

# Communicators' Handbook

## 2019 Pony Express Reenactment

### Nevada Division

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THE SIERRA INTERMOUNTAIN EMERGENCY RADIO ASSOCIATION (SIERA) HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE REENACTMENT OF THE PONY EXPRESS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY, FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS.

OUR SUPPORT OF THE RIDE IS PRIMARILY COMMUNICATION. BUT AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST OUR VOLUNTEERS SHOULD CONSIDER DOING WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE PROGRESS OF THE RIDERS.

IN THE PAST WE HAVE REPAIRED FLAT TIRES, GOTTEN THE RIDERS BACK ON THE COURSE, OPENED AND CLOSED GATES, PULLED TRUCKS AND TRAILERS THAT HAVE GOTTEN STUCK ETC.

ALL THE HAMS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE REENACTMENT ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED WITH MANY THANKS FROM THE SIERA CLUB.

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## General Information for Entire Route

Radio operators in the field should send information about the location and condition of the pony, preferred by simplex, at approximately 30 minute intervals or when a significant location has been passed, to the mountain top relay operators and Base Station Operators, who have access to a telephone to put the information on the Pony Express Hotline. Sometimes the information may need to go through relays.

NOTE: This year relay coverage may be spotty. If you are a follow-the-pony operator and unable to reach a relay operator, try using one of the repeaters listed or try our cell phone to reach a base operator.

- From Ibapah to Schelbourne will be 2M simplex. Relay operators on Telegraph Summit probably with HF relay help.
- From Schelbourne to Overland Pass will be VHF or HF, to relay operators on Telegraph Summit or to Carson Valley. HF relay operators at Strawberry will assist in passing info to base station operators.
- From Grubb's Well to Railroad Pass we expect to use simplex or the Eureka repeater to the on Austin Summit near the Austin Microwave location and relay operators.
- Between Cold Springs and Pickett's Junction, we expect to use the SIERA, CVRC, RENO, Lahontan, and Fallon repeaters, often with the help of relay operators as the pony moves further west.

## Frequency Plan for 2-Meter VHF & UHF Frequencies

The following list shows the VHF frequencies most likely to be useful. **BOLD** type shows the recommended primary frequency. Radio operators are free to change frequencies to improve signals or reduce interference. Coordination responsibility rests with the radio operator. Tell as many stations in the chain as possible about any frequency changes. Mobile stations should contact a base station at approximately 30 minutes with an updated location.

### **OUR PRIMARY FREQUENCY WILL BE 146.550SIMPLEX.**

#### **Ibapah, UT to Overland Pass West**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car & relay station  
146.610-(PL 114.8) Ely Repeater (if accessible)  
146.610-(PL 123) Reno Repeater (if accessible)

#### **Overland Pass West to Dry Creek**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car & relay station  
147.060+(PL 114.8) Eureka Repeater

#### **Dry Creek to Railroad Pass**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car & Ham Relay, Microwave Station  
147.060+(PL 114.8) Eureka Repeater  
146.910-(PL 100) Battle Mtn. Repeater (If accessible)

#### **Cold Springs (Restaurant, not Gazebo) to Railroad Pass (Smith Creek Ranch)**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car & Ham Relay, Microwave Station  
147.060+(PL 114.8) Eureka Repeater  
145.350-(PL 123) Fallon Repeater  
147.345 (PL 156.7) K5BLS Repeater  
444.500+(PL 123) Fallon (Fairview) Repeater

#### **Cold Springs (Edwards Canyon) to Sand Springs (Sand Mountain)**

**146.550**-Simplex car-to-car  
145.350- (PL 123) Fallon Repeater  
146.610- (PL 123) Reno Repeater  
147.345 (PL 156.7) K5BLS Repeater (Fairview?)  
444.500+(PL 123) Fallon (Fairview) Repeater

#### **Sand Springs (Sand Mountain) Top Gun Raceway (Schurz Hwy 95)**

**146.550**-Simplex car-to-car  
145.350- (PL 123) Fallon Repeater  
146.970-(PL 103.5) Lahonton (Silver Springs) Repeater  
1467.345 (PL 156.7) K5BLS Repeater

### **Top Gun Raceway (Schurz Hwy 95) to Fort Churchill**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car

146.970- (PL 103.5) Lahonton (Silver Springs) Repeater

146.610- (PL 123) Reno Repeater

145.350-(PL 123) Fallon Repeater

147.345 (PL 156.7) K5BLS Repeater

### **Fort Churchill to Carson City (State Capitol)**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car. The first two repeaters give fair to good coverage for entire sector.

147.270+(PL 123) CVRC Repeater

146.610-(PL 123) Reno Repeater

147.330+(PL 123) SIERA Repeater is intermittent east of Mound House

146.970-(PL 103.5) Lahonton (Silver Springs) Repeater

### **Carson City (N. Curry & Musser Streets) to State Line**

**146.550** Simplex car-to-car

147.330+(PL 123) SIERA Repeater.

### **Nevada to California**

California will use the "California East Slope" repeater 145.350 with a **+ offset of 855** and a PL of 123.0. 145.605 and 146.805 may also have some traffic.

Note: 147.240 and 147.330 may also be linked.

## **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

### **Counties as Encountered East to West**

White Pine County (Ely)	911 or 775 289-4833
Eureka County (Eureka)	911 or 775 237-5330
Lander County (Austin)	911 or 775 635-5161
Churchill County (Fallon)	911 or 775 423-3311
Mineral County	911 or 775 945-2434
Lyon County (Dayton)	911 or 775 463-6620
County of Carson City	911 or 775 887-2500
Douglas County (Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe)	911 or 775 782-5126

**Nevada Highway Patrol** – Dial "0" and ask for Zenith 1-2000, or \*NHP on cell phone.

**Care Flight** can operate as far east as Sand Mountain. They can usually be talked to on **146.520 (simplex)**, and our capability should be included in the request for help.

Fixed wing Care Flights can land at Austin, Eureka, Ely, or Curie (about 65 miles north of Ely on US 93, Public Lands Survey System map location T28N R65E Section 28). The Nevada telephone number for **Care Flight is 1 (800) 648-4888**

**Radio operators are encouraged to contact the ride captain for their area by phone prior to the event and before they set out to get any last-minute changes from the riders.**

Please note when reporting the pony position please **use the distance FROM** the start of the section or significant land mark that would be on any map i.e. highway crossing or town, NOT distance TO the next land mark. Everyone is following the progress in terms of MILEAGE FROM some landmark. Please don't make extra work.

**Detailed Assignments and Estimated Arrival / Departure Times**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Travel</b>	<b>Leg / location</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>2019 Volunteer Assignments</b>
<b>SECTION 1</b>				
<b>6/17/19 05:30</b>	8:00	<b>Ibapah to Shellbourne Bar.</b>	Follow Pony	Steve Bickford N6AE, Pete Cervantes KG7OKY
		<b>Telegraph Summit Stationary Relay to Ely</b>	Relay	
<b>SECTION 2</b>				
<b>6/17/19 13:30</b>	9:27	<b>Shelbourne Bar to Overland Pass (Strawberry)</b>	Follow Pony	Ken Head KE6FTM, Randy Head KE6REY
<b>6/17/19 22:57</b>	0:33	<b>Newark Valley (Strawberry)</b>	Relay	Grover Cleveland K7TP

**SECTION 3**

<b>6/17/19</b>					
<b>23:30</b>	6:30	<b>Overland Pass West</b>	Relay		
			Relay	Doug Lundgren N7CBL	
		Roberts Creek Ranch Overland Pass West to Grubb's Well	Follow Pony	Bob Yandow K7GUU	

**SECTION 4**

<b>6/18/19</b>					
<b>06:00</b>	3:05	<b>Grubb's Well to Dry Creek Ranch</b>	Follow Pony	Jamie Dahl N6JFD	
<b>6/18/19</b>					
<b>09:05</b>	1:59	<b>Rye Patch Canyon</b>	Relay	Rick Bischoff K7ET	
		<b>Austin Summit</b>	Relay	Robert Nelson WA3PAD, Frank Kostelac N7ZEV, Linda Kostelac KC7IIT, Keith Gordon N7KSG	
<b>6/18/19</b>					
<b>11:04</b>	2:56	<b>Grass Valley Road</b>	Relay	Mike Sherrick NZ7G, Natalie Sherrick N7JKM	
		<b>Austin to Railroad Pass West</b>	Follow Pony	Lynn Jenkins KG7CXR	

**SECTION 5**

<b>6/18/19</b>					
<b>14:00</b>	1:50	<b>Railroad Pass West to Smith Creek Ranch</b>	Follow Pony	Jeff Cauhape K7BCV, Sue Cauhape KI7CTT	
		<b>Desatoya Mountain / Basque Summit</b>	Relay	Peter Olsen KE7LHT	
<b>6/18/19</b>					
<b>15:50</b>	3:10	<b>Smith Creek to Cold Springs Rest. (Edwards Canyon)</b>	Follow Pony	Jeff Cauhape K7BCV, Sue Cauhape KI7CTT	

<b>SECTION 6</b>				
<b>6/18/19 19:00</b>	1:53	<b>Cold Springs Restaurant to Middlegate</b>	Follow Pony	David Granish KI6EWK
<b>6/18/19 20:53</b>	2:37	<b>Middlegate to Sand Mountain</b>	Follow Pony	David Granish KI6EWK
		<b>Fairview Peak</b>	Stationary	UNSTAFFED
<b>SECTION 7</b>				
<b>6/18/19 23:30</b>	1:50	<b>Hwy 50 Sand Mtn to Schurz Hwy 95 (Top Gun)</b>	Follow Pony	Gary Lefler KG7ZLQ
<b>6/19/19 01:20</b>	2:10	<b>Simpson Pass</b>	Stationary	Dan Rice KE7UQL
<b>SECTION 8</b>				
<b>6/19/19 03:30</b>	4:00	<b>Schurz Hwy 95 (Top Gun) to Ft Churchill</b>	Follow Pony	Don McRoberts W3DRM, Jim Marshal K6LR, Walt Nowosad WA7LTS
<b>SECTION 9</b>				
<b>6/19/19 07:30</b>	5:00	<b>Ft Churchill to Carson City</b>	Follow Pony	Don McRoberts W3DRM, Jim Marshal K6LR, Walt Nowosad WA7LTS
<b>SECTION 10</b>				
<b>6/19/19 12:30</b>	4:02	<b>Carson City to Friday's Station (Stateline)</b>	Follow Pony	Ben Echavarria KG7FSN, Isaiah Echavarria KG7NHY, Daryl Haines KE7HXD
<b>6/19/19 16:32</b>	1:00	<b>Daggett Summit (Kingsbury Grade)</b>	Relay	
<b>6/19/19 17:32</b>		<b>Friday's Station (Stateline)</b>	Relay	



## Schedules, Distances and Routes, for Radio Operators East to West 2019

### SECTION 1

#### Ibapah Utah to Hwy 93 at Shellbourne (north of Ely) 53 miles in 8.0 hrs. averaging 6.625 mph with some difficult areas

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Mon - 06/17	05:30 am	0.0	Ibapah, Utah
	06:37 am	7.4	PX Trail (CR 18) crosses Eight Mile Road
	07:37 am	14.0	PX Trail crosses Pleasant Valley Road
	08:09 am	17.6	PX Trail comes to Whiskey Road
	09:30 am	26.5	PX Trail crosses County Road 32 (south of Tippets.)
	10:41 am	34.3	PX Trail passes Rock Springs watering hole
	11:24 am	39.1	PX Trail ends at Spring Valley Road. Turn south.
	11:42 am	41.1	PX Trail on Spring Valley Road, at junction of Shellbourne Road, (Go west)
	12:39 pm	47.4	PX Trail at Shellbourne Pass
	Mon - 06/17	1:30 pm	53.0

### Section 2

#### Shellbourne Bar on Hwy 93 to Overland Pass West, (in Diamond Mtns. NE of Eureka) 73.5 difficult miles in 10 hrs., averaging 7.35 mph

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Mon - 06/17	1:30 pm	0.0	Leave Shellbourne Bar toward west on County Rd 18.
	2:49 pm	9.5	Follow County Road 18 past quarry mine just south of County Road 18.
	3:40 pm	16.0	Pass pump and trough that are south of PX Trail.
	4:30 pm	22.1	Pony goes off-road to north in Butte Valley. Don't follow - stay on CR 18
	6:10 pm	34.4	Pony returns to road.
	6:40 pm	37.1	At Long Valley Wash (deep gully-oriented N/S)
	6:53 pm	39.5	At Prominent stone ridge to north of PX Trail (now called Overland Road)
	7:21 pm	43.0	At Mountain Springs Station site, now gone. Several gates - ranch

	7:50 pm	46.5	PX Trail starts down narrow canyon toward west and goes across silty valley south of Ruby Lake and Marsh.
	8:40 pm	52.8	Make sharp turn to south on small dirt road. PX Station was near here.
	8:57 pm	54.8	Make another sharp turn to west, PX Trail to County Rd 3 (Fort Ruby is to the north don't go there)
	9:22 pm	57.8	On PX Trail, (CR6) continue to Overland Pass East, at foot of Ruby Mtns.
	10:15 pm	64.3	Arrive at windmill, the nominal site of Jacob's Well Station
	10:57 pm	69.4	Arrive at Newark Lakes Valley, a few miles north of end of paved Hwy 892 (Strawberry).
Mon - 06/17	11:30 pm	73.5	Arrive at top of difficult trail to top of Overland Pass West, in Diamond Mts.

### **Section 3**

#### **Overland Pass West in the Diamond Mts, to Grubb's Well. 48 miles in 6.5 hours, averaging 7.4 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Mon - 06/17	11:30 pm	0.0	Leave Overland Pass West, traveling west, down Telegraph Canyon.
Tue - 06/18	06:00 am	48.0	Arrive at Grubb's Well.

### **Section 4**

#### **Grubb's Well to Railroad Pass. 59 difficult miles in 8.0 hours averaging 7.4 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Tue - 06/18	06:00 am	0.0	Leave Grubb's Well, on dirt PX trail, toward west.
	07:53 am	13.9	Follow PX trail to gate near Dry Creek Canyon, near Dry Creek Ranch. Pony will go cross-country.
	09:05 am	22.8	Pony arrives at Rye Patch Wash. Pony will go cross-country.
	10:14 am	31.2	Pony arrives at Grass Valley Road.
	11:04 am	37.4	Pony arrives at the "Campground".
Tue - 06/18	11:14 am	39.3	Pony arrives at Austin Ranger Station and pony goes on to Hwy 50 and goes west.

	11:21 am	39.5	Pony arrives at Hwy 50 near Austin Cemetery. The radio operator and the pony go west on Hwy 50, turn south onto Hwy 722 that parallel's Hwy 50.
	12:14 pm	46.0	Pony passes Austin Airport.
Tue - 06/18	2:00 pm	59.0	Pony arrives at Railroad Pass on Hwy 722.

### Section 5

#### **Railroad Pass West, on HWY 722 to Cold Springs on Hwy 50 36 miles in 5 hours, averaging 7.2mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Tue - 06/18	2:00 pm	0.0	Leaves Railroad Pass West, almost immediately exits to north on dirt road.
	3:50 pm	13.2	Arrives Smith Creek Ranch.
	4:41 pm	16.9	Pony arrives Basque Summit, turns south down Edwards Creek Canyon.
	5:13 pm	23.2	Pony arrives bottom of Edwards Creek Canyon,
Tue - 06/18	7:00 pm	36.0	Arrives at Cold Springs Station and restaurant.

### Section 6

#### **Cold Springs to Sand Springs, 33.5 miles on-Hwy 50 in 4.5 hours, averaging 7.4 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Tue - 06/18	7:00 pm	0.0	Leave Cold Springs restaurant, on Hwy 50 1.25 miles N of PX Gazebo
	8:05 pm	8.0	On Hwy 50, passes Eastgate at Hwy 722.
	8:53 pm	14.0	On Hwy 50, passes Middlegate
	9:43 pm	20.2	On Hwy 50, Passes Drumm Summit
	11:09 pm	30.9	On Hwy 50, Passes Sand Springs Pass
Tue - 06/18	11:30 pm	33.5	Arrives at end of Section, a wide spot on south side of Hwy 50.

### Section 7

#### **Sand Springs/Sand Mtn, to Top Gun Raceway on Shurz Hwy, 26 hard miles, 4 hours, avg. 6.5 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Tue - 08/18	11:30 pm	0.0	Leaves Hwy 50 toward south, on dirt road near Sand Springs/Sand Mountain. Radio operator is here. Pony may ride across playa if possible

	11:56 pm	2.8	Arrives at Overhead Power line with EW orientation. Pony turns west.
	12:25 am	6.0	Arrives at Geothermal well.
	01:20 am	11.9	Arrives Simpson Pass.
	01:59 am	16.1	Crosses Pipe line Road.
	02:19 am	18.3	Crosses Bass Flat Playa
	02:40 am	20.5	Passes Wildcat Station
Wed - 06/19	03:30 am	26.0	Crosses Schurz Hwy 95 and arrives at Top Gun Raceway, end of Section.

### **Section 8**

#### **Top Gun Raceway to Ft. Churchill 31.5 miles in 4 hours, averaging 7.9 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Wed - 06/19	03:30 am	0.0	Leaves to west from Top Gun Parking lot at Shurz Hwy 95 SW of Fallon.
	05:46 am	17.9	Arrives Hooten Well. Pony may start off-road loop past Desert Station ruins.
	06/14 07:17 am	29.8	Arrives Buckland Station, goes north on Hwy 95 toward Ft Churchill.
Wed - 06/19	07:30 am	31.5	Arrives Ft. Churchill Road, on north side of Fort Churchill State Park.

### **Section 9**

#### **Fort Churchill to Carson City 32.0 miles in 5 hours, averaging 6.4 mph**

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Wed - 06/19	07:30 am	0.0	Pony is on Fort Churchill Road, going West. Fort Churchill road becomes River Road
	09:41 am	14.0	Pony leaves River Road, Turn NW on 6 Mile Canyon Road, go to Hwy 50.
	09:50 am	14.9	Pony crosses to north side of Hwy 50, and goes westerly past Gold Ranch Casino to Dayton.
	10:34 am	19.6	At 4-way signal in Dayton, pony turns westerly, and then goes off-road.
	11:04 am	22.8	Pony returns to N side of Hwy 50 about 2 miles east of Virginia City Road.
	11:31 am	25.7	On Hwy 50, passes Deer Run Road.
	11:46 am	27.3	Leaves Hwy 50 to go South on Roop, then West on Musser, crosses Hwy 395, and turns South on Curry Street to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street.
Wed - 06/19	12:30 pm	32.0	Arrives at St. Charles Hotel, west side, Curry at 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Section 10

### Carson City to Stateline 31.5 miles in 5 hours, averaging 6.3 mph

	<b>Pony Times</b>	<b>Pony Miles</b>	<b>Pony and Radio Operator Routes</b>
Wed - 06/19	12:30 pm	0.0	Leaves west side of St. Charles Hotel, Curry at 3 <sup>rd</sup> goes South on Curry
	1:11 pm	4.3	Leaves Fuji Park via off road behind Shopping center
	1:43 pm	7.7	Passes old Jack's Valley Fire Station, Jack's Valley Road.
	2:10 pm	10.4	Passes Sierra Lakes Golf Course entrance, on Foothill Blvd.
	3:00 pm	13.6	Passes Genoa Museum on Foothill Blvd.
	3:07 pm	16.5	Arrives at Old Kingsbury Grade on Foothill Blvd. Goes West up old Kingsbury. Vehicles cannot follow there.
	4:32 pm	25.4	Pony crosses New Kingsbury, and proceeds on dirt road to south-west where vehicles cannot follow. Radio operator reports the time of this crossing.
	4:55 pm	27.8	Pony passes market on Tramway Drive, proceeds to west. Radio operator reports when this location has been reached.
	5:23 pm	30.8	Pony arrives at gate, just north of Harrah's Casino. Radio operator reports when this location has been reached.
Wed - 06/19	5:30 pm	31.5	Pony passes mail to California at Friday's Station

## Ride Captains and Section Coverage

Section	Start and Finish	Ride Captain	County
1	Ibapah to Schelbourne Bar	Tony Zamora (775) 289-5540 <a href="mailto:7752895540@vtext.com">7752895540@vtext.com</a>	White Pine
2	Schelbourne Bar to Overland Pass	Geno Zamora (775) 296-0419	Eureka
3	Overland Pass to Grubbs Well	Andy Boyer (775) 397-8506 <a href="mailto:7753978506@txt.att.net">7753978506@txt.att.net</a>	Eureka / Lander
4	Grubbs Well to Railroad Pass (Smith Creek Ranch)	Mark Holmes (775) 721-5055 <a href="mailto:7757215055@txt.att.net">7757215055@txt.att.net</a>	Lander
5	Railroad Pass (Smith Creek Ranch) to Cold Springs (Edwards Canyon)	Doug Jares Telephone: 775-852-7879 Cell Phone: 775-742-1814 <a href="mailto:jares@sbcglobal.net">jares@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="mailto:7757421814@vtext.com">7757421814@vtext.com</a>	Churchill
6	Cold Springs (Edwards Canyon) to Sand Springs / Sand Mountain	Arthur Johnson 775-427-4061 <a href="mailto:workwithjohnson@yahoo.com">workwithjohnson@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:7754274061@vtext.com">7754274061@vtext.com</a>	Churchill
7	Sand Springs / Sand Mountain to Top Gun Raceway (Schurz Highway)	Ron Bell 775-220-0007 <a href="mailto:7752200007@txt.att.net">7752200007@txt.att.net</a>	Churchill / Mineral
8	Top Gun Raceway (Schurz Highway) to Fort Churchill	Dianna Garland 775-225-9755 <a href="mailto:7752259755@vtext.com">7752259755@vtext.com</a>	Mineral / Lyon
9	Fort Churchill to Carson City	Anne Martins (775) 684-9103 <a href="mailto:7756849103@vtext.com">7756849103@vtext.com</a>	Lyon / Carson City
10	Carson City to Friday's Station (Harrah's Lake Tahoe)	Ron Bell 775-220-0007 <a href="mailto:7752200007@txt.att.net">7752200007@txt.att.net</a>	Carson City / Douglas
	Entire Ride	Petra Keller <a href="mailto:4154650125@vtext.com">4154650125@vtext.com</a>	

## Frequency Plan for HF

Daytime -approximately 10:00 Am to 6:00 Pm ----7230 kHz +/-QRM  
 Night time -approximately 6:00 Pm to 10:00 Am ---3965 kHz +/-QRM

NOTE: Wednesday from 10:00 to 10:30 there is a net on 7230 kHz.  
 Please continue to use the 80m frequency until the net ends around 10:30. Coordinate with the Base Station operator beforehand.

The decision to adjust changeover times of frequencies will rest with the HF Base or relay operators. The recommendation is to move 5 KHz. above the starting frequency and then 5 KHz. below if needed.

**The primary concern is for Team Communications.  
 Base Station Operators are not restricted to H.F. operation. Any mode that works  
 should be used.**

Include the next Base Station or Relay Operator if the change is expected to carry over into his/her block of time.

**Base Station Operators please contact the ride captain for the upcoming section by phone or send a text via the email address listed in red.**

**Let them know where the pony is and how far it is ahead or behind schedule.  
 Base Station operators please update the national pony express web page by E-Mail to [nationalponyexpress@gmail.com](mailto:nationalponyexpress@gmail.com)**

**Be sure to include your call sign and that you are a Nevada Amateur Radio Operator**

**Operators should plan on monitoring at least 2 hours prior to the official start time.**

Day and Date	Times	Operator & Phone	Note
Monday June 17	05:30 09:30		Please expect the Pony up to 2 hours prior to the scheduled time.
	09:30 13:30	Shelia (KA7AJQ)	<a href="mailto:smclfc@gmail.com">smclfc@gmail.com</a> (775) 267-3216
	13:30 to 17:30	LeRoy (KA7UIS)	
	17:30 to 21:00	Brad Hollendar N7RCA	<a href="mailto:brad.uvc@gmail.com">brad.uvc@gmail.com</a> (775) 745-6121
Monday June 17/ Tuesday June 18	21:00 to 01:30	George McCulley WA6TVD	<a href="mailto:wa6tvd@att.net">wa6tvd@att.net</a> (775) 745-6121
Tuesday June 18	01:30 to 05:30		

Tuesday June 18	05:30 to 09:30	Dave De Angelis K1SCN	<a href="mailto:k1scn@aol.com">k1scn@aol.com</a> (775) 392-0478
	09:30 to 13:30	George McCulley WA6TVD	<a href="mailto:wa6tvd@att.net">wa6tvd@att.net</a> (775) 745-6121
	13:30 to 17:30	Shelia (KA7AJQ)	<a href="mailto:smclfc@gmail.com">smclfc@gmail.com</a> (775) 267-3216
	17:30 to 21:30	LeRoy (KA7UIS)	See Above
Tuesday June 18/ Wednesday June 19	21:30 to 01:30	Brian Firtag (KE7JIO)	<a href="mailto:ke7jio@gmail.com">ke7jio@gmail.com</a> (775) 577-2764
Wednesday June 19	01:30 to 05:30	Brian (KE7JIO)	
	05:30 to 09:30	Brian (KE7JIO)	
	09:30 to 13:30	Brian (KE7JIO)	
	13:30 to 17:30	Mel Hogan WA6EYD	<a href="mailto:twanger89423@gmail.com">twanger89423@gmail.com</a> (775) 783-1846



## Getting Current Information from the Toll-Free Number

To listen to the current Pony position report, call **1-855-809-8589**

### To update the Pony Express Hotline

**Please listen to the current message before updating the hot line as the PONY Express support personnel may be updating also.**

#### Changing the Information

- Dial 1-775-426-0001
- Press the STAR (\*) button
- It will ask you for a mailbox number. Enter 775-428-0355 and then hit the POUND (#) button.
- It will ask you for an ACCESS CODE. Enter 0355.
- It will ask you if you want to change the auto attendants greeting. Press the number one (1) button.
- It will ask you if want to record a message or listen to the message. Press one (1) to make a new message.
- RECORD THE UPDATED PONY POSITION REPORT
- Press the POUND (#) button to end the recording.
- Press the two (2) button to listen to the recording you just made.
- To end the session, hang up.
- Example:
  - 1-775-426-0001
  - \* 775-428-0355 #
  - 0355
  - 1
  - 1
  - Make your recording here
  - #
  - 2
  - If the recording is ok, hang up
  - ***A suggested message is on the next page***

Welcome to the National Pony Express Hot Line, sponsored by Churchill County Communications in Nevada. On (**day of week**) June (**date**) at (**time AM/PM**), the mail was reported to be (**number**) miles west of (**section starting location or major land mark**) and was about (**number**) **minutes/hours ahead/behind** the expected schedule. This message will be updated about every hour or as new information is made available from the field.

### **Pony Progress charted by Satellite**

Follow the pony on a map updated from a satellite receiver carried in the mochila (mail bag).

<http://nationalponyexpress.org/annual-re-ride/follow-the-ride/>