Winlink 2000 e-mail anytime, anywhere

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Agenda

- Welcome, Intro, Credits
- What is Winlink 2000? (What's in it for me?)
- What hardware do I need?
- What software do I need?
- Demo (?)
- Q&A Throughout!
- Resources

Winlink 2000 - Credits

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What is Winlink 2000?

- "Worldwide system of volunteer sysops, radio stations, and network assets that support e-mail by radio ... "
- Includes non-commercial link to internet e-mail
- Users include
 - Many government agencies (contingency communication)
 - Amateur Radio operators
 - MARS operators
 - Private sailboats
 - Non Governmental organizations (NGOs)
 - Examples: Red Cross, AT&T, FedEx

WL2K: e-mail when you are away

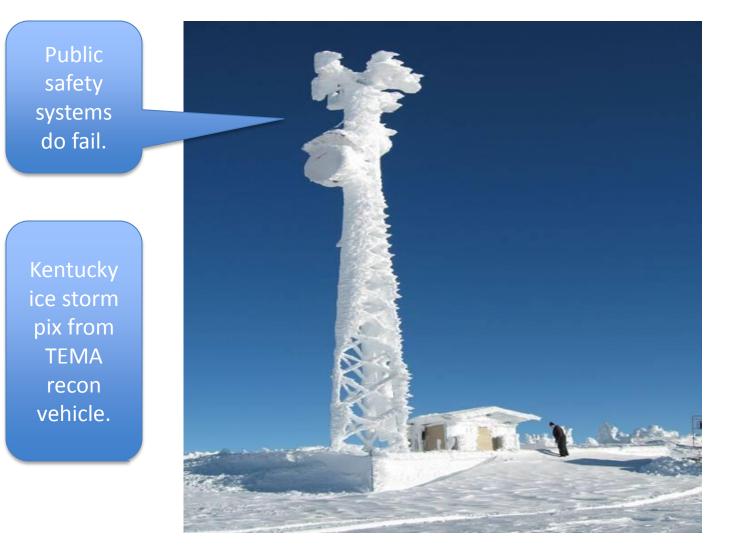
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Mobile HF rig and antenna: \$1,200... PACTOR III Modem: \$1,000...

Ability to send email when commercial communications systems fail: Priceless

http://www.winlink.org

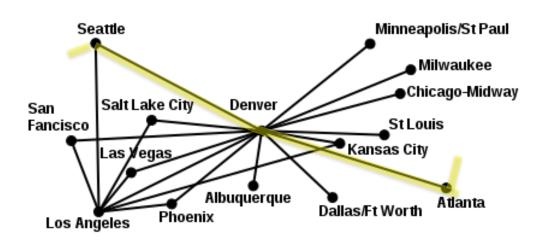
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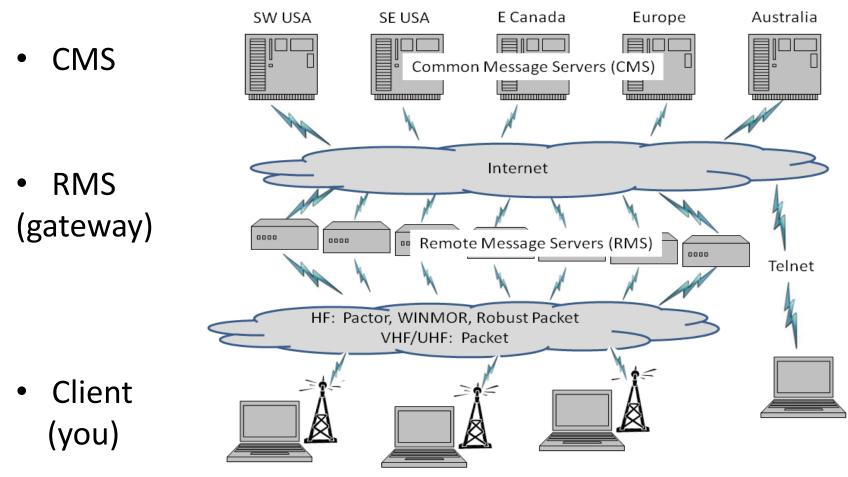
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WL2K – like the hub and spoke airline system

- Drive to SeaTac
- Fly to Denver
- Change Planes
- Fly to Atlanta
- Rent a car
- Drive to your destination

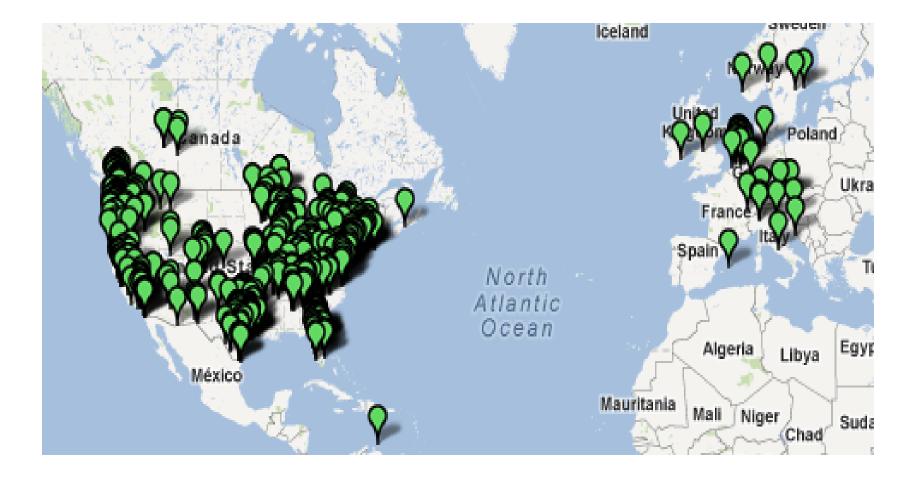


Winlink 2000 System Architecture



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Winlink Ham VHF/UHF Gateways in America & Europe



Winlink Ham HF Gateways in America & Europe



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What hardware do I need for WL2K?



Winlink Connection Modes

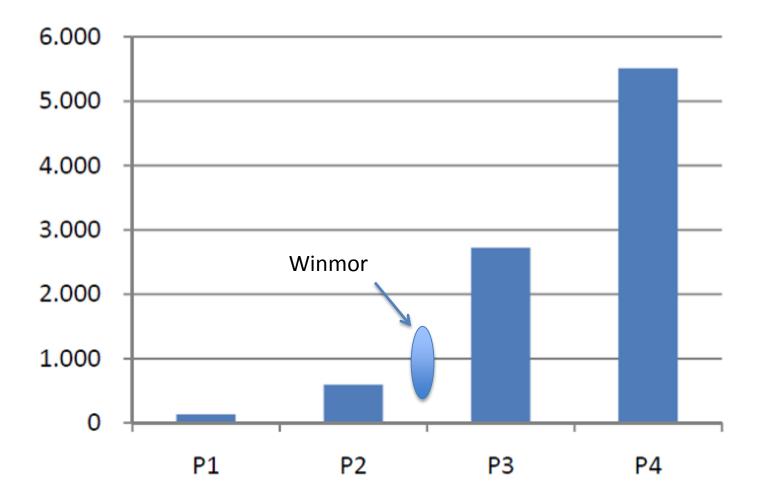
- HF Pactor 1, 2, 3, 4*
 - Fast and reliable
 - requires an expensive modem (\$1500+).

• **HF WINMOR**

- "Poor man's Pactor"
- uses inexpensive sound card device (\$100)
- Slower than Pactor (speed between P2 and P3)
- VHF/UHF Packet
 - 1200 baud VHF Slower, can use ~\$100 Byonics TinyTrak-4 modem.
 - 9600 baud UHF Fast. Requires \$400 modem (e.g., Kantronics, or SCS Tracker), or radio with built in modem (e.g. Kenwood TM-D710).
- Telnet
 - Non-radio connection through the Internet.
 - Good for training and use if radio is down or network is busy.

*Pactor 4 not yet legal for US hams. OK for MARS

Pactor Speeds (HF)



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Will my radio work?

• HF Pactor 1, 2, 3 and 4

– Visit SCS site

- see if they have a cable for your radio

• **HF WINMOR**

- Visit Tigertronics (SignaLink USB) or US Navigator site
- See if they have a cable for your radio
- VHF/UHF Packet

– Google "<my radio> packet"

• Telnet

– No radio needed. Computer and internet!

WKL2K: Software Choices

- RMS Express
 - Preferred e-mail client
 - Works with telnet, packet, WINMOR, PACTOR
 - Includes e-mail client
- Paclink
 - Streamlined radio e-mail client
 - Uses your e-mail application
 - Outlook, Thunderbird, etc.
 - No support for WINMOR
- Airmail
 - The oldest program for use with WL2K
 - No support for WINMOR







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<u>http://www.winlink.org/</u> > Software > User Software > RMS Express > Winlink ftp site > User Programs

RMS Express _includes_ the WINMOR Software (don't need "WINMOR TNC")

Install software and setup RMS Express

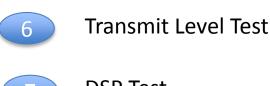
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- Service Co	odes				
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Grid Square lookup: <u>http://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid_square.php</u>

Onetime WINMOR Setup

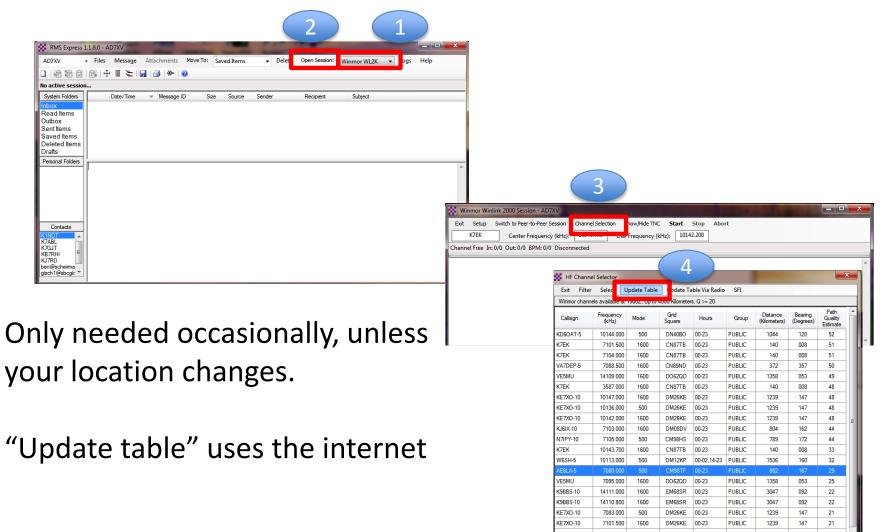
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Read Items	☐ 2013/05/01 18:36 JEHL3S3D216P 1094 SYSTEM		//WL2K User Notice	
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- 1. Select Winmor WL2K,
- 2. Open Session
- 3. Setup
- 4. Choose soundcard
- 5. Enter Radio control "CAT" info
- 6. Test your transmit level
- 7. Test your PC Digital Signal Processing power

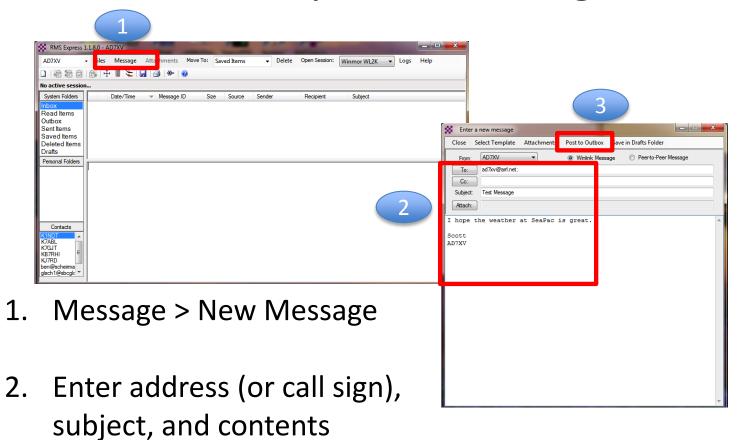




Get a list of HF RMS stations

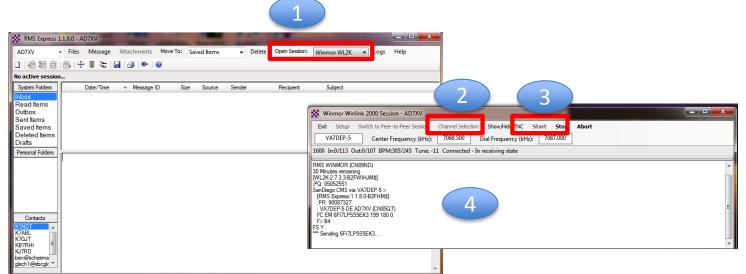


Compose a message



3. Post to Outbox

Send/Receive



- 1. Open a session
- 2. Choose a channel
- 3. Start
- 4. View progress (text)
- 5. View connection (graphical)



WL2K Resources

Your local ARES/RACES group

Getting Started with WL2K, Winmor, and RMS Express (emphasis on HF)

http://www.winlink.org/webfm_send/184

WL2K for the "Digitally Challenged" (emphasis on telnet and Packet)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LOADING_WL2K_USER_PROGRAMS/

WL2K Home Page <u>http://www.winlink.org/</u>

WL2K user (client) Software <u>http://www.winlink.org/ClientSoftware</u> WL2K Yahoo groups

http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/Winlink_Programs_Group/

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wl2kemcomm/

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WL2K Key Messages Winlink 2000 is a global system of volunteers, radios, and network infrastructure

RMS Express is provides a familiar, scalable interface

You can do this: winlink.org

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Questions?

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OK, I want to get started

- Assemble / configure hardware
- Load user ("client") software <u>http://www.winlink.org/ClientSoftware</u> <u>http://www.greg-hand.com/hfwin32.html</u>
- Configure the software
- Send a message by radio to a WL2K RMS station, or by telnet to CMS

- Suggest: send it to your main e-mail address

 You now have a new WL2K address: yourcall@winlink.org

V/UHF Packet (compared to HF)

Disadvantages

- Requires local V/UHF RMS site (not a repeater)
- Limited range, line of site
- Local "event" may take out V/UHF RMS (need HF as a backup anyway)

Advantages

- Smaller more convenient antenna
- Less expensive than Pactor
- High speed over UHF (9600 baud with SCS Tracker, Kantronics KPC-9612+, or Kenwood TM-D710)
- FM is usually noise/static free

WINMOR (compared to Pactor)

Disadvantages

- Soundcard settings can be tricky, subject to 'change' by Windows
- Not as robust as dedicated
 DSP hardware (i.e., Pactor)
- Speed between Pactor 2 and Pactor 3

Advantages

- Less expensive than Pactor (\$100 vs. \$1500)
- You may already have the equipment (e.g., if you do PSK-31)

What Winlink 2000 Offers for EmComm

- Flexibility:
 - Internet-only (Telnet) direct connections to Winlink.
 - Radio link bridge to Internet e-mail
 - Radio-only store and forward messaging
 - Peer-to-peer connections between radio end-users
 - Various levels of security including message encryption
- Interoperability: Connect different types of systems
 - Bridge different radio capabilities (VHF/UHF/HF)
 - Bridge protocols: Pactor, Winmor, Packet, Robust Packet
 - Seamless integration with Internet e-mail
- Geographical dispersion and redundancy for reliability

What Winlink Offers for EmComm (more)

- Standard e-mail format with many features
 - Binary file attachments (pictures, pdf, spreadsheets)
 - Automatic message compression/decompression
 - Encryption capabilities available to Agencies on nonham channels
- Time independence
- Ability to collect messages while unattended
- Good operation at most power levels
- Not limited by station-to-station propagation
- Message logging, and ICS report generation
- Wide adoption by EmComm related agencies

Levels of Message Validation & Correction

- **No validation or correction** RTTY, BPSK-31.
- Forward Error Correction (FEC) Redundant information transmitted so minor errors can be corrected: MT63, Olivia, QPSK-31.
- Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ) Positive or negative packet acknowledgements from receiving station: Pactor, Winmor, Packet, TCP/IP.
- Pactor and Winmor use both FEC and ARQ.
- Only ARQ provides 100% accurate message delivery.
- Accuracy is essential for EmComm.

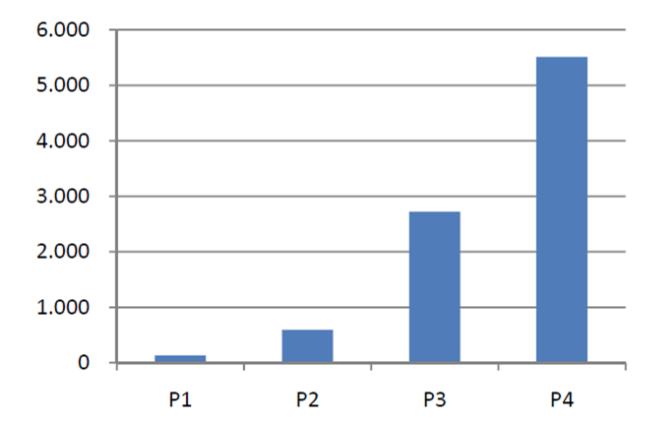
Good Operation at Most Power Levels

- QTH: Nashville, TN
- **0.5 watts Pactor 3**: South Carolina, New York, Michigan, Texas, Canada, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Iowa.
- **0.5 watts Winmor**: Wisconsin, Maine, Ohio, Texas, Indiana, South Carolina, and North Carolina.
- **5 watts Winmor**: California and Canada
- Excellent for field operations on battery power.
- 100 watts is recommended for normal operations.

Recent Enhancements to Winlink for EmComm

- Service Codes to manage lists of channels
- **<u>RMS Express</u>** enhancements
- **<u>Radio-only</u>** store and forward message hubs
- <u>Trimode</u> RMS Server software

Pactor Speeds (HF)



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Service Codes and Restricted Channel Lists

- Growing demand for separate channel lists
 - Public (ham)
 - EmComm (ham)
 - MARS
 - Other: International Red Cross, AT&T Disaster Recovery, etc.
- Each channel (frequency) has an associated service code
- Service codes are selected by the RMS node sysop
- Service codes are entered in client programs
- Service codes create channel lists with limited access

RMS Express Service Codes

Additional origination callsigns or tactical addresses for each "my callsign."

	Call Signs	
Additional security	My Callsign: W4PHS Optional Aux Call signs: My Shortened Callsign: Aux Call 1: Add callsign suffix if required (optional): Aux Call 2:	
available.	EM66NA Lat/Lon to Grid Square	
	My Password (optional): Use Secure Login	Ability to review and select
	NOTE: A password is required only if you use secure login. Passwords are not required for most installations.	messages prior
	Display list of pending incoming messages prior to download	download.
Combine	Wam about connections to stations holding messages	
multiple	Disable Peer-To-Peer Message Transfer	
service	Path to propagation forecast program: C:\itshfbc\	
code lists.	Service Codes	
	PUBLIC EMCOMM	Propagatio
	(Use PUBLIC for ham call signs. Separate multiple service codes by spaces.)	guidelines
	If you change service codes, you must update the list of channels.	available.
	Keep logs for 2 🗢 weeks	
	Update Cancel Remove call sign	
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RMS Express Channel List

HF Chann	el Selector								x
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Pactor channe	els available at 1	200Z, Up to 2000	0 Kilometers,	Q >= 12					
Callsign	Frequency (kHz)	Mode	Grid Square	Hours	Group	Distance (Kilometers)	Bearing (Degrees)	Path Quality Estimate	*
NOIA	7063.900	P1, P2, P3	EL98JV	00-23	PUBLIC	952	145	48	
HP2XBA	21102.900	P1, P2, P3	EJ88RK	00-23	PUBLIC	3095	171	48	
AE5R	10141.200	P1, P2, P3	EL16DE	00-23	EMCOMM	1499	226	48	=
KN6KB	7083.000	P1, P2	EL98PF	00-23	PUBLIC	1041	144	48	
W5SEG	7098.500	P1, P2, P3	EL19AN	00-23	EMCOMM	1258	238	47	
HP2XBA	18119.000	P1, P2, P3	EJ88RK	00-23	PUBLIC	3095	171	47	
WOMAC	7101.200	P3	EM20GB	00-23	EMCOMM •	1057	233	7/	
WOMAC	7066.900	P1, P2	EM20GB	00-23	EMCOMM	1037	233	47	
KB5HCD	7096.000	P1, P2	EL29FU	00-23	PUBLIC	1058	232	47	
W5SEG	7067.500	P1, P2, P3	EL19AN	00-23	EMCOMM	1258	238	47	
KK5AN	7103.400	P3	EM11CC	00-23	PUBLIC	1147	245	47	
KJ6VW	21122.500	P1, P2, P3	FK87ML	00-23	PUBLIC	3125	125	47	
VE1YZ	14114.000	P1, P2, P3, P4	EN04DQ	00 20	1 ODEIO	2102	050	47	
VA3LKI	7092.000	P1, P2, P3, P4	FN04CR	00-23	PUBLIC	1137	030	47	
KB5HCD	7065.300	P1, P2	EL29FU	00-23	PUBLIC	1058	232	47	
KF5JJK	7105.900	P3	EM02DK	00-23	EMCOMM	1243	255	46	
WBOTAX	10143.700	P3	EM32GI	00-23	PUBLIC	729	238	46	
K6IXA	14063.900	P1, P2	CM97QI	00-23	PUBLIC	2994	283	46	
K6CYC	14108.500	P3	DM03SX	00-23	PUBLIC	2870	275	46	
K6IXA	14102.700	P3	CM97QI	00-23	PUBLIC	2994	283	46	-

RMS Express Enhanced Support

Multiple modes

• Multiple call signs			Logs Help
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Contacts address book	Contacts AAA9AC AAR4MX AK4FA KA40TB KB6BT KC0QOD KE3X8 KI4PSR KK4AIZ KK4CQD KQ1Q PHIL PHS VA3LKI W4PHS	<pre>Message ID: KMG4HK6PJ35M Date: 2012/05/07 08:40 From: phil@philsherrod.com To: W4PHS Source: SMTP Subject: Message with attachment =_NextPart_001_0354_01CD2C03.15A855D0 Content-Type: text/plain;</pre>	

RMS Express Message Review Review pending messages before downloading.

• Select which massages to download

	Message ID	Date	Time	Size	From	Subject
	73QIXZMP7L62	2012/04/13	23:47	383	K4CJX@COMCAST.NET	ARE YOU GOING TO THE MEETING?
	3BS4WLDTHGRQ	2012/04/13	22:05	386	PHIL@PHILSHERROD	TEST MESSAGE 1
	TBVV1HTIQM9W	2012/04/13	22:05	386	PHIL@PHILSHERROD	TEST MESSAGE 2
	OAH1TROQ92T0	2012/04/14	00:30	589	K4CJX@ME.COM	DISREGARD THE PREVIOUS COML INSTRUCTIO
	HSUB7396F4U2	2012/04/14	00:25	670	K4CJX@COMCAST.NET	ICS STAGING AREA EASY TO FIND
	IAGOIO2ED10S	2012/04/14	00:31	26177	AAA9AC	HOW TO USE THE ANTENNA CALCULATOR
essage	MKSE1C6VZWX2	2012/04/14	00:27	26373	K4CJX@COMCAST.NET	INTEROPERABILITY IS EASY WITH THE TRIMODE
-	K1MBQHRWWL5Q	2012/04/14	00:23	41595	K4CJX@COMCAST.NET	IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TONIGHT
large	XN01Z6UUWOOB	2012/04/14	00:28	50702	K4CJX@ME.COM	THIS COULD HELP IF YOU USE IT
not 👘	3GN09WF039RY	2012/04/13	22:07	147422	PHIL@PHILSHERROD	MESSAGE WITH FILE ATTACHMENT
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			V	Display this r	nessage review screen for each	download cycle
	Downloa	d Checked Mess	sages		Select All Messages	Deselect All Messages

Message Receipt Acknowledgements

Positive acknowledgment that message was received

	Acknowledge receipt of message by W4PHS									
•	Close Select Template Attachments Post to Outbox Save in Drafts Folder									
au	From: W4PHS From: W4PHS From: W4PHS From: Hadde Construction	je								
	To: k4cjx@comcast.net; Cc:									
	Subject: ACK: //mars/test									
	Attach:									
	[message acknowledgement]									
	The following message was received by W4PHS									
	Subject: //mars/test									
	Sender: k4cjx@comcast.net									
	To: W4PHS Received: 2011/09/13 15:12									
	Message-ID: VXMWNWKEYEIY									
	Number of attachments: 0									
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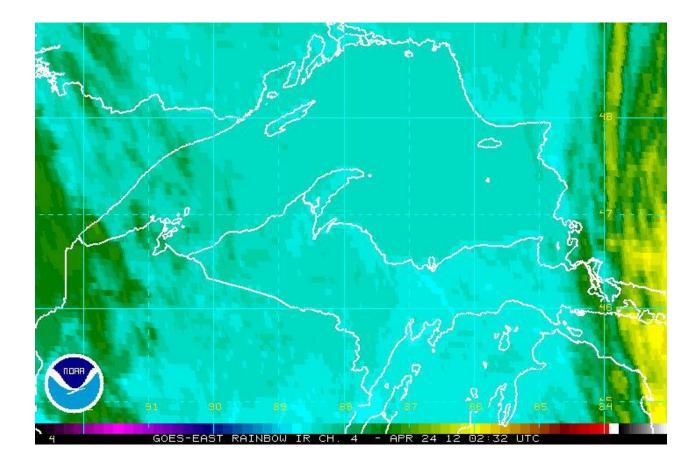
Information Requests

- Use the "Winlink Catalog Request" feature in RMS Express to request:
 - Weather maps for most areas of the world
 - Weather forecasts
 - Maritime HF nets and frequencies
 - Satellite images
 - Location of closest 30 stations
 - ARRL Newsletter, e-letter, etc.
 - Misc. bulletins

RMS Express Query Catalog

🗱 Winlink Query Catalo	g					×
Categories		Inquiry ID	Description	Size	Originated	Selections
	•	ARES_E_LTR	Current ARRL ARES E-Letter	35537	2009-45-06	ARES_E_LTR
ARRL AUT_HAM		LETTER	Current ARRL Letter	23103	2010-17-04	
GERMAN_BCST GMD_METFR						
GULF_CURRENT HF_NETS						
HONDURAS						
INDIAN_OCEAN LIGHTNING						
MEL_EXPLORE METAR METAREA METAREA_I						Double click to add or delete query selections
METAREA_II METAREA_III						Post Request
METAREA_IV METAREA_IX METAREA_V METAREA_VI						Last Update 2012/04/20 11:00
METAREA_VI METAREA_VII METAREA_VIII						Request Catalog Update
METAREA_X METAREA_XI						Cancel
METAREA_XII METAREA_XIV						
METAREA_XVI NAVIMAIL						
PROPAGATION S/PACIFIC_WX						
SAT_KEPS SAT_PIX						
UK_CADET						

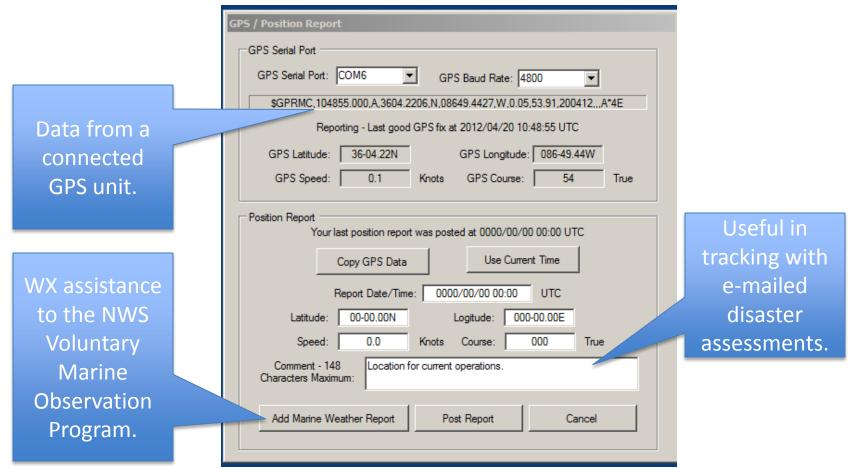
Weather Map Image Returned for Request



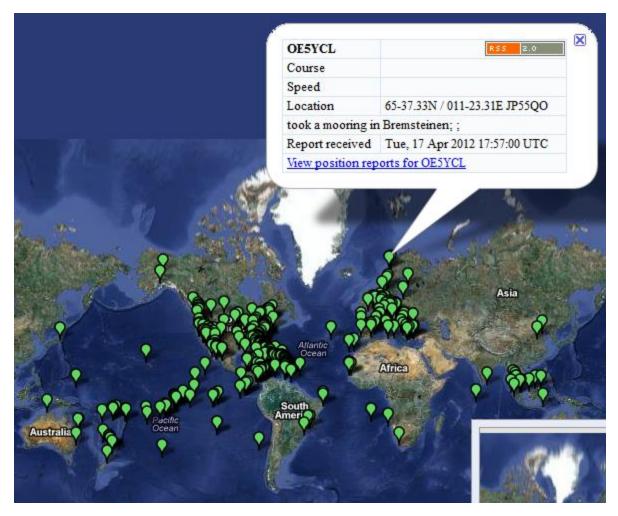
Winlink Position Reports

- You can send position reports to the Winlink system.
 - Coordinates sent via connected GPS.
 - Otherwise, your position may be entered manually.
- Position Reports are sent to:
 - Winlink system map
 - ShipTrak maps
 - APRS maps
 - YotReps maps
- Extremely valuable for pinpointing locations, especially for maritime operation.

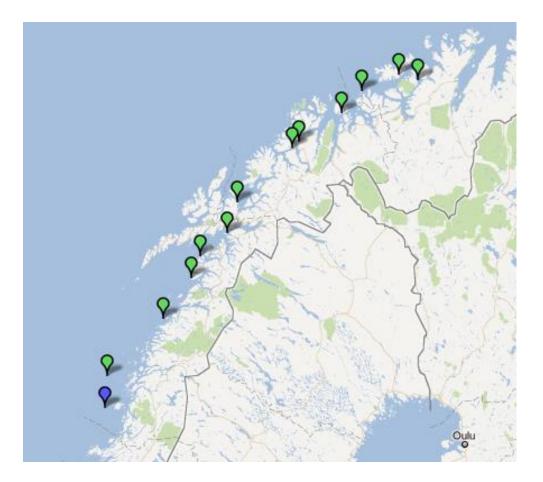
Posting a Position Report



Winlink.org Real-time Position Report Page



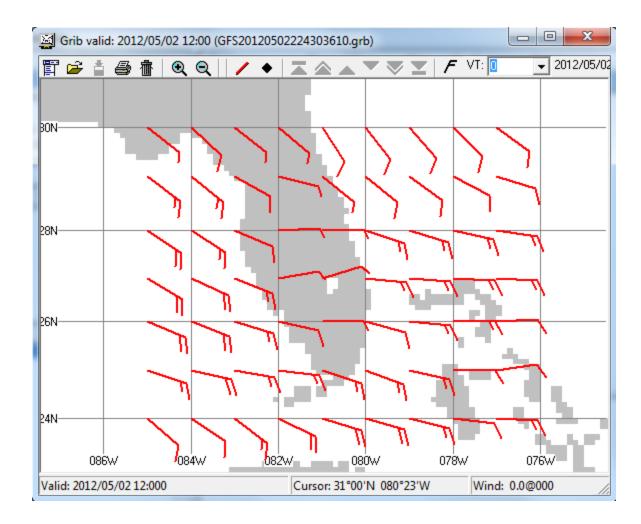
Position Tracking



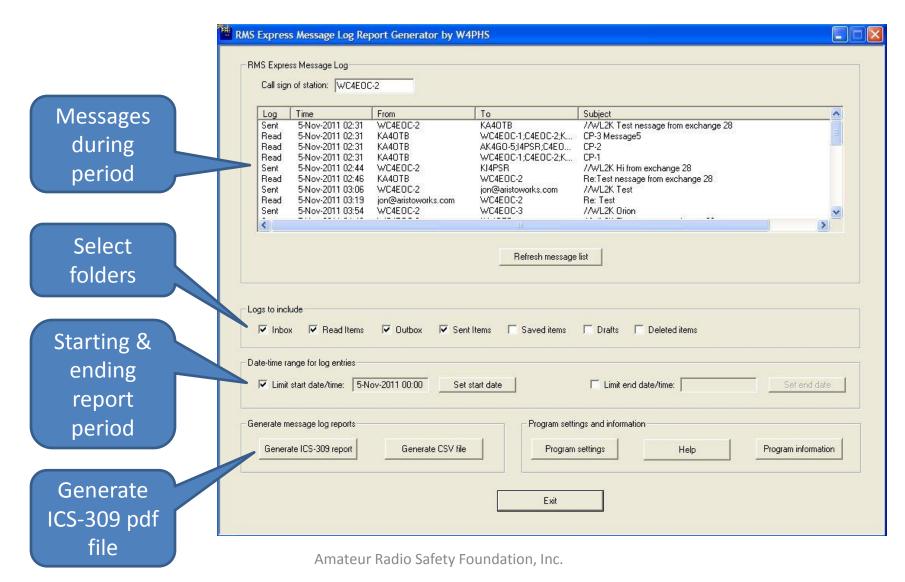
GRIB File Requests

Select Map Region and Options for GRIB File	
Zoom-in Zoom-out Lat: 042° 47' N Lon: 066° 36' W	
•	
Selected GRIB Region Information	Forecast Action
029° 32' N Vind HGT500 Waves SFCTMP	Days: 2 - Hours: 6 - Post Request
085° 22' W 077° 27' W Rain TMP500 024° 02' N PRMSL	Cancel Cancel 0 0.5 0 1.0 0 2.0 File size (kb): 6

GRIB Map Returned by Winlink System



RMSMessageLog ICS-309 Generator



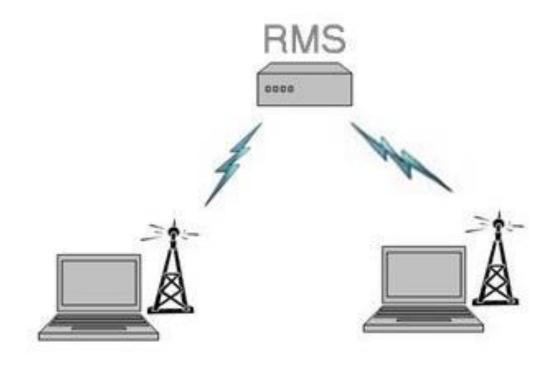
Generated ICS-309 PDF Message Log Report

MUNICATIONS	LOG	TASK #		DATE PREPARED: 10-Sep-2011 TIME PREPARED: 15:31
RATIONAL PERIOD	# 0800 - 1100 Sec	. 10, 2011	TASK NAME: HO	W-100 bike ride
O OPERATOR NAM	E: W4PHS			STATION LD. Rest Stop # 3
			LOG	
TIME	FROM	то		SUBJECT
10-Sep-2011 08:21	KA4OTB	AK4GO KI4PSR WC4EOC-2 WC4EOC-1	HOW-100	
10-Sep-2011 08:23	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB	//wl2k Rest Stop # 3	
10-Sep-2011 08:31	WC4EOC-2	KI4PSR WC4EOC-1	/wi2k Rest Stop 3	
10-Sep-2011 09:11	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB KI4PSR	//WL2K Test from Rest 8	Stop 3
10-Sep-2011 09:12	KA4OTB	WC4EOC-2	Re:Rest Stop # 3	
10-Sep-2011 09:12	KA4OTB	WC4EOC-2	Re:Rest Stop # 3	
10-Sep-2011 09:12	KI4PSR	WC4EOC-2 KI4PSR WC4EOC-1	Re:Rest Stop 3	
10-Sep-2011 09:14	WC4EOC-2	KI4PSR	/WL2K Re:Rest Stop 3	
10-Sep-2011 09:14	KA4OTB	WC4EOC-2	Test Message	
10-Sep-2011 09:16	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB	/WL2K Re:Test Messag	90
10-Sep-2011 09:34	KI4PSR	KA4OTB AK4GO KI4PSR WC4EOC-2 WC4EOC-1	Ra:HOW-100	
10-Sep-2011 09:50	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB	/WL2K Water received	at Rest Stop 3
10-Sep-2011 10:00	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB	/WL2K Rest Stop 3 has	s riders
10-Sep-2011 10:12	KA4OTB	WC4EOC-2	Re:Rest Stop 3 has ride	irs
10-Sep-2011 10:23	WC4EOC-2	KI4PSR	/WL2K Winlink-vhfor h	f
10-Sep-2011 10:51	KIAPSR	WC4EOC-2	Re:Winlink-vhf or hf	
10-Sep-2011 10:53	WC4EOC-2	KI4PSR	/WL2K Re:Winlink-vhf	or hf
10-Sep-2011 11:02	WC4EOC-2	KA4OTB KI4PSR	//WL2K Rest stop 3 shu	ting down
1 of 1				ICS 3

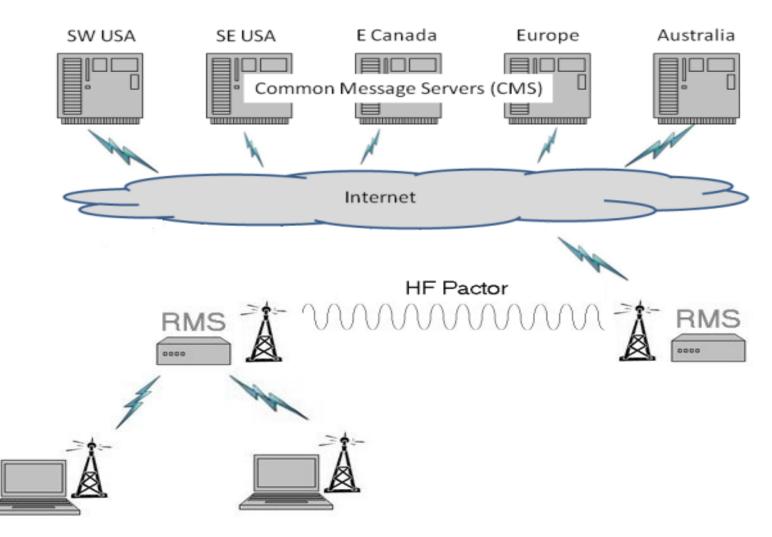
Winlink Radio-Only Message RMS Hub

- New capability for Winlink system.
- Radio-only: No Internet connection is required.
- RMS node running the *RMS Relay* program acts as a standalone message hub for multiple users.
- Messages are stored in a local database on the hub until picked up by the recipient.
- Any number of stations can communicate as long as they all connect to the same hub.
- Standard e-mail format is used and file attachments are supported.
- Option to hold messages until Internet available.
- HF forwarding to a RMS station via Pactor.

Radio-Only Message Hub Topology

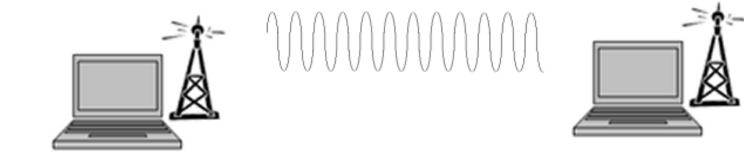


HF Forwarding from Radio-Only Hub



Winlink Peer-To-Peer Radio-Only Operation

- Peer-to-peer: direct radio connection between end-users
- The Internet is not used, all communication by radio.
- Only the two client stations are involved.



New "Trimode" RMS Node Software

- Single program allows one radio/computer to control:
 - Pactor
 - Winmor
 - Robust Packet
- The RMS station simultaneously monitors and responds to connections from all three protocols.
- A single computer and radio can service up to 8 channels with any mix of protocols.
- Each channel has its own service code
- Replaces RMS Pactor and RMS Winmor
- Enhances interoperability between modes

Trimode RMS Channel Setup Screen

- Per channel: Frequency, Bandwidth, scan period, modes, callsign, & class of service.
- Flexibility allows conforming to regulatory environments.

Channel Settings									
When scanning the program dwells on each frequency for a time and then is 'deaf' for 500 ms while changing frequency. A shorter dwell time of 3 seconds is used if ONLY Pactor is enable on a frequency. Individual modes may be enabled on each frequency using its check box. A maximum of five frequencies will be scanned during any given hour.									
The start time is the BEGINNING of the indicated hour and the stop stop is the END of the indicated hour for each frequency (all times in UTC). Time intervals may span midnight. A start time of 18 and a stop time of 6 represents a period from 1800 UTC time to 0659 UTC time.									
A frequency setting of 0.000 represents an unused channel. A start hour of 0 and stop hour of 23 represents a continuous 24 hour period.									
Frequency changes will not take place as long as there is a connection if progress. Center frequency is 1500 Hz higher than the upper sideband dial frequency for all modes.									
Bandwidth should be set for "N" for Robust Packet, WINMOR 500, and Pactor 1 and 2 Channels and "W" for WINMOR 1600 and Pactor 3 or 4 Channels. Narrow modes can be used on Wide channels but this may be poor utilization of spectrum.Do not use narrow channels in the automatic subbands in the US. Coordinate the use of automatic subband frequencies with the WL2K network manager.									
If desired each frequency may use a different call sign/-ssid, Service code, Drive level adjustment, Tuner option and Antenna switch option.(Tuner and antenna switch option in Alpha version)									
Note: All Active frequencies and Service codes will be reported to the WL2K Data base. Users are required to know service codes other than PUBLIC to view status information on the RMS Channels Status page:									
Center Frequency	http://ww	ww.winlink.o	org/RMSChai	nnels					
(KHz) BW Start Hour Stop		W Rp	Callsign	Service Code	Drive Adj	Tuner	Ant		
			AAA9AC	MARS					
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Update									

Winlink Drop Kits for Field Operation













Conclusion

- Winlink use continues to grow, especially for EmComm.
- The Winlink Development Team continues to enhance capabilities to adapt to changing needs.
 - Service Codes provide a much-needed enhancement to channel management.
 - RMS Express has been enhanced to improve EmComm service. Paclink to follow.
 - Radio-only Winlink store and forward hubs.
 - Trimode RMS server consolidation



• Questions?

- Information about Winlink can be found at <u>www.winlink.org</u>
- Information about presenter at <u>www.qrz.com</u> – W4PHS