tehachapi, CA
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — 19:00 PDT “Just Because” Net (W6SLZ VHF rpt, 146.70 - / 123.0)
- 4 — 19:00 PDT, TARA Board Meeting, Via Zoom (invite via email)
- 13 — 08:30 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at Gracian Grill
- 11 — 19:00 PDT, TARA Club Meeting, Tehachapi Police Department Conference Room, 220 W C St, Tehachapi.
- 13 — 14:30 PDT — VE Session at the Salvation Army Community Center, 538 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, CA 93561.
- 27 — 08:00 PDT, TARA Club Breakfast at BVS Mulligan Room. Reserve a spot with Valerie Mason by 14 May

Reference Information

| Local Repeater Information | | | | |
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| TARA APRS Digipeater | 144.390 | No tone | AC6EE-3 | APRS |
| BVS APRS Digipeater | 144.390 | No tone | WA6LDQ-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 |
| Tehachapi Repeater | 444.225 | 100.0 Hz TONE | KG6KKV | Overlooks Bakersfield |
| DMR Digital | 442.675 | Offset: +5.000 ColorCode: 1 | K7RET | Brandmeister, Bakersfield, CA The location is in the Tehachapi Mountains near Cummings Mountain |

| Local Repeater Information | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|---|
| DMR Repeater | 447.120 | Offset: -5.00 ColorCode: 1 | KR6DK | Brandmeister, McKittrick, CA The location is in the Tehachapi Mountains near Double Mountain This repeater is permanently linked to the KR6DK analog repeater system. |
| 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. They are linked together and more information may be found at <http://www.KernSystem.org>

| KERN System Linked Repeaters | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| 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 |

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 | |
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| TARA website | http://www.ac6ee.org |
| TARA Facebook | https://www.facebook.com/TARAtehachapiamateurradio/ |

| Club & Other Websites | |
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| 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 |

| Officers & Committee Chairs | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--|
| Office/Committee | Name | Call | Email |
| President | Dan Mason | AB6DM | ab6dm@arrl.net |
| 1st Vice President | Phil Dolber | W6WBT | w6wbt@arrl.net |
| 2nd Vice President | Ray Gretlein | W6QPA | w6qpa@arrl.net |
| Secretary | Valerie Mason | KK6WLQ | val3mason@yahoo.com |
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| Web Page & FaceBook maintenance | John Dyer | KM6DXY | km6dxy@gmail.com |

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 meetings are on Zoom and in-person meeting site is now Tehachapi Police Department Conference Room, 220 W C St, Tehachapi.

Member Annual Dues: \$25.00/year

Additional Family Member: \$12.50/per person

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 if we are meeting in-person. Or you may mail your application along with the applicable dues to the club Post Office Box:

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