



# SIERA News



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In the two plus decades of life for **SIERA** much about amateur radio has changed. Consider our name, with “Emergency” as a part. When formed it was logical and reasonable that **SIERA** offered itself to the county for health and welfare traffic during any emergency, and when called upon. Then ARRL determined a specific need for emergency communications and **ARES** was born. Across the country separate groups were organized under the **ARES** banner, specifically dedicated to this recognition. After 9-11, greater emphasis was placed on the requirement for training, using the Incident Command System as the guide. The Douglas County **ARES/RACES** Team (**DCART**) was formed in the Carson Valley for the singular purpose of training for incidents and responding to the county when called upon.

**SIERA** is a public service and social club, offering various activities and involving its members in many facets of amateur radio. **DCART** is a single purpose organization, immersing its roster in ICS procedures, staying in close contact with Douglas County emergency management. **SIERA** doesn't try to do what **DCART** does. **DCART** stays out of the realm of interest to **SIERA**. This makes for a fine combination of service to the amateur radio community.

**SIERA** recommends to its membership that they review the purpose of **DCART** and consider volunteering for service to this worthy cause. Talk to Sheila (**KA7AJQ**) about your interest. It's worth it.

## AMBBR

A really fun bike ride is the best way to describe the June 6 bike fest around Lake Tahoe. Its official name is “America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride” and for good reason. Communications for **AMBBR** is supplied by **TARA** and that club requests participation by **SIERA** members. Your club encourages your consideration of getting involved. Nothing but amateur radio works all the way around this course, so you are vital to success. There are eight permanent water stops and three **SAG** vehicles requiring a radio operator. The water stops work best with two operators while one travels with each of the **SAGs**. Then, of course, there is the radio van at **Horizon**, looking for at least two (three would be nice) **NCS** folks. Starting from **Horizon** at O dark thirty, the course is to the Y,

right turn to Tahoe City, then to Truckee and back down to Kings Beach for lunch. Then on to Spooner and back home to Stateline. There's a 35 mile shot that includes biking to the Keys to catch the sternwheeler to Kings Beach. Or the 72 mile shot which is the circle around the lake. The "century" includes back and forth to Truckee. Easy to see the need for many radio operators. The ride coordinator provides a fine lunch and, if you're inclined, a pasta dinner around the Horizon pool (sightseeing is nice!). A nice long-sleeved shirt is supplied to each operator to assist you in standing out from the crowd and the bikers will know who to contact when they're weary and worn out. AMBBR is a fine opportunity to provide a public service, have some fun, get some good eats and enjoy Lake Tahoe at its finest. Get a better picture of the scene at [www.bikethewest.com](http://www.bikethewest.com). Don (W3DRM) is the TARA-SIERA point man for this great ride. Contact him at

[w3drm@arrl.net](mailto:w3drm@arrl.net) or directly through the SIERA web site under "Contact us". Your participation is invited.

### Pony Express Re-Ride

The Pony Express re-ride is also just around the corner. Contact Will (KD7NIR) at [wplewis2@verizon.net](mailto:wplewis2@verizon.net) to get in the chain for this wonderful SIERA event.

### Newsletter Input Request

Creating and publishing a monthly newsletter takes a considerable amount of time and effort. As you can see, for this month, we do not have a full newsletter. I am inviting any board member or member, in general, to submit articles for the SIERA Newsletter. This publication is for your enjoyment and information. We need substantive content relating to Amateur Radio. Please consider submitting an article for future release. If so inclined, you may send it to Dick Young or Don McRoberts or any other board member.

### 2010 CALENDAR

Mar 27	– Social Bkfst
April 3	– Meeting 1PM
April 24	– Social Bkfst
<b>May 1</b>	<b>– EmCommWest</b>
May 22	– Social Bkfst
June 5	– PEX meeting
<b>June 6</b>	<b>– AMBBR</b>
<b>June 8–12</b>	<b>– PEX Re-Ride</b>
June 17	– ReRide Potluck
July 3	– Meeting 1PM
<b>July 10</b>	<b>– DEATH RIDE</b>
July 17	– Special Dinner
July 24	– Social Bkfst
Aug 7	– Meeting 1PM
Aug 28	– Social Bkfst
Sept 4	– Meeting 1PM
<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>– Tour de Tahoe</b>