

Technician and General Class Amateur Radio & Satellite Stuff

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- Introduce you to satellite communications.

A little about myself

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- Passed Tech Sept 2007
- Passed Gen Oct 2007
- Joined Benton County ARES April 2012
- Passed Extra April 2012
- Became a VE in June 2012

What is Amateur Radio?

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Amateur radio are people and activities that are regulated and encouraged, in the US and abroad, that allow licensed individuals to play around with radio waves, electronics, software, techniques, practices, and equipment to do all sorts of really cool stuff. Radio Amateurs are some of the least restricted users of radio spectrum, and with that freedom they have proven time and time again their worth. The term Amateur refers to someone who does something as a pastime rather than a profession.

Some useful tools

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Some things you may want to look into as useful for studying

- AA9PW practice exams <http://aa9pw.com>
- ARRL license Manuals <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Licensing-Education-and-Training/>

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Shal we begin?

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Remember if I go too fast or you have questions, let me know.

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International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

- Worldwide, treaty-based organization that allocates frequencies for specific uses.
- Primary Users - first "rights" to a frequency
- Secondary Users - permitted to use a frequency but must not interfere with a primary user
- World divided into 3 regions, US is in Region 2
- Creates "bands" - sections of spectrum allocated for amateur radio use.

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- Promulgates rules for non-federal radio users within ITU spec
- Divides amateur bands into mode-specific sub-bands
- Rules for telecommunications are in the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 47
- Rules for amateur radio are in Part 97 of Chapter 47 (47 CFR 97)

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FCC allocations

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UNITED STATES FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Office of Spectrum Management
October 2005

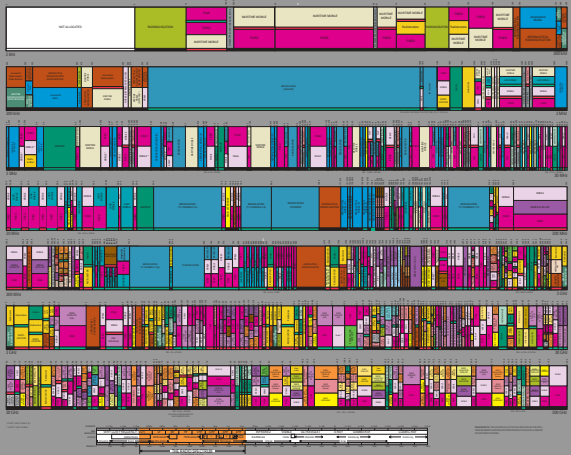


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*...a voluntary noncommercial
communications service...*

This phrase sums up almost every rule and tenant of amateur radio.

A voluntary noncommercial communications service

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Noncommercial means no "pecuniary interest". It is illegal to profit from the use of amateur radio.

As with almost any rule there are exceptions"

- Teachers may use ham radio in the classroom as a teaching aid
- "Code practice" transmissions
- Disaster Drills

More basic rules

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- No Music - expect transmission or re-transmission of a signal from a space station
- No Broadcasting
- No commercial traffic
- No profanity
- No codes or ciphers intended to hide content
- No international third party traffic unless treaty-approved

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A license is valid for ten years, with a two year grace period.
Upgrades don't count as renewals. Basic renewals are free!
There are five classes.

- *Novice
- Technician
- General
- *Advanced
- Extra

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There are four kinds of licenses, Individual hams hold both a "Station" and "Operator"

- Station
- Operator
- Club - W7OSU, K7CVO, W1AW
- Special Event - A7W

Clubs can get a "club callsign", and events can get an event callsign.

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- US callsigns start with A,K,N, or W
- The format is one or two letters, a number, and one to three letters.
- New callsigns are assigned in sequential order - number indicates the region in the US
- Shorter callsigns are reserved for higher license classes
- 1X1 for special events only

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Who "operates" an amateur station?

The control operator, who is designated by the station licensee, and determines the privileges of operation.

e.g. if you are at a radio that can operate outside your privileges, you still can only use what you are licensed to.

Your Callsign

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A station must transmit its callsign at least every ten minutes and at the end of every communication.

Special situations have special rules

- Control operator working outside of a station licensee privileges.
- Special event station control operator
- Control operator using new privileges prior to FCC database update

The Uniform Licensing System

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The ULS is an online database of FCC license information. A new licensee may use their privileges as soon as their information appears in the ULS. When you upgrade you may use your new privileges as soon as you pass the test.

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- Net Control This is KE7OSN
- This is W7OSU (Go Ahead)

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- KE7OSN monitoring

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Hey bob, you around

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Yes, as long as you keep to the every ten minutes and the end of every communication.

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- Club – at least four people, one of which accepts responsibility and is the “trustee”.
- Space – at least 50km above the surface.
- Beacon – transmits a low-level signal for propagation studies
- Repeater – retransmits a signal heard on one frequency on another frequency.
- Auxillary – a secondary receiver that feeds a repeater station.

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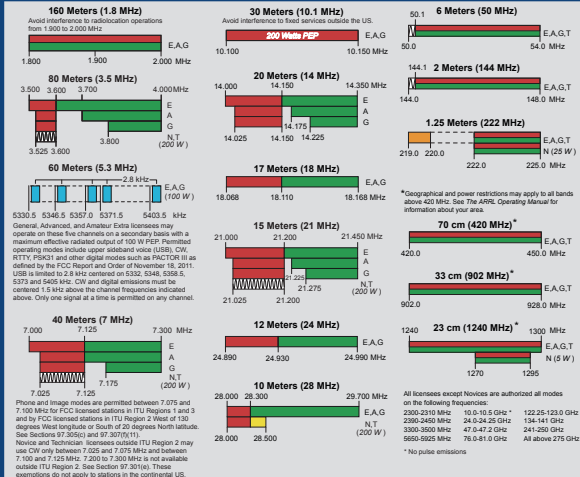
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- MF - Medium Frequency 300KHz to 3MHz
- HF - High Frequency 3MHz to 30 MHz
- VHF - Very High Frequency 30MHz to 300MHz
- UHF - Ultra High Frequency 300MHz to 3GHz
- SHF - Super High Frequency 3GHz to 30GHz
- EHF - Extremely High Frequency - 30GHz to 300GHz
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 - 3.525-3.600MHz: CW Only
- 40 Meters
 - 7.025-7.125MHz: CW Only
- 15 Meters
 - 21.025-21.200MHz: CW Only
- 10 Meters
 - 28.000-28.300MHz: CW, RTTY/Data 200 watts PEP max
 - 28.300-28.500MHz: CW, Phone 200 watts PEP max

VHF 30-300MHz

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 - 50.1-54.0MHz All modes
- 2 Meters
 - 144.0-144.1MHz CW Only
 - 144.1-148.0MHz All modes
- 1.25 Meters
 - 222.00-225.00MHz All modes

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- 33 Centimeters
 - 902.0-928.0MHz All Modes
- 23 Centimeters
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We share the 2390-2450MHz band with: 802.11 networks, cordless phones, video cameras, zigbee, etc.

We are PRIMARY users. We have first "rights". Secondary users must not cause us interference and must accept interference from our operations.

SHF 3GHz-30GHz and up

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B. 52.525 MHz

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A. 2 meter band

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C. 443.350 MHz

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B. 1296 MHz

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D. All of these choices are correct
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C. The 6 meter, 2 meter, and 1.25 meter bands
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A. CW only

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ARES – **A**mateur **R**adio **E**mergency **S**ervice

- Organized and run by ARRL
- Supports governmental and NGO groups.
- Most groups are organized at the county level
- “EC” – Emergency Coordinator

RACES

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RACES – **R**adio **A**mateur **C**ivil **E**mergency **S**ervice

- Defined by the FCC
- Supports governmental agencies **ONLY**.
- Operators are registered with the controlling agency.
- RACES Officer
- Activated by federal declaration of emergency.
- In Oregon, ARES members are also registered in RACES

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To keep some organization to the use of frequencies and communications, groups are organized into “nets”.

A “net” is a group of stations that are cooperating in the use of a frequency. The “net control” is responsible for deciding who gets to talk.

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There are two kinds of nets:

Directed - the net control is strict in controlling who talks to whom. Stations tell net control they have a message for another station, and the net control directs them to call that station and pass the message.

Free - the net control allows stations to contact each other as they need to.

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There are three types of messages

Formal - written messages.

Informal - unwritten messages.

Administrative - station to station housekeeping.

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The TEST doesn't ask you about that. The TEST deals with the National Traffic System message form.

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The National Traffic System (NTS) is a system organized by ARRL to transmit messages in a standard format, usually concerning “Health and Welfare”. For example: “Aunt Martha arrived home safely. Have a happy birthday.” Or “welcome to Ham radio”. These messages use the NTS RadioGram form. The process is described in depth in the Message Processing Guidelines (MPG).

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The American Radio Relay League RADIOGRAM Via Amateur Radio

Number	Precedence	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Place of Origin	Time Filed	Date
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To:

This Radio Message was received at:

Amateur Station _____ Date _____
Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

REC'D	From	Date	Time	SENT	To	Date	Time
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A licensed Amateur Radio Operator, whose address is shown above, handled this message free of charge. As such messages are handled solely for the pleasure of operating, a "Ham" Operator can accept no compensation. A return message may be filed with the "Ham" delivering this message to you. Further information on Amateur Radio may be obtained from ARRL Headquarters, 225, Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

The American Radio Relay League, Inc. is the National Membership Society of licensed radio amateurs and the publisher of QST Magazine. One of its functions is promotion of public service communication among Amateur Operators. To that end, The League has organized the National Traffic System for daily nationwide message handling.

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Amateur radio has its own codes, and slang. Much like 1337 or txt, this "shared language" makes it easier to communicate quickly, and efficiently. Much of it comes from the days of telegraph and Morse Code.

Q Codes - Three letter codes beginning with Q

Number codes - Codes sent as numbers, we really only use 73

Pro-words - Standardized ways of saying things in a clear and concise fashion

Phonetics - Words for letters, try saying BCDEZGT five times fast.

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QRM Man made interference

QRN Natural interference or Noise

QSL Acknowledge

QST Message to all amateurs

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Pro or Professional words are used as shorthand, and because they prevent confusion. Yea and Nah kinda sound the same.

Roger Received

WilCO Will Comply

Over I'm done talking for now

Out I'm done talking to you

This Is I'm going to say my callsign now

Wait Hold on for a while

Affirmative Yes

Negative No

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In amateur radio we use ITU phonetics, this helps us reduce the potential of confusion over letters that sound the same

A - Alfa "AL-FAH"	N - November "NO-VEM-BER"	0 "ZEE-RO"
B - Bravo "BRAH-VOH"	O - Oscar "OSS-CAH"	1 "WUN"
C - Charlie "CHAR-LEE"	P - Papa "PAH-PAH"	2 "TOO"
D - Delta "DELL-TAH"	Q - Quebec "KEH-BECK"	3 "TH-UH-REE"
E - Echo "ECK-OH"	R - Romeo "ROW-ME-OH"	4 "FOW-ER"
F - Foxtrot "FOKS-TROT"	S - Sierra "SEE-AIR-RAH"	5 "FI-IV" OR "FIFE"
G - Golf "GOLF"	T - Tango "TANG-GO"	6 "SIX"
H - Hotel "HOH-TELL"	U - Uniform "YOU-NEE-FORM"	7 "SEV-EN"
I - India "IN-DEE-AH"	V - Victor "VIK-TAH"	8 "ATE"
J - Juliett "JEW-LEE-ETT"	W - Whiskey "WISS-KEY"	9 "NIN-ER"
K - Kilo "KEE-LOH"	X - X-Ray "ECKS-RAY"	
L - Lima "LEE-MAH"	Y - Yankee "YANG-KEY"	
M - Mike "MIKE"	Z - Zulu "ZOO-LOO"	

W7QH becomes "Whiskey 7 Quebec Hotel"

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There are two other special cases.

- CQ is the standard calling call. Think of it as Seek You, though no one really knows where it comes from. It is common to add extra stuff depending on the situation. You might hear CQ JOTA, CQ Field Day, CQ Contest, CQ DX, CQ Oregon. This lets people pick who they are looking for. A common general CQ would sound like "CQ CQ CQ this is KE7OSN calling CQ CQ CQ"
- The other thing that comes up is the number 73, this goes back to the old Western Union Telegraph 92 codes, these were numbers that could be used in place of certain phrases, most of them dealing with packages or trains. 73 means "Beast Regards" and is generally used as "goodbye"

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In most amateur bands the maximum legal limit for power output is 1500 Watts, PEP. PEP - Peak Envelope Power is the largest amplitude of a signal. On some bands the limit is lower, for each band there is also a point at which you have to do a safety evaluation of your station to avoid unsafe exposure. You should always use the minimal power required to do what you need to do.

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Electromagnetic waves are energy waves that move through space, similar to the way waves move in water or sound through air. In a vacuum these waves move at the speed of light $299,792,458m/s$ or $186,282.397miles/second$. This is good as these waves are light.

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Middle C is 440Hz, or 440 cycles per second.

KLOO-AM is 1.340MHz, or 1,340,000 cycles per second.

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Sometimes it is a lot easier to shorten things up a bit.

Tera T 10^{12} 1,000,000,000,000

Giga G 10^9 1,000,000,000

Mega M 10^6 1,000,000

Kilo K 10^3 1,000

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Ceni c 10^{-2} 0.01

Milli m 10^{-3} 0.001

Micro μ 10^{-6} 0.000001

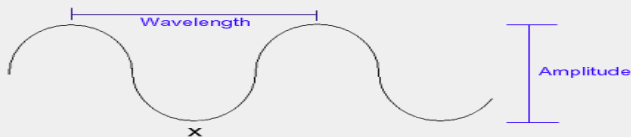
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Wavelength

We also use wavelength to describe waves. The wavelength is the distance between two like points on the wave exactly one cycle apart, e.g. the distance between peaks.

Low frequency (longer wavelength) radio wave:



Higher frequency (shorter wavelength) radio wave:



Direction of travel
at 300,000,000 metres per second

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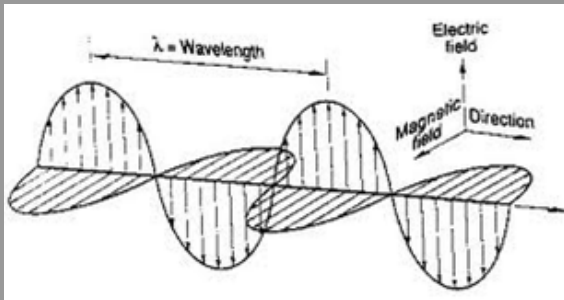
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Electromagnetic waves have two parts, one electric part, and one magnetic part. The magnetic part is rotated and phase shifted by 90°

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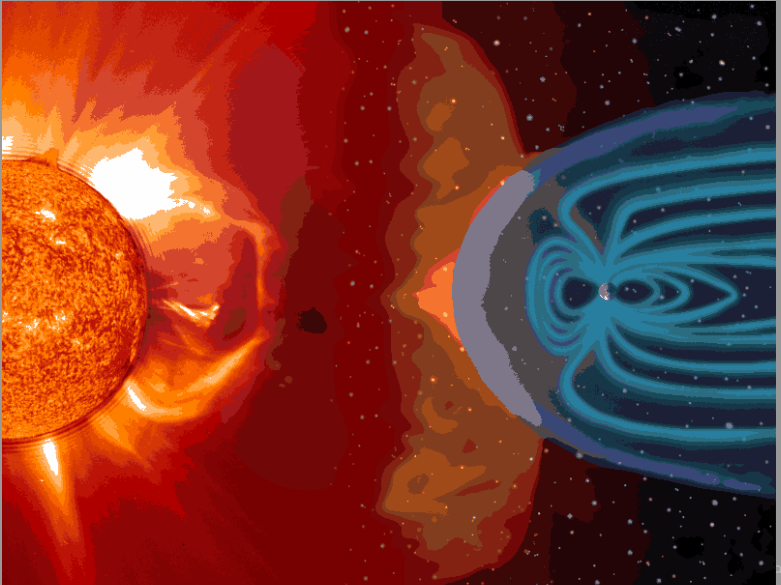
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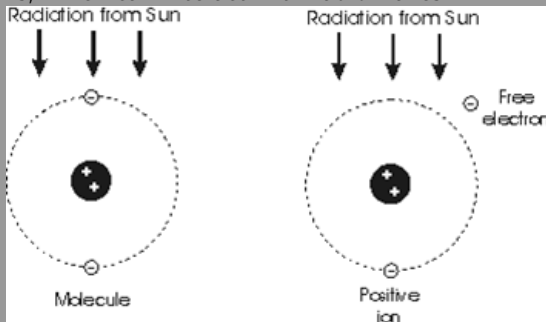
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Solar radiation charges atoms in the atmosphere, breaking loose electrons, to create ions, which can interact with radio waves.

At night the electrons recombine with their atoms. This means things change from day to night.



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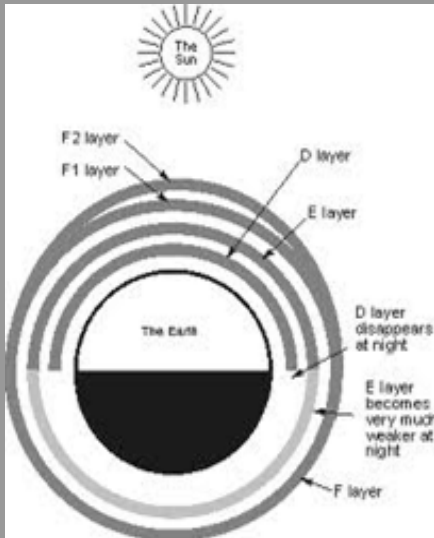
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The parts of the atmosphere most affected by ionization are collectively called the ionosphere! It has multiple layers, each interact differently with radio waves. The D layers mostly absorbs RF, while the E and F layers reflect. HF is ruled by the ionosphere VHF and up ... not so much.

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The auroras are a visible sign of ionization, as they move they can cause received signals to sound fluttery.

Meteor showers leave short lived trails of ionized gases, that can refract signals, these effects are impossible to predict and last seconds.

You can even bounce radio signals off the moon!

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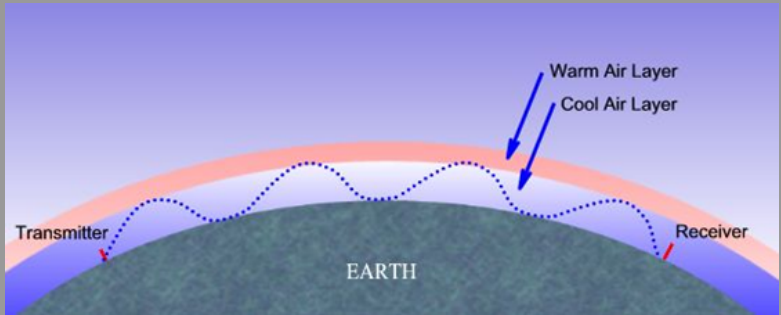
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Air can refract electromagnetic radiation. A temperature inversion (warm air above cold) can cause VHF signals to refract and travel long distances.

This is called "Tropospheric Ducting" and often happens between here and Hawaii, it mostly affects VHF.

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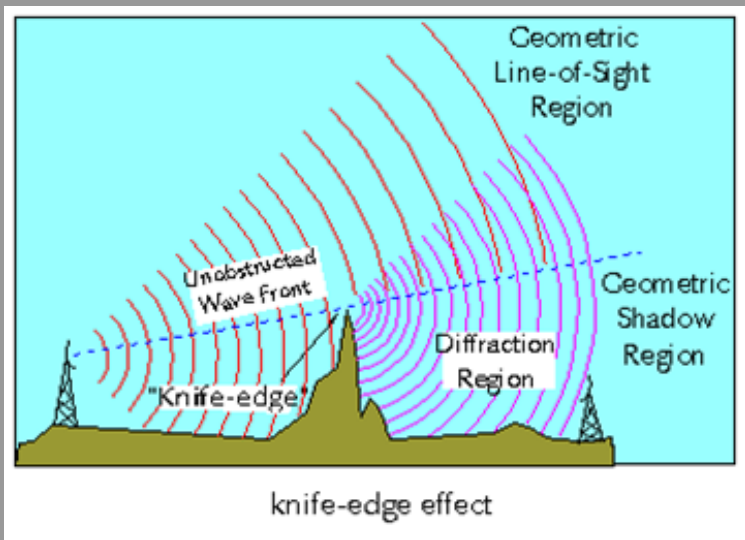
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Antennas tend to radiate and receive waves polarized along the direction of the antenna. An antenna pointing vertically produces vertically polarized waves, and the equivalent is true for a horizontal antenna.

If the polarization of the receiving antenna does not match the wave it is receiving then the signal strength is reduced by a significant degree. In an ideal world without the magnetic portion of a wave two antennas rotated $\pm 90^\circ$ would not be able to "see" each other.

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Some microphones include push-to-talk and voltage connections. Headphones can be useful in a noisy area instead of a speaker. A regulated power supply reduces voltage fluctuations. Filters between the transmitter and antenna can reduce harmonic emissions. A band-reject filter is a good first step if your 2 meter radio is causing problems with a TV. A terminal node controller is a modem for your radio, your soundcard can be a modem too. Flat straps are good grounding cables. Ferrite chokes can reduce RF current in cables. If your radio whines in your car and it goes along with the engine its probably the alternator. A radio installed in a car should be connected to a good "ground"

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