



Transfer files from your Android phone to your laptop while in the field

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Two methods to transfer files from your phone to your laptop in the field

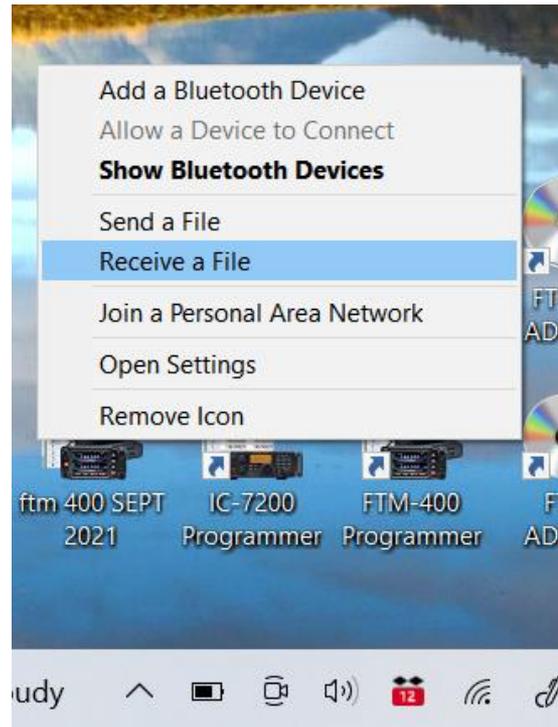
- * Method 1 is to use Bluetooth to transfer the files
- * Method 2 is to use a cable between your laptop and the phone
- * Will show first how to transfer a file via BT



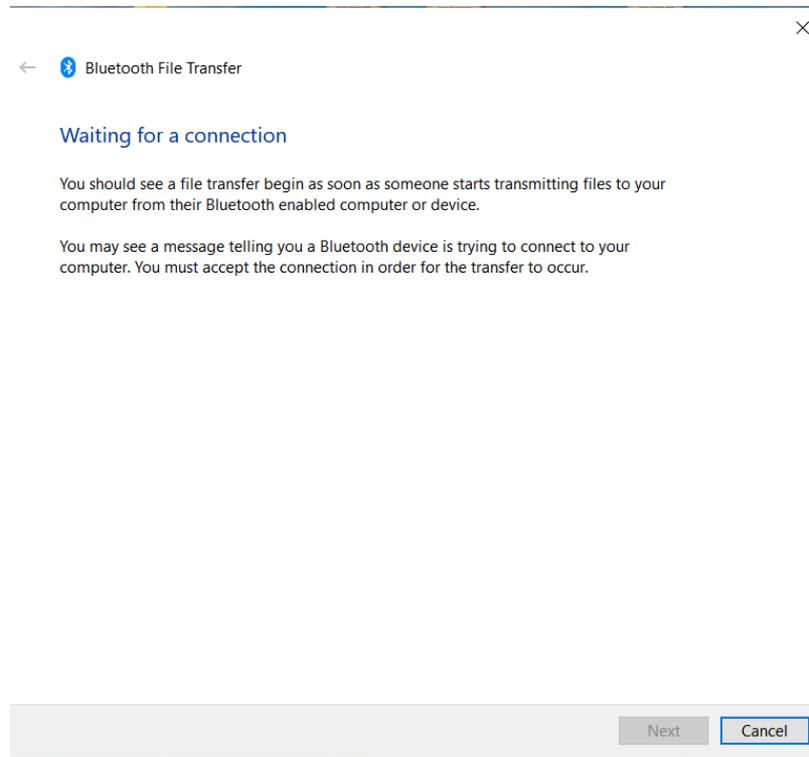
Go to the bottom right of your desktop, click on the up arrow and select the blue colored Bluetooth icon



Clicking on the Bluetooth icon opens up this menu...select “Receive a File”



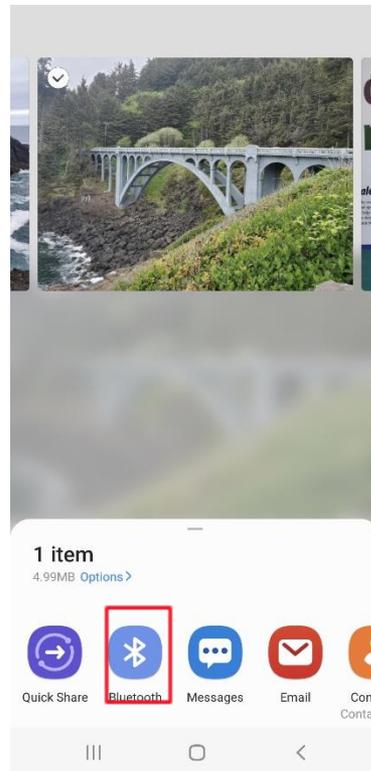
A Bluetooth File Transfer screen will open up



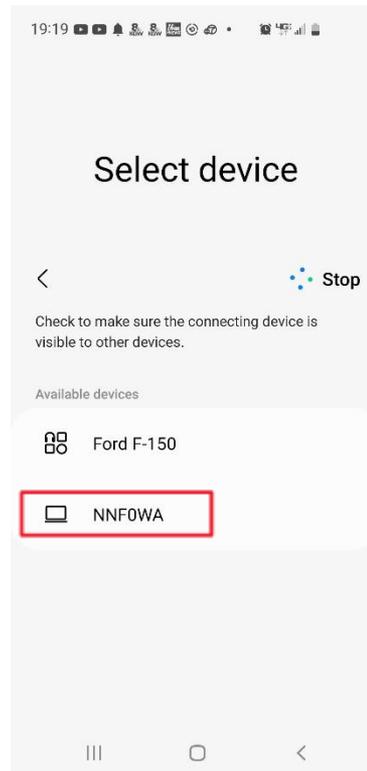
Select a picture that you want to transfer, then click on the share symbol...sideways V



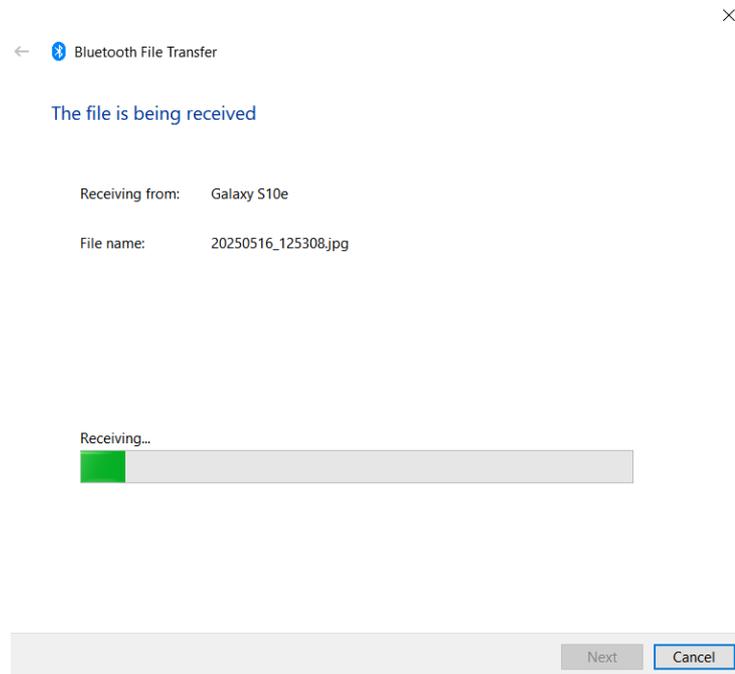
Next scroll across the menu on the bottom of the screen and find the Bluetooth icon, click on it



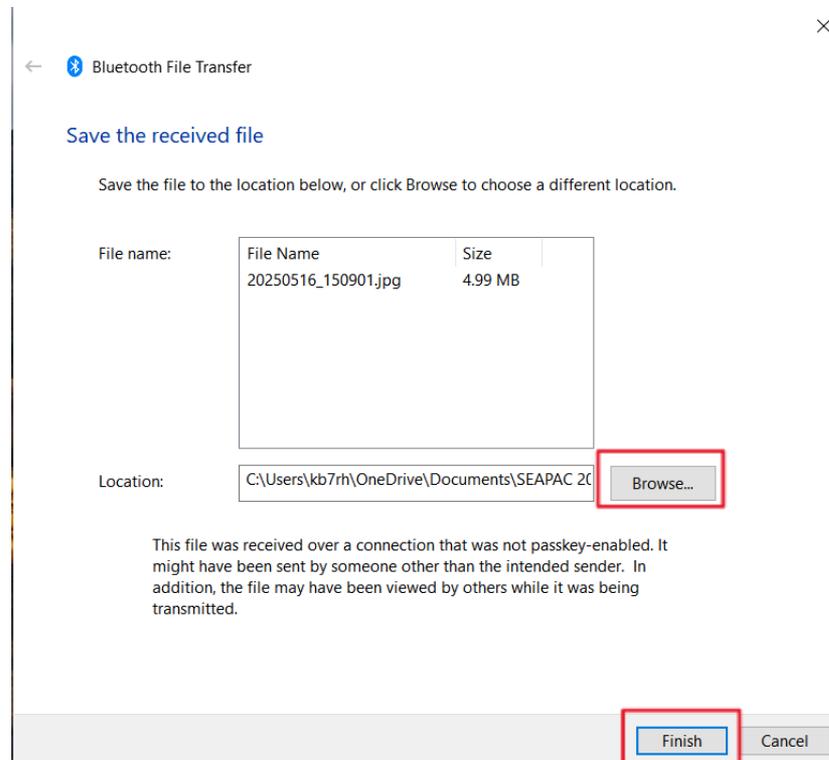
You will be prompted to select which device



**You will then see the progress
of your transfer begin with a
green bar that goes from left to
right**



Once the file transfers, you can then click on **Browse** and select where to save the file...then click on **Finish**



Your file will be saved to a location of your choosing, ready to be your next Winlink attachment



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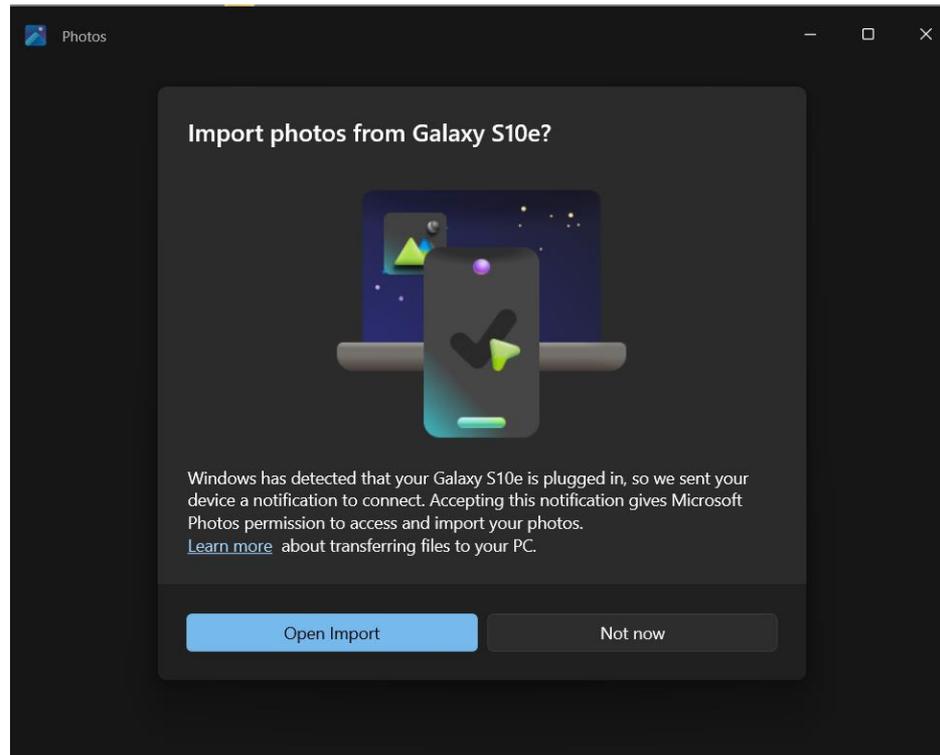


Method 2 is to use a cable between your laptop and the phone

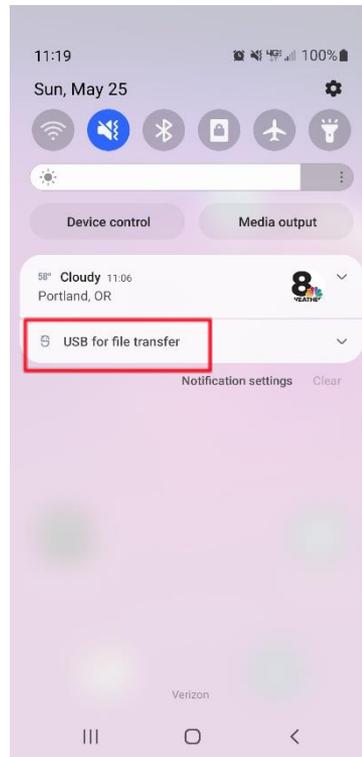
- ★ Plug in a USB cable to the phone and then to your laptop
- ★ You may hear a connection tone when you plug in the cable to the laptop
- ★ You may see a pop up screen on the phone asking, “Allow access to data?” you need to **“allow”**



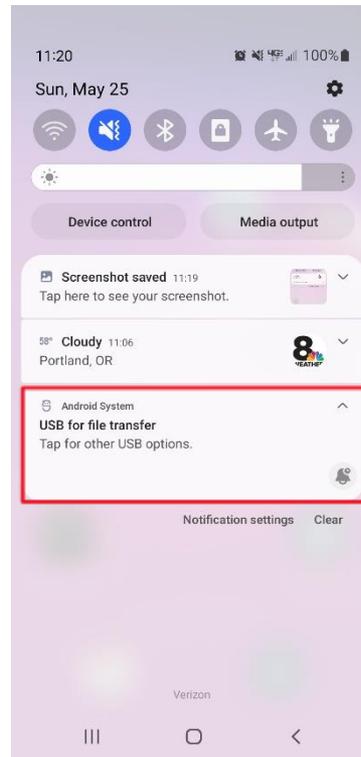
You may see this screen pop up on your laptop...Just close this screen...I am not using it



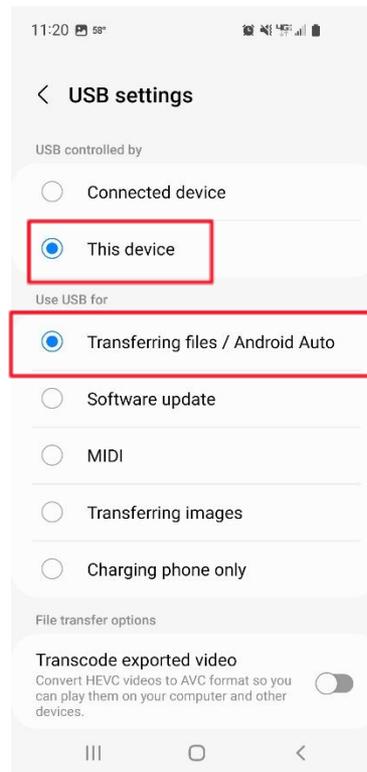
Swipe down on your phone screen for Notifications and tap on “USB for file transfer”



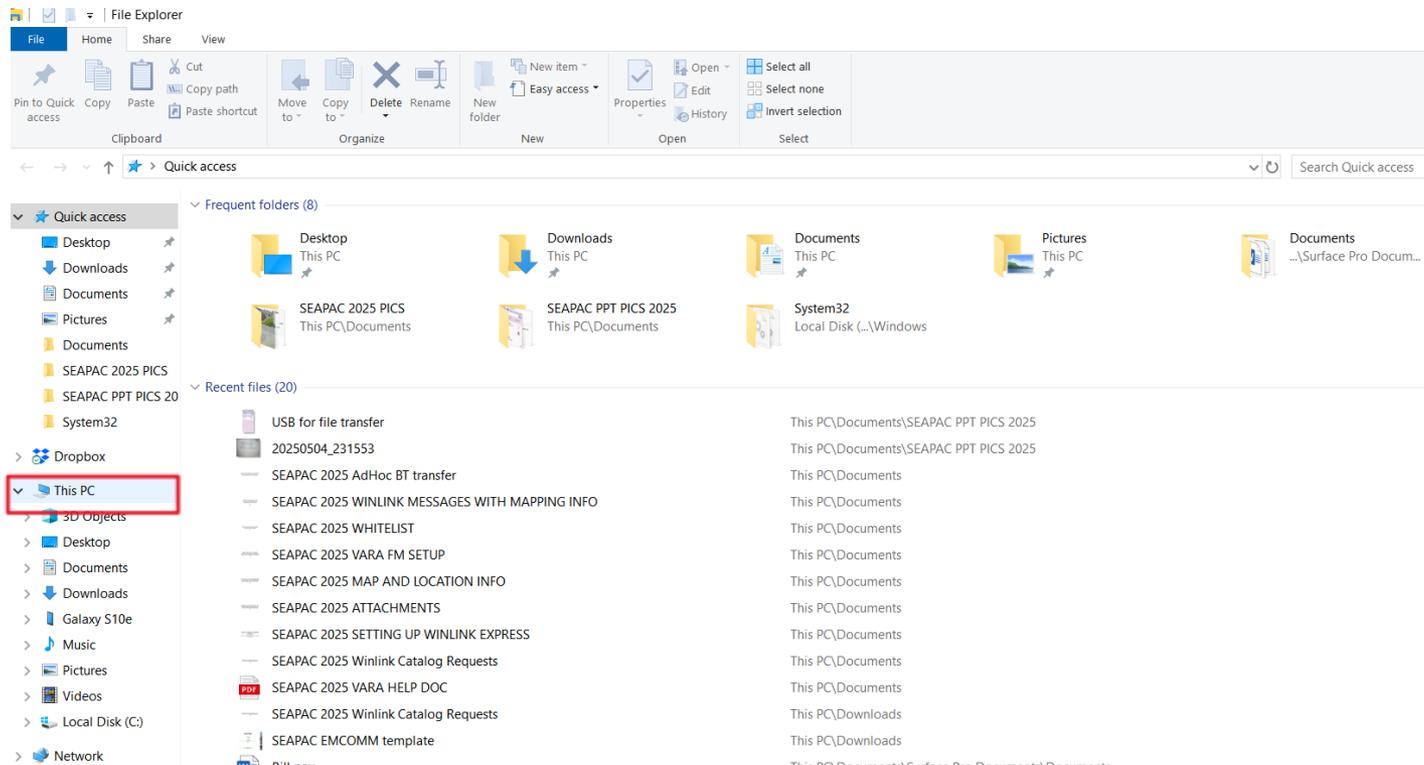
After you tap on the “USB for file transfer”, it will open up to this view, just tap on it again



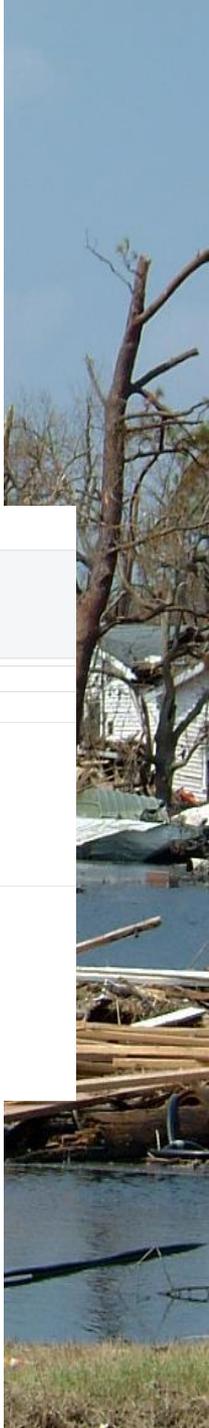
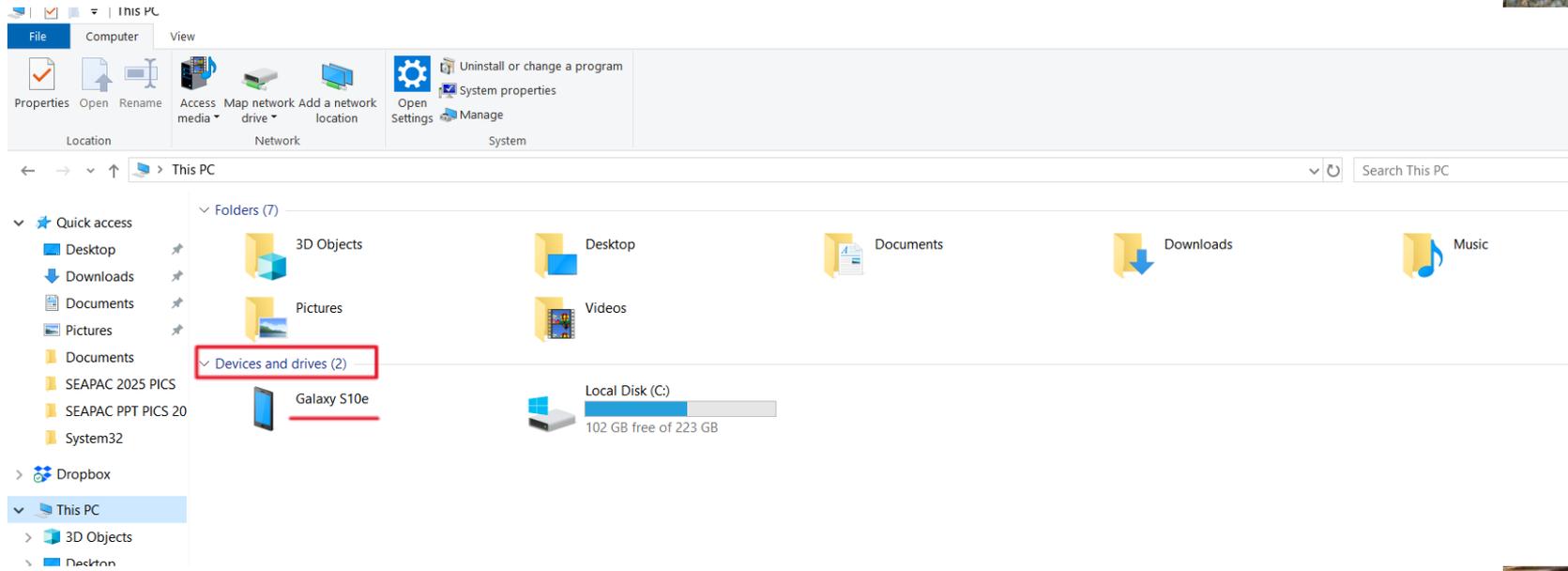
Now note...USB controlled by...”This device”, Use USB for “Transferring files/Android Auto”



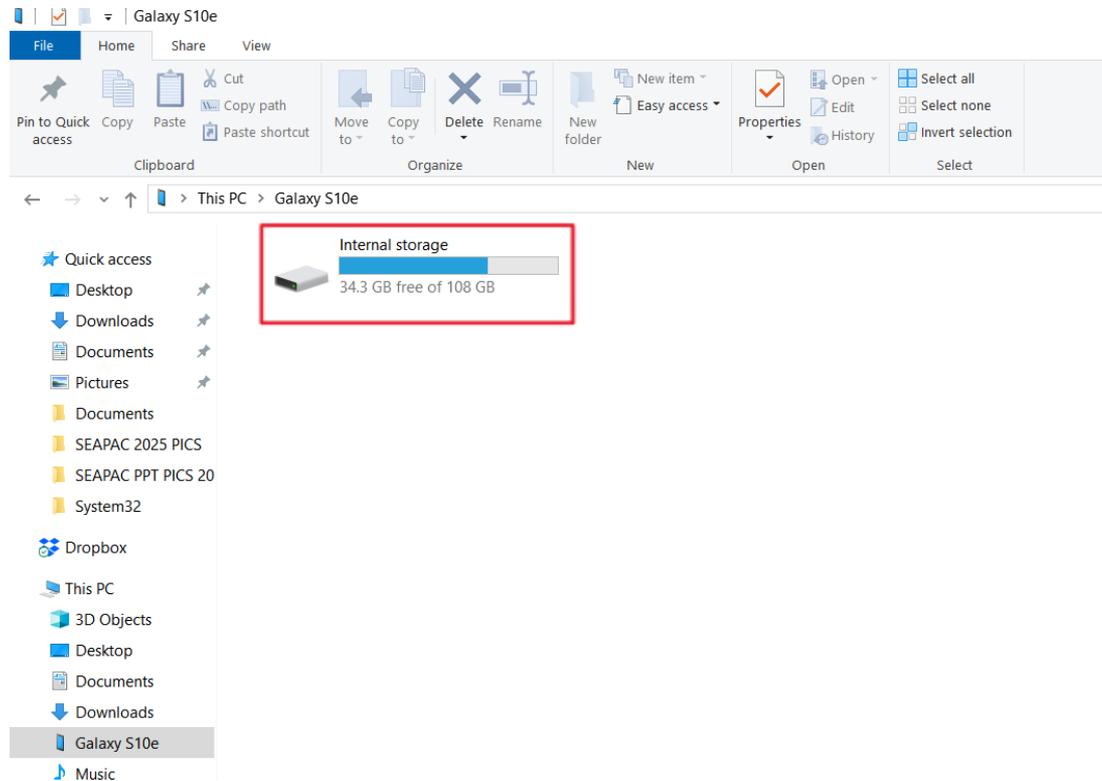
Open File Explorer and select “This PC”



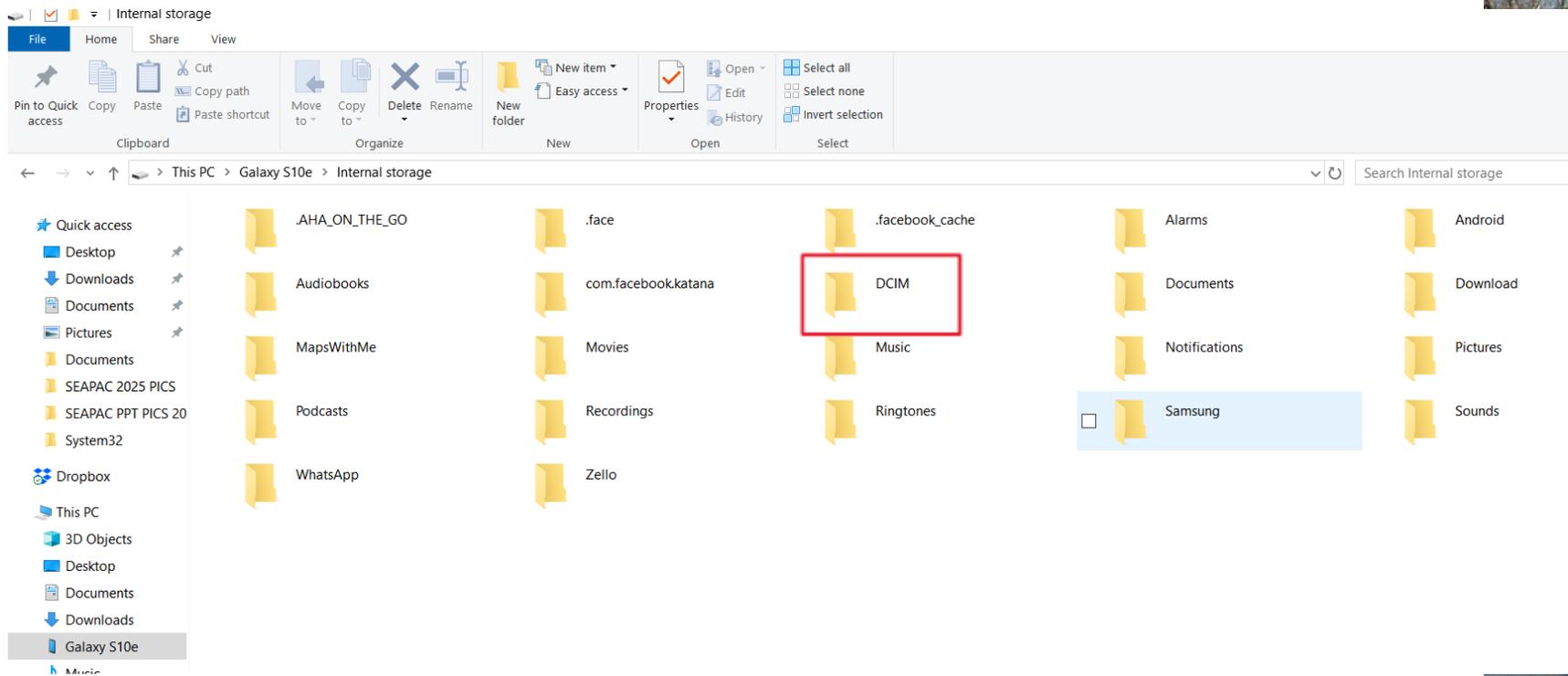
You will then see this screen, note **Devices and drives...click** **on the phone (Galaxy S10e)**



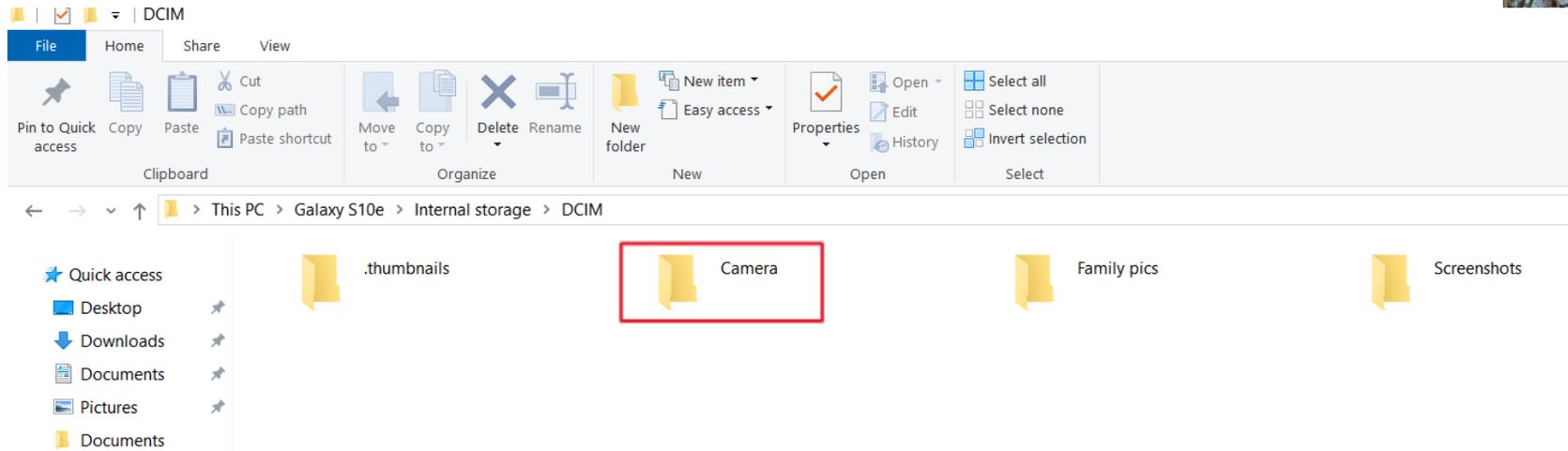
You will now see the Internal storage for phone, click on it



You will see files on the phone, pictures are stored in DCIM, click on it



Next click on the file named Camera

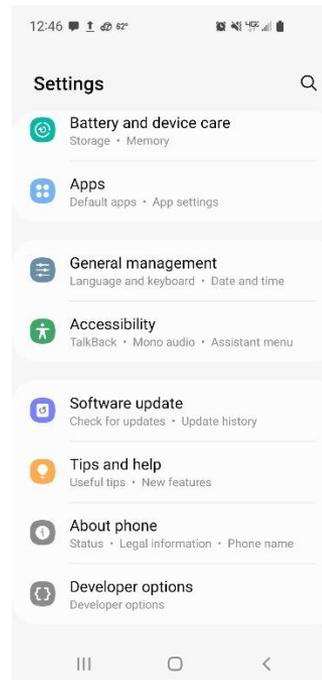


The pictures on the phone will start downloading as thumbnails

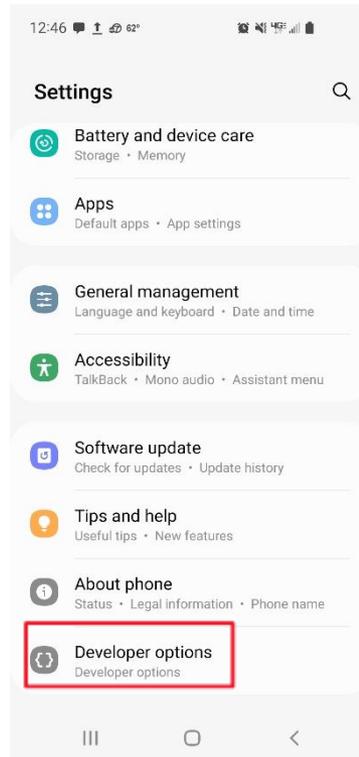
- * You will see the pictures begin downloading as tiny pictures/thumbnails
- * If there is a lot of pics, it will take a moment to download them all
- * The most recent pics will be at the **very end of the download**
- * If not your phone, select the pics you want to send...disconnect the phone and delete non-used pics?



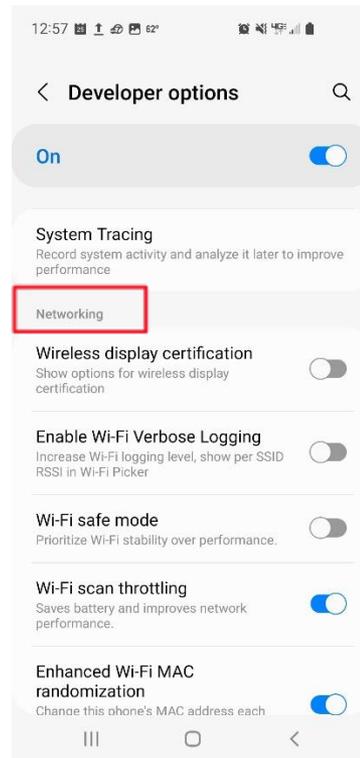
**Nerd option... if not working...on
your phone, go to settings,
scroll all the way down to
“About Phone”**



Tap on “About Phone” about 5 times and you will then open up a new screen “Developer options”



Open up Developer options, scroll past Debugging section, to Networking section



In Networking scroll down to “Default USB configuration”, click on this



Next screen... make sure the “Transferring files” box is selected...file transfer should work



Being able to transfer files from a phone to your laptop is a valuable skill in the field

- ★ This PPT should help with getting an important picture taken by someone else onto your laptop so you can send it where needed most
- ★ Be cautious about what you do while in the Developer options section...I am just showing what could be needed if a phone has a picture that must be sent to others
- ★ Enjoy and stay safe..

