SARTrack GPS tracking using Tait TP9300 radios – quick start guide

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SARTrack introduction

Tait portable TP9300 (and 9400) use the Tait audio FSK CCDI data protocol

- Compatible with almost all analog repeaters
- Built in GPS transmits position using bursts (periodic or on PTT release)

John ZL4JY has worked with Bart Kindt CEO, the SARTrack developer and Tait to get these new portables working with SARTrack and to develop codeplugs for AREC use

• Need to use SARTrack from at least Version 0.9.745

Base station can be any modern Tait mobile radio

• Tait TM8100, TM8200, TM9300, and TM9400

Radio IDs are form the world-wide amateur digital radio identification system

✓ Tait TP9300 radios are DMR compatible, TP9400 are P25

Example Motueka ZL2GK DMR IDs are 5303054, 5303055 to 5303059

- 0530 prefix (New Zealand), 4 digit suffix, refer: http://www.dmr-marc.net/cgi-bin/trbo-database/ Tait CCDI supports this format
- SARTrack is set up for 4 digit prefix and 4 digit suffix to suit DMR out-of-the box

Example SARTrack topo map view – single object



Example SARTrack Google Earth view – multiple objects



Quick start

Start SARTrack

Select Tait radio, set COM port to that which connects to base radio

Can use Tait radio programming cable via MIC jack to get started, optionally a codeplug change is needed to allow AUX RS-232 connection at rear of base radio
 Set base ID to 1042, Prefix to 0530, Baud rate to 9600, and tick connect to radio
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 Information box as shown in the example below

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COM port selection – detail

Navigate to Control Panel > All Control Panel Items > Device Manager

Locate COM 1, 2, etc, if using a desktop with a dedicated COM port(s), or find the correct serial to USB adapter (example shows Tait programming cable for testing) In SARTrack Connection box click on Tait and then click Setup Tait radio (example shows COM7) also check Radio ID is set to 1042 and Field radio prefix is 0530

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Show tracked objects on map

Select Maps (topo) or Google (Google Earth) map window from top floating menu Right click object in the Object information window

- Select Show T0530xxxx on Map
- Note that an Internet connection is required for map display

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Initial object tracking can be viewed on map



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Right click object name ...

Select object and set it as a team

Right click object name ...

... enter team name in the Tactical Name box to make the team to radio assignment

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Tait mobile DB15 auxiliary connector to PC DB9 wiring

Using the programming cable is adequate for testing but prevents microphone use PC to base radio connection should ideally use the auxiliary connector on the rear of the Tait TM9100/8200/9300 and 9400 radios as the standard external serial interface

 Edit codeplug Global Features > Serial Protocol > CCDI UART Port from MIC to AUX to change from the programming cable and MIC to the AUX auxiliary connector

The auxiliary connector only supports a subset of the RS232 standard but will work with most computer COM ports and USB serial port cables

Where interface difficulty is experienced use the Tait TMAA01-02 RS-232 Option Board



Common issues

Unable to use Tait Programing Application on the TM9300 mobile

 If you are using the Tait programming cable for testing then the TM9300 mobile is set up with CCDI operation via the microphone connector. To get around this leave the mobile off until after you click read Radio > Read in the Programming Application then turn the mobile on.

If you are using the Tx9300 radios in DMR mode in conjunction with Motorola radios and you get the key lock symbol on the display and muted audio then the radio firmware must be upgraded

- Requires firmware 2.08.00.0073 or later
- DMR and P25 Terminals Calibration Application version 2.23.0.64, Tait Firmware Upgrade Tool 1.25.0.29, TM8200/TM9300/TP9300 Programming Application 2.8.22

If you are using the Tx9300 radios in DMR mode and are experiencing distorted audio the above firmware will also address this issue

If you are using the TM9100 you may need a feature key (SFE) to enable CCDI operation

To program a LandSAR plan

LandSAR portables have 80 to 100 channels in one bank while AREC portables usually have multiple banks for different purposes or operating areas It is possible to combine both approaches in the Tait TP9300 portable

- In Conv Key Settings check that the Scroll Keys are set to Channels Menu
- In the LandSAR zone, label channel 0 "Use Up/Dn Keys" and enter freqs of 000.0 MHz
- Complete the entry of the LandSAR channels
- In the 16-Way Selector tab for the matching zone set Selector Positions to either pick the 16 national channels or if a dedicated national zone has been created, set all Selector Positions to Channel 0
- If multiple LandSAR plans are to be programmed (for neighbouring regions ie LandSAR National, LandSAR North Otago, LandSAR Canterbury) then add additional zones and repeat.
- Sample codeplugs are available with the LandSAR plans already entered from John Yaldwyn

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Ť	12/03/2016	3:12:35 p.m.	то	Team 3		Task	NEW TASK: T3 proceed to Cone Hut - response @ 1513 On Way	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	85	
Open	12/03/2016	3:14:06 p.m.	то	Operations		Message	T3 is now clear of race	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	83	
Open	12/03/2016	3:14:17 p.m.	FROM	Cone Marshals		Standard	TRM - Danny (Cone Marshal) has made it to Walls Whare. Mel has not made it to Wa	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	84	
Open	12/03/2016	3:17:26 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	T3 Head up to Cone Hut and call in on arrival to get further tasking	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	113	
Open	12/03/2016	3:19:55 p.m.	то	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TRM - SAR Base advising that TEC 3 and Team 6 have passed the Tauherenikau bridg	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	88	
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Open	12/03/2016	3:22:46 p.m.	FROM	Team 5		Standard	T5 arrived at track junction at Makaka Creek	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	95	
Open	12/03/2016	3:23:20 p.m.	то	Operations		Message	T1 GR976612 Tracked to this point	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	94	
Open	12/03/2016	3:25:01 p.m.	то	Team 5		Standard	T5 search up Makaka Creek to true right fork	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	96	
Open	12/03/2016	3:32:32 p.m.	FROM	Team 3		Standard	T3 At Cone Hut awaiting instructions	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	97	
Open	12/03/2016	3:36:13 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	All teams - For training purposes all teams please change radio operator	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	111	
Open	12/03/2016	3:40:04 p.m.	FROM	Team 1		Message	T1 At GR 976612 Try to relocate Block 14 track off Cone Saddle track and attemp	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	115	
Open	12/03/2016	3:40:09 p.m.	то	Team 3		Standard	T3 Radio in on arrival at GR 970603	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	118	
Open	12/03/2016	3:40:51 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	T3 Proceed to GR970603 up Tauherinikau River from Cone Hut to old bridge site.	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	117	
Open	12/03/2016	3:45:09 p.m.	FROM	Team 1		Standard	T1 Return to Cone Ridge track and continue with original task up to Cone Summit	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	119	
Open	12/03/2016	3:50:30 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	T4 Travel along Neil / Winchcombe ridge track to spot height 1118. Sign cut trac	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	120	
Open	12/03/2016	3:52:51 p.m.	то	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TRM - Advised Kaitoke Base the Team 6 have passed Smiths Creek.	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	114	
Open	12/03/2016	3:56:28 p.m.	FROM	Cone Marshals		Standard	TRM - Cone Marshal Mel has made it out of Walls Whares and enroute to Carterton	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	116	
Open	12/03/2016	3:57:09 p.m.	FROM	Team 1		Standard	T1 on main track to Cone Peak and progressing along	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	131	
Open	12/03/2016	3:59:31 p.m.	то	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TRM - SAR Base advises that all of the Marshals with the exception of TEC3 who	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	122	
Open	12/03/2016	4:00:20 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	T1 Ask dog handler whether he thinks its worth continuing with previous tracking	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	121	
Open	12/03/2016	4:18:31 p.m.	FROM	Team 4		Standard	T4 At GR 972629 spot height 1118. Came across 3 track traps with no human sign.	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	134	
Open	12/03/2016	4:21:33 p.m.	FROM	Team 1		Clues	T1 At GR 17976888 5461162 Loacted Paul who has a bee sting	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	136	
Open	12/03/2016	4:21:33 p.m.	то	Operations		Standard	T1 advised wasp nest at GR976612	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	137	
Open	12/03/2016	4:27:49 p.m.	FROM	T6		Standard	TRM - Team 6 are near Puffer Saddle and changing over radio channel to Climie.	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	127	
Open	12/03/2016	4:30:14 p.m.	FROM	Operations		Standard	T4 Go back to Cone Ridge track and proceed along Cone Ridge towards Totara Flats	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	135	
Open	12/03/2016	4:32:47 p.m.	FROM	Team 1		Message	T1 Patient Paul was stung by wasps at 9.51 today. Known to be allergic to stings	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	140	
Open	12/03/2016	4:32:56 p.m.	FROM	TMR T6		Standard	TMR T6 nearly at top of Puffer Saddle. Are switching to Climie Repeater.	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	130	
Open	12/03/2016	4:33:44 p.m.	FROM	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TMR Kaitoke Base advised that TEC 3 and T6 are nearly at the top of the Puffer a	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	132	
Open	12/03/2016	4:36:24 p.m.	FROM	Team 5		Message	T5 Are they to carry on to the next Creek Junction	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	142	
Open	12/03/2016	4:40:50 p.m.	то	Team 3		Message	T3 Get on to bottom of spur on true left of river and follow up old track to GR9	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	145	
Open	12/03/2016	4:43:51 p.m.	то	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TMR Kaitoke Base - were told that TEC 3 and T6 have switched to Climie	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	138	
Open	12/03/2016	4:45:25 p.m.	то	Team 5		Message	T5 Continue on from GR 999 624 up true right stream	Margaret	WSAR2 Advisor	144	
Open	12/03/2016	4:46:55 p.m.	FROM	T6		Standard	TMR TEC 3 has gone ahead of T6 and is heading down to Kaitoke. TEC 3 does not ha	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	139	
Open	12/03/2016	4:48:17 p.m.	FROM	Kaitoke Base		Standard	TMR Kaitoke base advises that finish line is packed up and Mike is just waiting	Dee Pearce	WSAR6 Coms	141	
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TRM - Cor	TRM - Cone Marshal Mel has made it out of Walls Whares and enroute to Carterton.										
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Notes on SARTrack compatibility

Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) is an amateur radio standard used in the original SARTrack equipment. It works with any radio as the APRS sensor had both GPS and a radio modem built in. All the radio needs to do is transmit the audio tones over the air and the modems at each end do the rest. For more information see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_Packet_Reporting_System

Tait CDDI Analog is a Tait developed system that sends command and control messages uses MPT1327 fast frequency shift keying (FFSK) tones over the air. Tait have a range of radios that support GPS location reporting using the Computer Controlled Data Interface (CCDI) method, some using standard external NMEA GPS sensors that are connected to the radio via RS-232 (within the radio the GPS location messages are converted to CCDI) and some with built in GPS sensors.

Icom IDAS radios support position reporting over analog using a built in GPS sensor. Typical radios include the IC-F3263DT. Some AREC groups are using these radios, particularly where an existing support infrastructure exists for Icom radios.

Icom Analog radios such as the IC-F50 can also have GPS sensors connected externally using a OPC-966 (or similar cable) and the portable will then report positions using the Icom SDM short data message format (based on MDC/BIIS).

Cellular phone positions can be displayed by using a separate program to capture the cellular positions as reported (for example by Google Latitude) and storing them in a SARTrack database for display.

Maritime AIS is an IMO standardized automatic tracking system used on ships. It contumeliously transmits vessels positions. It is widely used by all vessels over 300 tons and optionally by smaller craft. Transmission can be picked up by shore stations or satellite. It is supported by AREC in Wellington who have AIS receiving station installed to cover Cook Strait. See: http://arec.info/marine-traffic/

SARTrack supports all of the above protocols AT THE SAME TIME. In a recent SAREX in the Wairarapa, AREC tested both Tait CCDI and Icom IDAS portables running on the same radio repeater and reporting into the same SARTrack computer. No problems were experienced with this multi-vendor scenario.

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