

# Radio Operators – What to Bring

The following is a list of items you should bring with you when working a car rally. This assumes your mobile radio is installed and working in your vehicle and programmed with the frequencies for the rally.

1. Always bring the manual for your radio(s). You never know what's going to happen to make us switch frequencies (repeater failure(s) or a need to x-band repeat to get signals into tougher areas).
2. Spare radios, antennas, mounts and coax if you have them.
3. Some tools to fix your own, or someone else's, radio installs.
4. Clothing and footwear for all weather conditions. It's that time of year where the weather can switch from warm and sunny, to raining to a foot of snow in 15 minutes so please be prepared.
5. Bring food and water for the day.
6. Bring toilet paper and a small shovel (garden trowel) if you have one. There is no guarantee there will be facilities at most radio op positions.
7. A first aid and / or off road emergency kit if you have one.
8. A high visibility vest if you have one for those times you may be out of your vehicle.
9. Extra pens / pencils and paper. We will be recording when cars leave or pass by our positions. Although sheets will be provided on orientation night it's always good to have extra.
10. Something to do during breaks between stages. I bring my ipad with some books / games loaded.

## NOTE:

- There have not been any wildlife encounters to date. All the traffic and loud rally cars are good at sending wildlife running for the hills. That being said, always be mindful if you are out of your vehicle for a nice stroll during breaks in stages or whatever.
- If you get stuck for some reason don't worry. There will be recovery vehicles at the rally to help you out.
- Make sure you sign the waiver for the event. They will be available during orientation night and Rally Marshalls will have them at every checkpoint.