VIVA LOS FLYOVER STATES

An Uncomfortable Truth...

How To Cope?

1. R-E-L-A-X2. Enjoy The Cool Stuff Flying Over!



RTL-SDR To The Rescue!

RTL-SDR HuhWha?

- Software Defined Radio Receiver
- Cheap (~20 USD / 0.001352 BTC)!
- Originally designed to receive digital TV in Europe
- Tunable from around 20MHz to 2.0 GHz

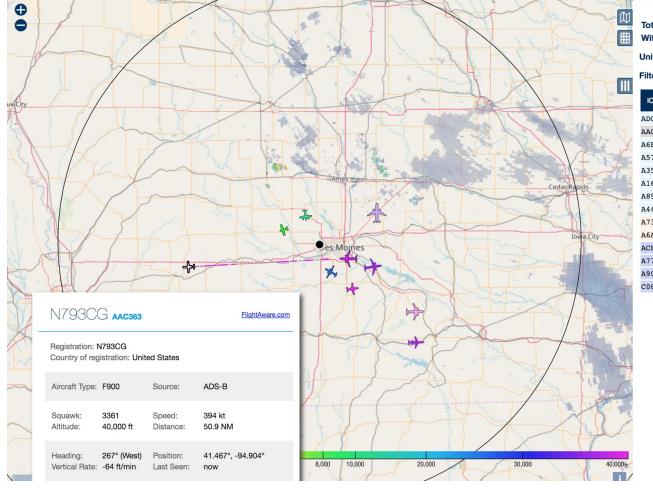


Messages: 19.3/sec History: 385 positions



Filter by Altitude: ft to ft Filter Reset

ICAO	Ident	Squawk	Altitude (ft)	Speed (kt)	Distance (NM)	Heading	Msgs	Age
ADC03B	N9851J	4542	8,525	78	14.7	252°	229	5
AAC363	N793CG	3361	40,000	394	50.9	267°	1477	1
A6E400	N543KP	1467	24,000	227	11.5	300°	559	C
A57100	<u>N45NS</u>	2721	41,000	496	44.7	88°	553	12
A35206	N313AR	2031	41,000	542	21.2	82°	770	C
A16EC2	<u>UAL1978</u>		38,000	374	12.4	270°	149	3
A89FCF			34,000		24.9		11	3
A4495E			13,000	174	12.5	172°	19	13
A7398E		2671	38,975	522	22.1	82°	375	4
A6AF55			41,000	467	52.8	89°	61	10
ACFDF4			38,000				381	1
A77702			43,850				11	9
А903В8			43,000				49	2
C085E0 🛂			36,000	415		338°	10	1
		A	DS-B	MLAT	Other		TIS-B	

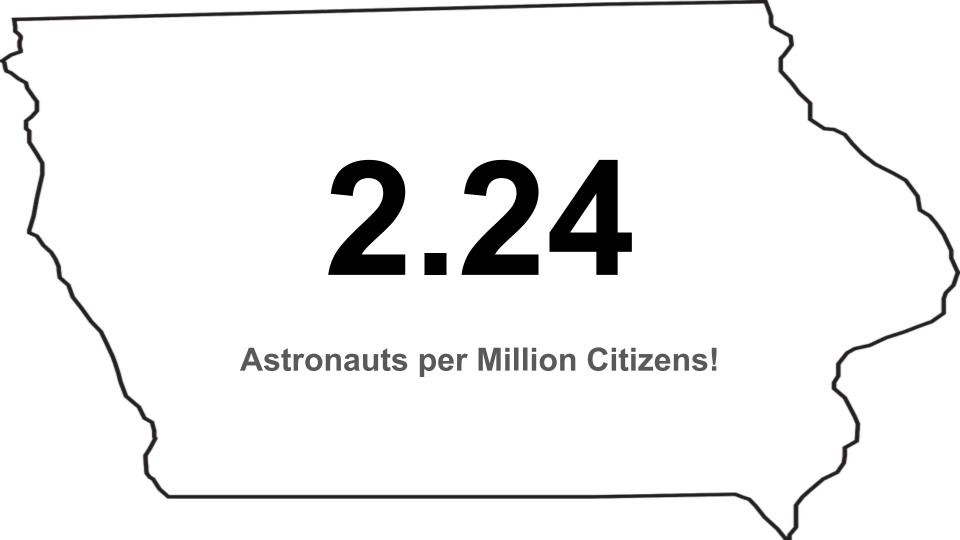












n8's Three Step Plan

For Flyover st8 gr8ness

- 1. Find An Easy Target
- 2. Find A Less Easy Target
- 3. Automate Mercilessly

GEOSYNCHRONOUS

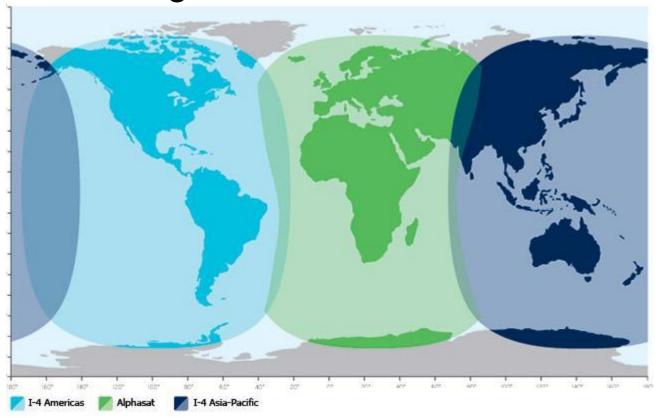
Easy because they don't move!

35,790 km

Outernet

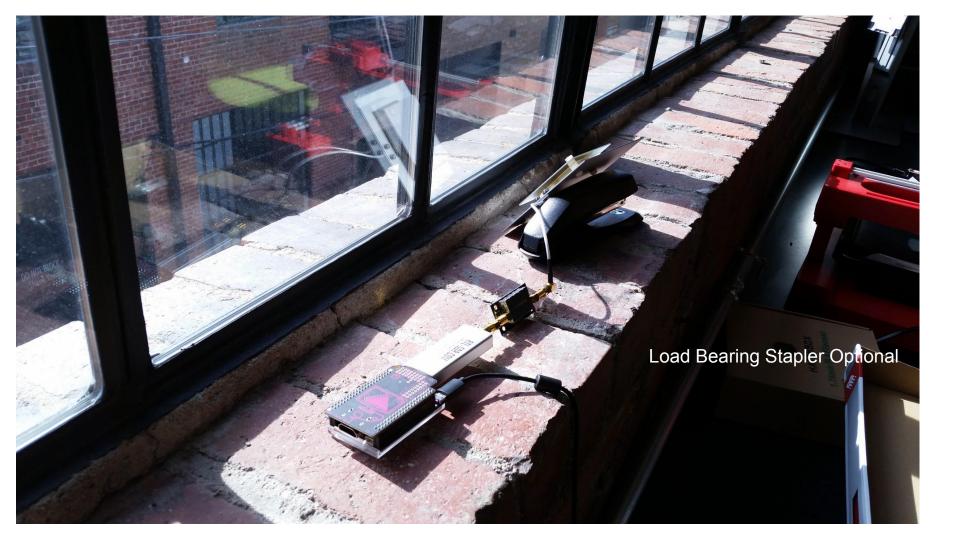
- Broadcasts free content. From space!
 - Weather
 - Wikipedia Articles
 - News articles (BBC, Voice of America, others)
 - APRS
- Uses INMARSAT satellites
- Blisteringly fast speed of 2 kbps wheeeee!
- http://outernet.is

Outernet Coverage



Outernet Parts List

- L-Band Antenna
- RTL-SDR Dongle
- Amplifier
- CHIP PC



Outernet Benefits And Problems

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- So easy n8 could do it!
- Great mission

- CHIP or nuthin'
- Closed source binaries
- Who controls the content?

n8's Three Step Plan

For Flyover st8 gr8ness We may need more steps...

- 1. Find An Easy Target
- 2. Find A Less Easy Target
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POLAR ORBITS

Look At Those Things Move!

Polar Satellites

- ISS
- NOAA Weather Satellites
- CubeSats, etc.

Where Are They?

TLE Is The Key!

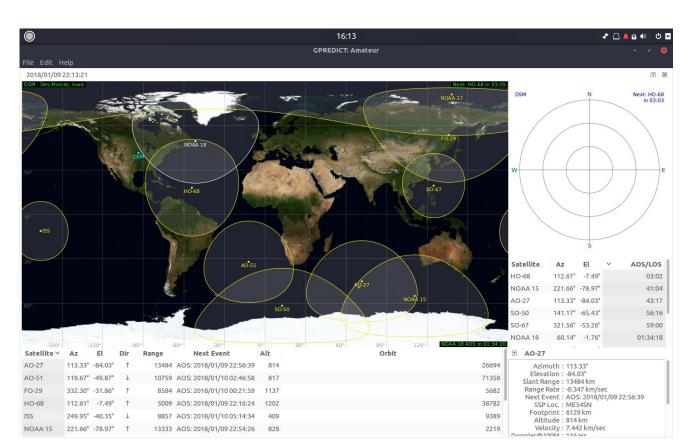
Thanks, NORAD!

1 25338U 98030A 17048.56430155 .00000012 00000-0 23797-4 0 9995 2 25338 98.7851 59.2190 0010426 188.4885 171.6120 14.25777570975961

NOAA 15

Software To The Rescue!

- gpredict
- n2yo.com
- Orbitron
- Libraries
 - pyorbital









SSTV ME ASAP!

NOAA Satellites

- NOAA 15, 17, 18
- Transmit data at around 137MHz
- APT Automatic Picture Transmission
- Right Hand Circular Polarized

NOAA Satellites, Benefits And Problems

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Really cool!

- Need a weird antennal
- Short time overhead (10 15 minutes)
- Format is going away, someday



n8's Three Step Plan

For Flyover st8 gr8ness Make flyover st8s gr8 again!

- 1. Find An Easy Target
- 2. Find A Less Easy Target
- 3. Automate Mercilessly

Automation!

- Homebrew Stuff
- SatNOGs

Lemme Try This...

- Get RTL-SDR dongle on Amazon
- http://www.rtl-sdr.com
- https://www.reddit.com/r/RTLSDR/
- http://flightaware.com/adsb/piaware/
- https://outernet.is/

Thanks!

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