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The Weather@Home Bluetooth-Enabled Weather Station relays weather conditions to your smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth.

Weather Station

We've always had thermometers at my house, and they've evolved from big dials mounted on the back fence to wireless models that beam the temperature to a business card-size display.

Now we have the Weather @Home Bluetooth-Enabled Weather Station (\$59.99 at oregonscientific.com) that really brings out the weather geek in me.

It's similar to some of the older wireless thermometers with an outdoor sensor and an LCD display, but the display shows much more information. It also relays weather conditions to your smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth.

The Weather@Home has a large LCD base station to display the readings from up to five outdoor sensors. One sensor is included; others are available from Oregon Scientific's website.

The outdoor sensor reads temperature and humidity and shows you which direction those readings are headed.

The indoor display shows outdoor and indoor temperature and humidity as well as a 12-hour weather forecast with barometric pressure trends, the moon phase and weather warning messages for heat, wind, storm, frost, fog and ice.

Finally, the bottom of the display shows the day and time.

The base can use Bluetooth Low Energy to talk to a Weather@Home app for your compatible iOS or Android device.

The app shows indoor and outdoor temperatures and humidity for all installed sensors and graphs showing past readings.

The Bluetooth link works from up to 150 feet away, depending on how much obstruction is in the way.

I liked the historic graphs in the app, and the current weather information is good. It would be neat if you could access the information from outside your home, but the Weather@Home would need Wi-Fi. Maybe the next model.

Batteries are included for the base and sensor. Setup instructions are printed on a single sheet, which made for an easy setup but didn't give much explanation of the features.

Pros: Big display, pairs with your smart device, multiple sensor capability.

Cons: Lost the Bluetooth connection more than once during testing.

Bottom Line: Good low-price weather station. Bluetooth is nice, but it's not as useful as I hoped.
