Introduction to Remote Control of your Amateur Radio Station via the Internet

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Who is KORZ

- Bill McCaa, retired Electrical Engineer.
- Licensed since 1954 and continually active in Amateur Radio.
- Calls: W3ZBE, K0RZJ, K0RZ
- Active on 1.8 MHz. through 47 GHz.
- Setup Internet remote controlled station in 2007.

Remote Control History

- Leased wire line
- Private wire line
- Telephone dedicated circuit
- Telephone dialup
- Radio
- Virtual wire line (Internet)

Subjects to be Covered

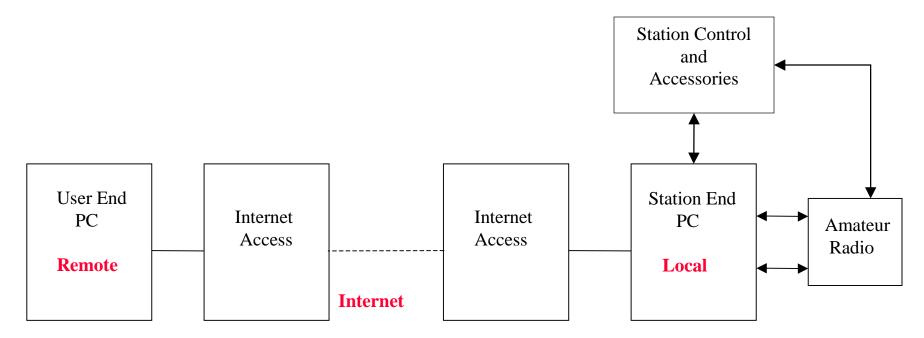
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- Where to get more information.

What is Internet Station Remote Control

 A remote computer accesses a local computer located at the amateur station and connected to the radio and accessories.

• Use the Internet as a virtual wire connection between the remote and station computers.

Internet Station Remote Control Block Diagram



Operating Software

- Remote Screen
- Remote Audio

Operating Software

- Host Screen
- Radio Control
- Audio Path
- Accessory

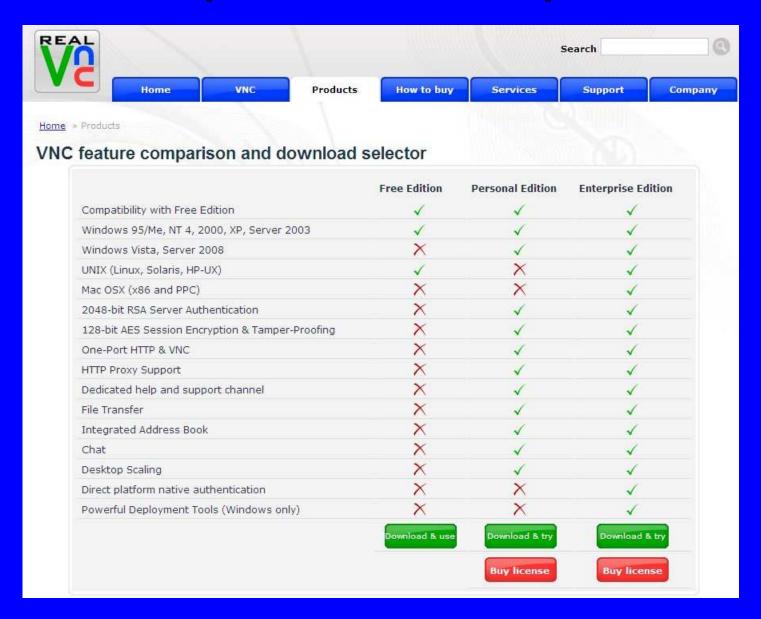
Hardware Requirements

- Station computer is at least a 2.0 GHz Pentium IV with a sound card, and one serial and parallel port.
- Internet speed of at least 500 Kb with Router.
- A Radio that can be controlled via the computer.
- A ground isolated duplex audio interconnection between the computer and the radio.
- AC Power control, antenna selection, and timers.
- Remote computer with an Internet connection capability and a sound card.

Software Required

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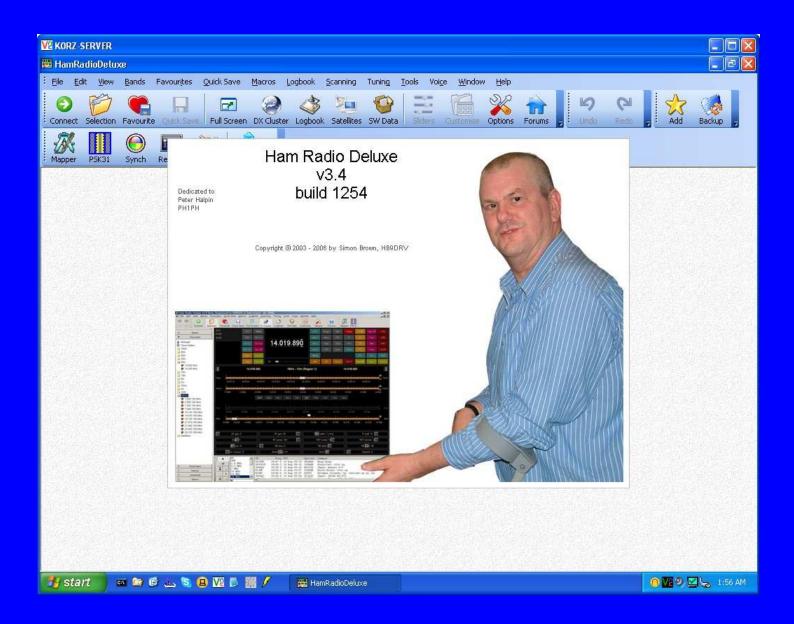
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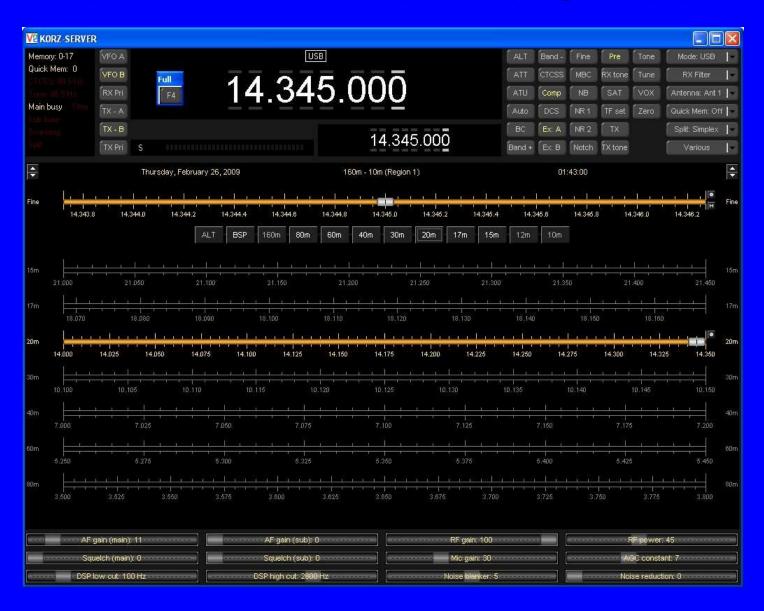
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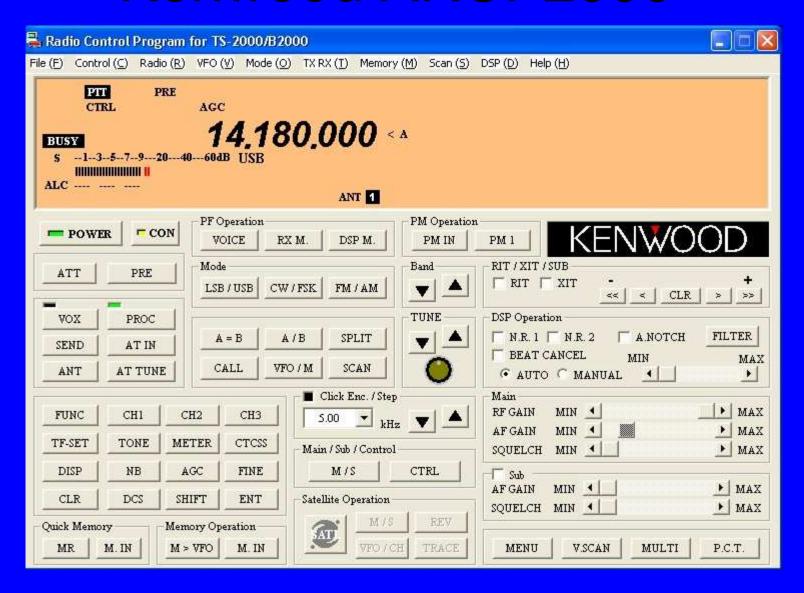
Ham Radio Deluxe



Ham Radio Deluxe Screen



Kenwood ARCP2000



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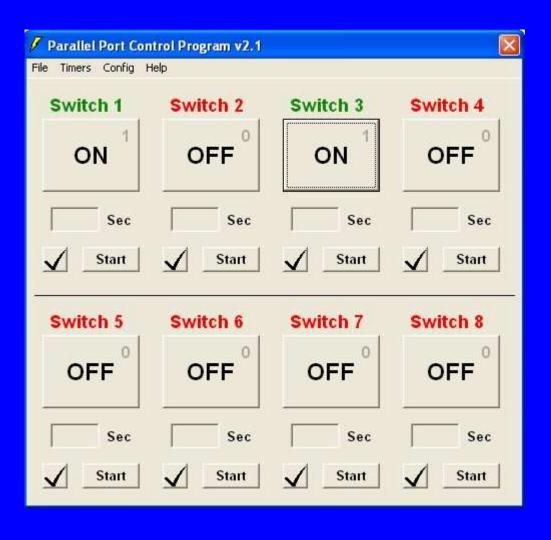
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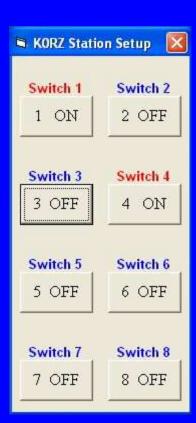


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- Station control
 - K0RZ Switch, N8LP Remote

Parallel Port Relay Programs

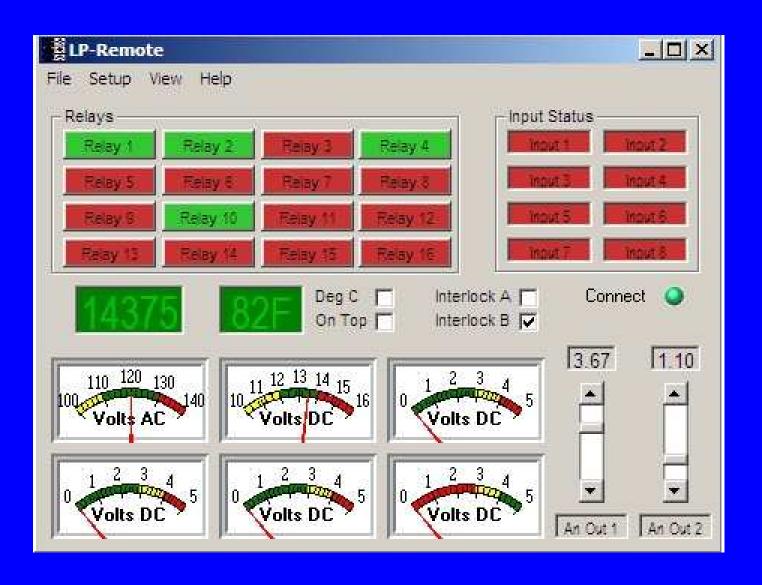




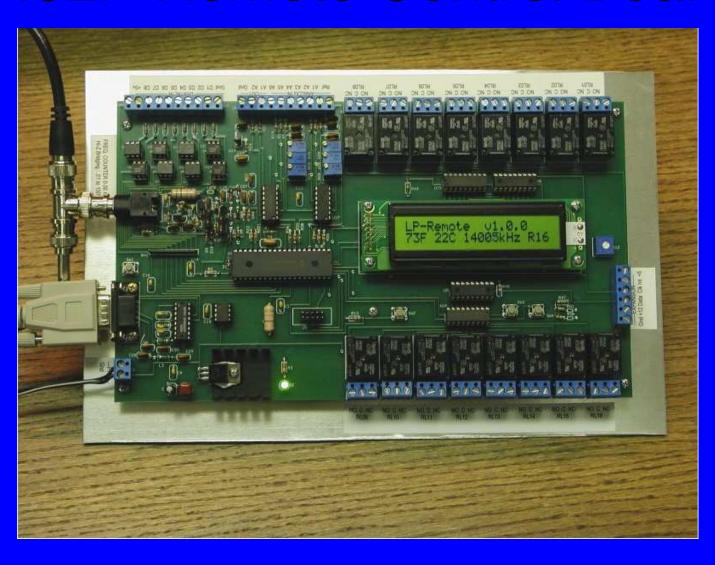
\$40 Parallel Relay Board Carl's Electronic Kits



N8LP Serial Remote Control



N8LP Remote Control Board



Setting up your Station

- Install and configure the remote computer and the station computer control software and verify operation.
- Install the radio control software and connect the radio port to the computer port and establish control of the radio via the station computer.
- Install audio software on the remote and station computers and connect the radio audio to the station computer sound card and set audio levels.
- Install station accessory software on the station computer and connect relays as desired.

Problems to Overcome

- Understanding static IP and dynamic IP addresses.
- Configuring your router user side addresses and ports.
- Configuring the station computer for a static IP address.
- Managing a Internet dynamic IP address.
 - Software and services are available to remotely determine your Internet IP address: No-IP.

Connecting via the Internet

• Internet and Router configured.

Router Internet Front Side

Firmware Version: v8.00.2, Jun. 7, 2007

Current Time: Thu, Feb 26 2009 00:11:40

MAC Address: 00:45:45

Router Name: WRT54G

Host Name:

Domain Name: hsd1.co.comcast.net.

Login Type: Automatic Configuration - DHCP

IP Address: 60.35.300.100

Subnet Mask: 255.255.248.0

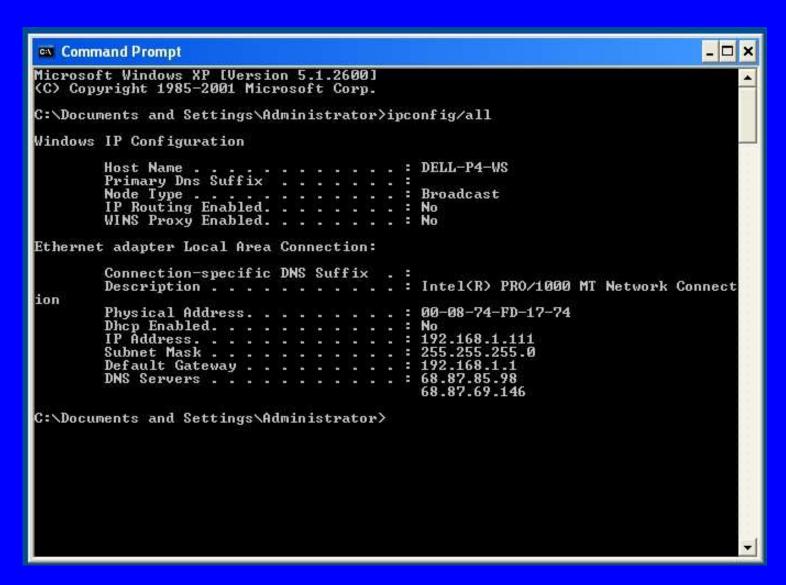
DNS 1: 68.87.85.98

DNS 2: 68.87.69.146

DNS 3: 68.87.78.130

MTU: 1500

Computer Internet Setup



Connecting via the Internet

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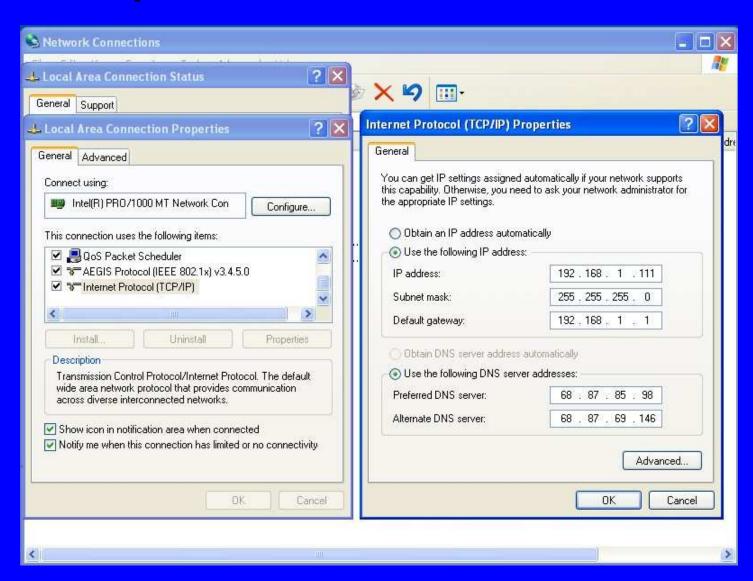
Router user Static IP address

Router Name:	WRT54G
	WK154G
Host Name:	
Domain Name:	
MTU:	Auto
Size:	1500
Subnet Mask:	192 . 168 . 1 . 1 255 . 255 . 255 . 0 •
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Computer Static IP address



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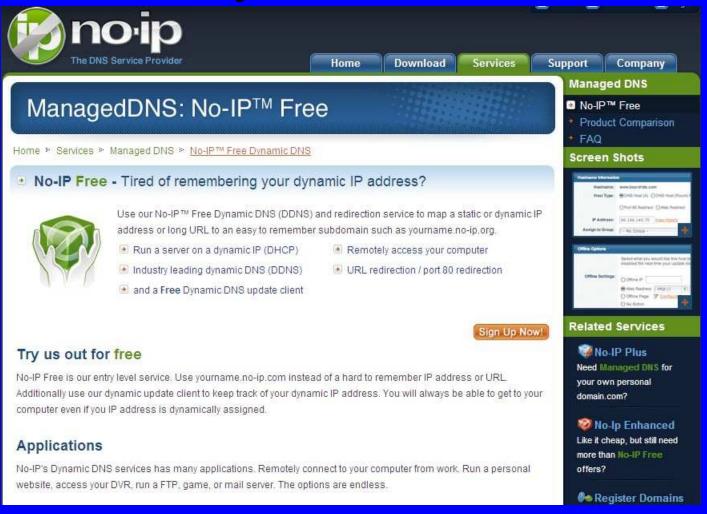
Router user address and port assignments

Port Range								
Application RealVNC	Start		End	Protocol	IP Address	Enable		
	5800	to	5800	TCP 💌	192.168.1. 100	V		
RealVNC	5900	to	5900	TCP 🔽	192.168.1. 100	V		
PcAnyW	5631	to	5632	Both 💌	192.168.1, 100	V		
SpkFrly	2074	to	2076	UDP 💌	192,168.1, 100	~		
SF-PPT	2223	to	2223	UDP 💌	192.168.1. 100	V		
PP	3389	to	3389	TCP 💌	192.168.1. 100	~		
Echolnk	5198	to	5199	UDP 💌	192.168.1, 111	V		
OmniVII	49152	to	49157	UDP 💌	192.168.1. 123			
IP-9258	6789	to	6789	Both 💌	192,168.1, 106	~		
	0	to	0	Both 💌	192.168.1. 0			

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- Internet provider generally provide you a dynamic IP address for the front side of the Router. Static IP addresses are generally available but cost more.

Managing the Internet Provider Dynamic IP Address



FCC Requirements

- An Internet remote controlled radio is considered a wire line controlled radio.
- Three minute transmit timeout timer required.
- Requires a control operator on duty whenever the station is active.
- No geographic limitations where the remote computer is located.

Enhancements

- AC power control of the station computer, radio power, and station accessory power.
- Antenna selection and grounding.
- Antenna rotor control.
- Linear amplifier control.
- Antenna tuner control.
- Operate CW, RTTY, PSK31, SSTV.
- RF power and SWR monitoring.

Examples of Remote Stations

K0RZ equipment setup and screens.

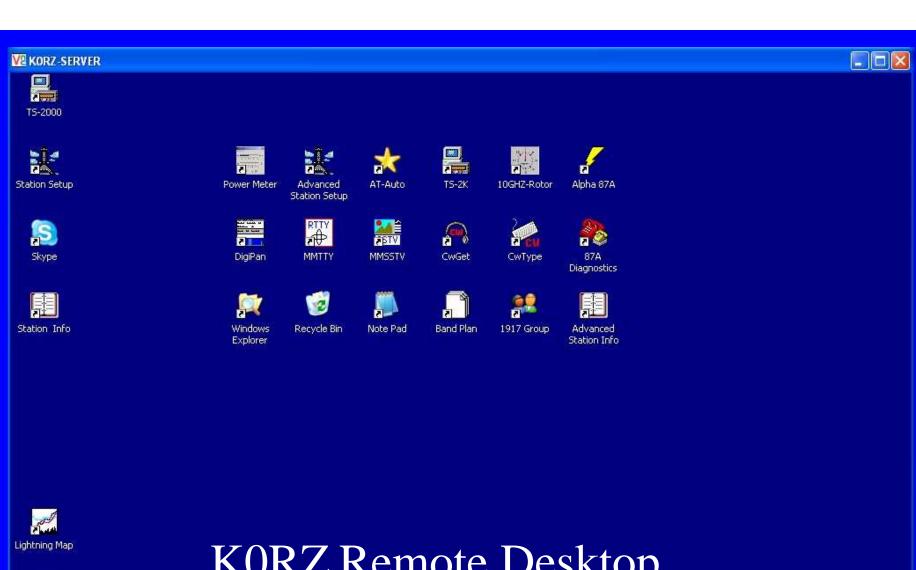




KORZ Equipment Setup



K0RZ Computer & Relays



K0RZ Remote Desktop



WeatherLink



















KORZ Remote Desktop Detail



Power Meter



Advanced Station Setup



AT-Auto



TS-2K



10GHZ-Rotor



Alpha 87A



DigiPan



MMTTY



MMSSTV



CwGet



CwType



87A Diagnostics



Windows Explorer



Recycle Bin



Note Pad



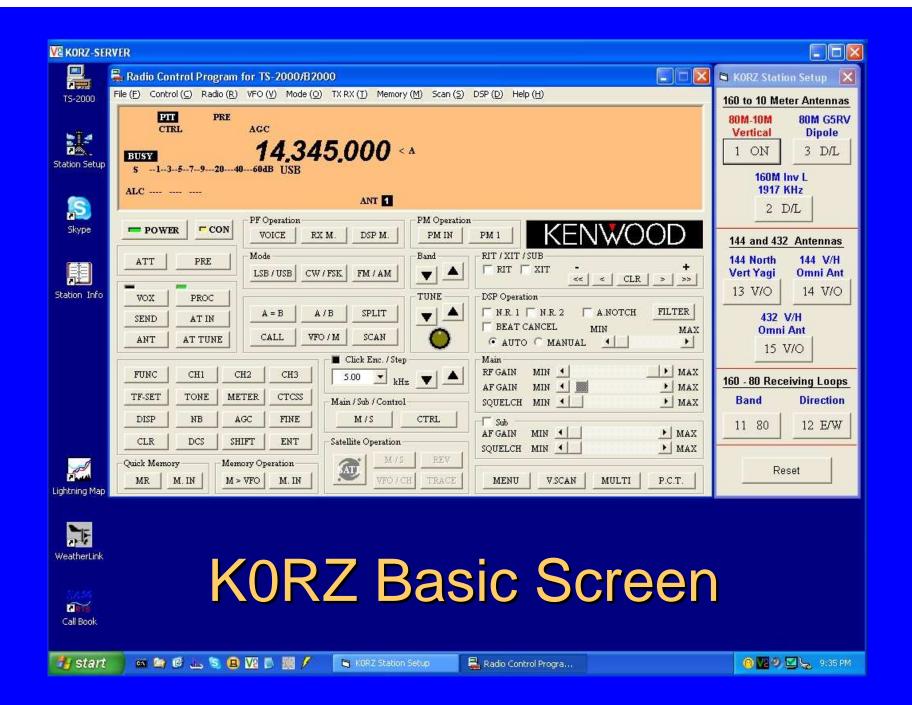
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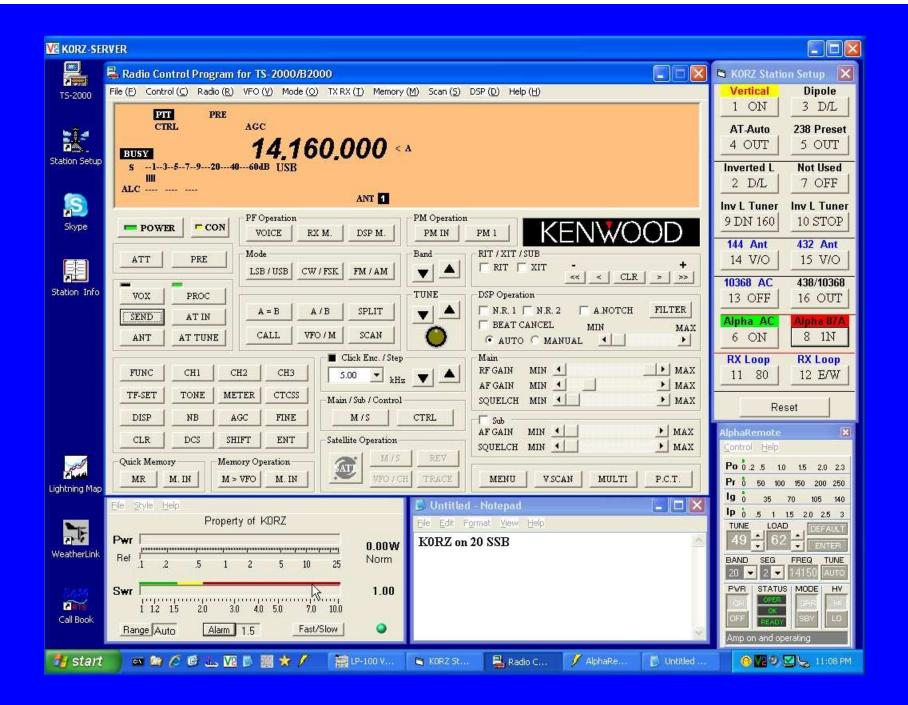


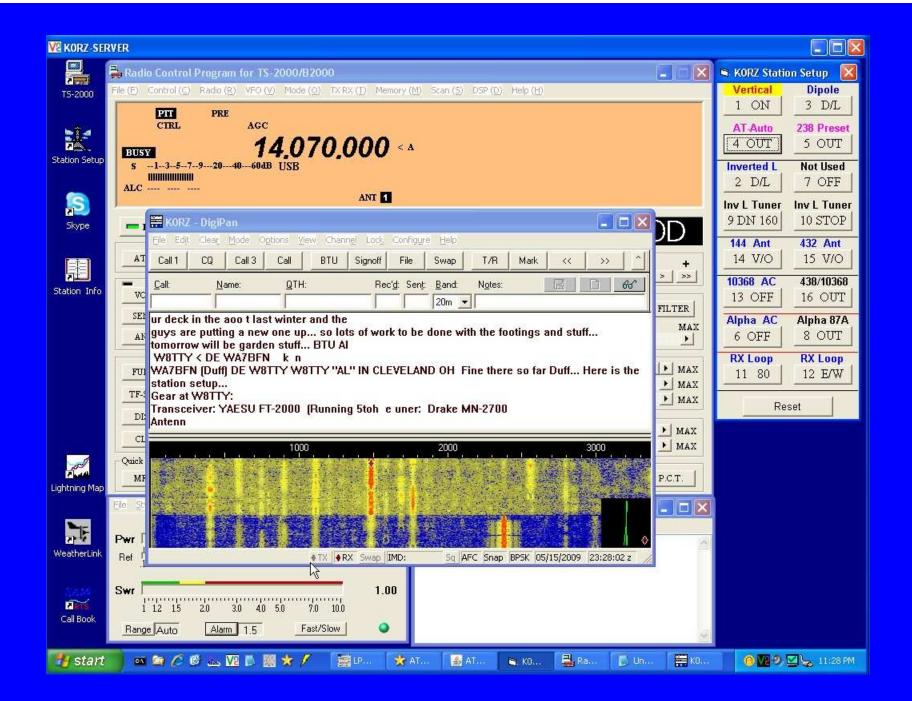
1917 Group

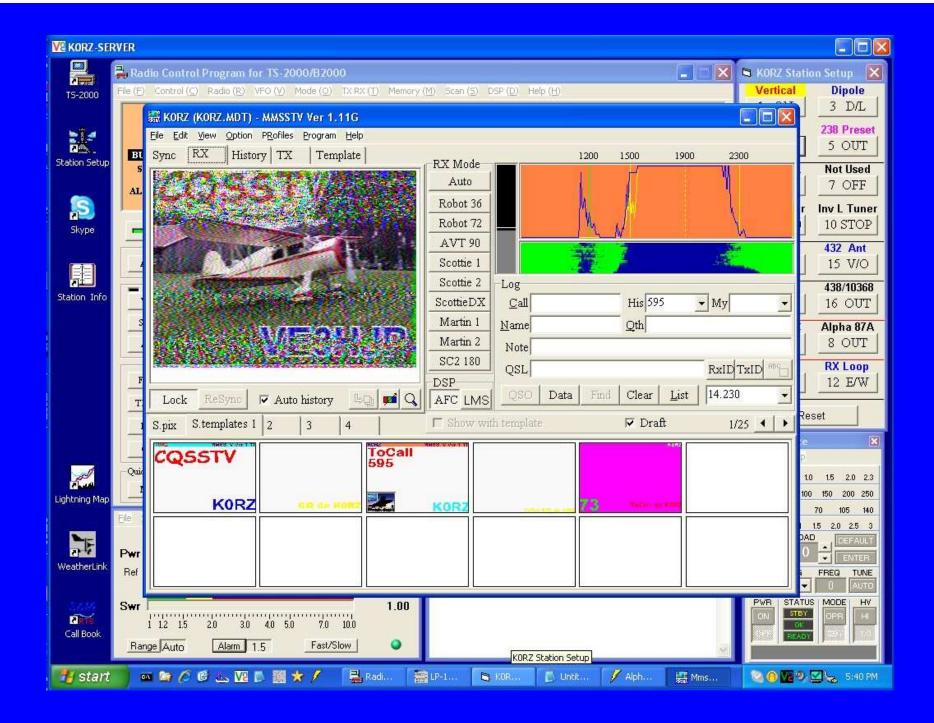


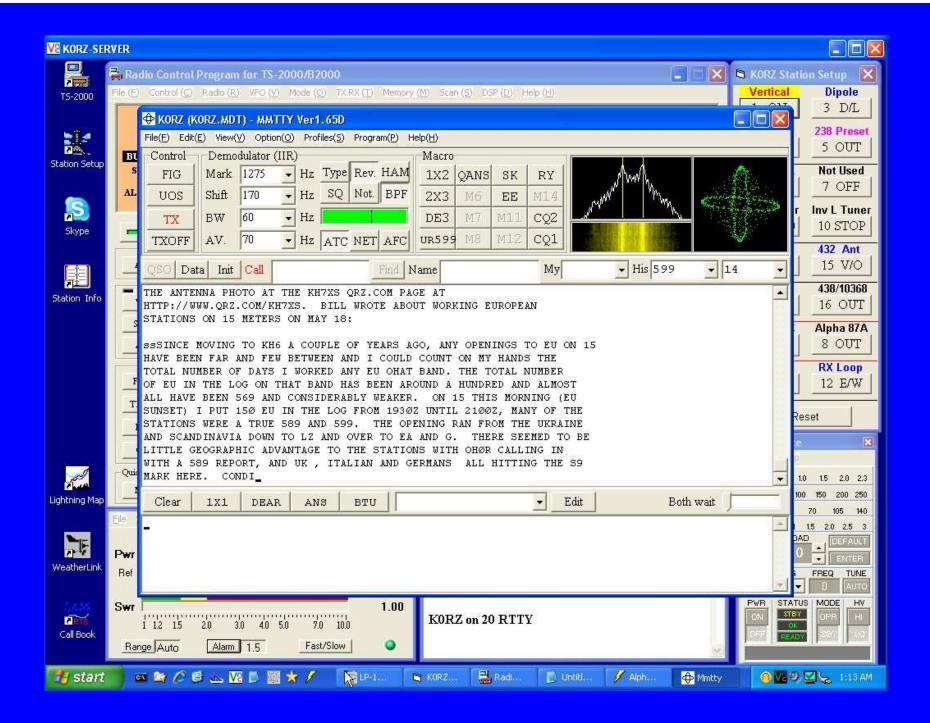
Advanced Station Info

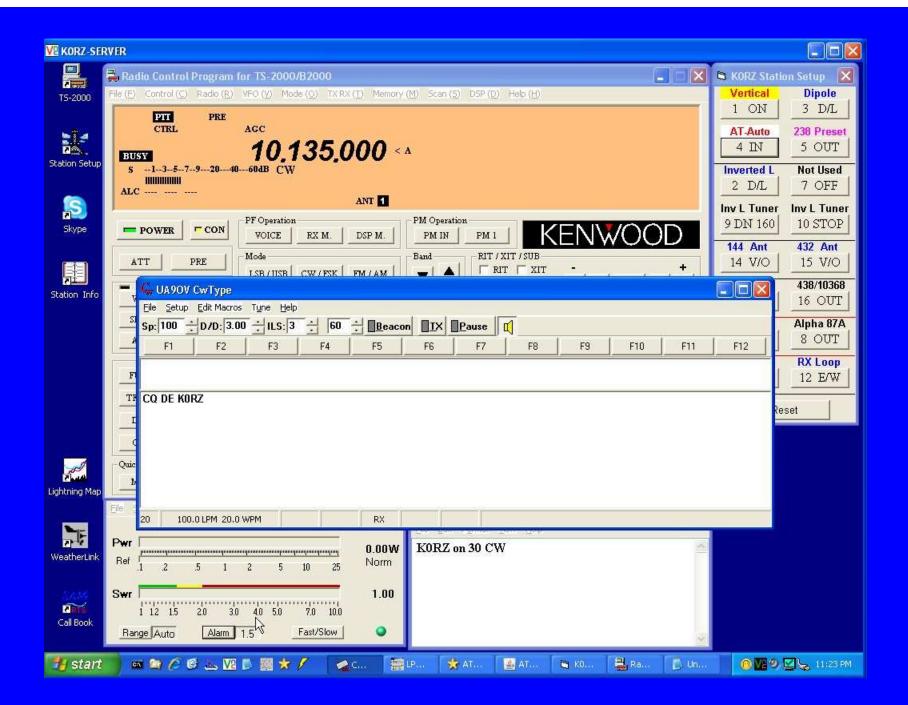


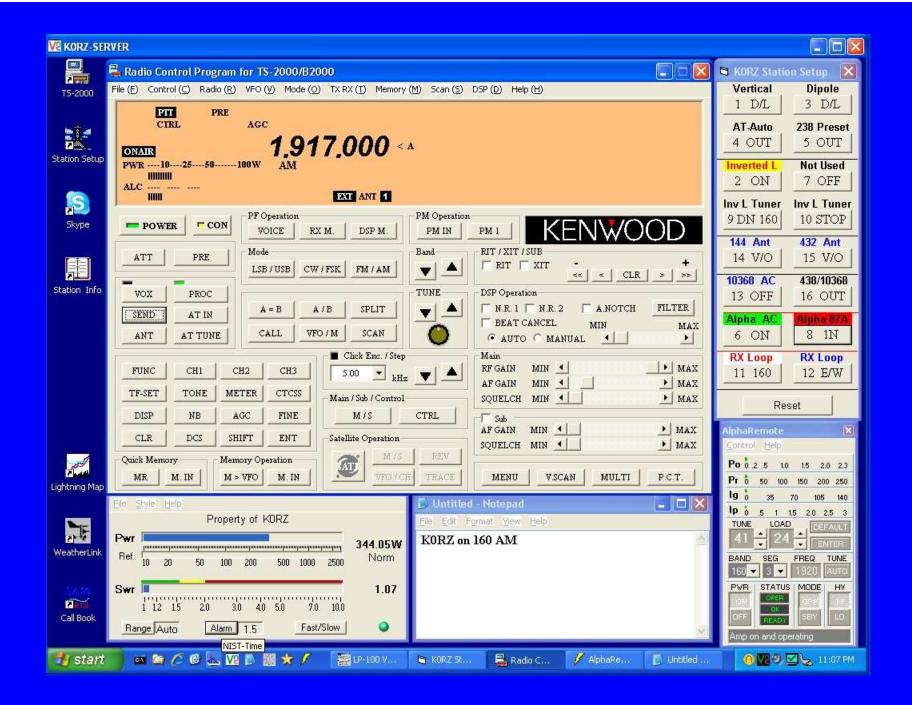


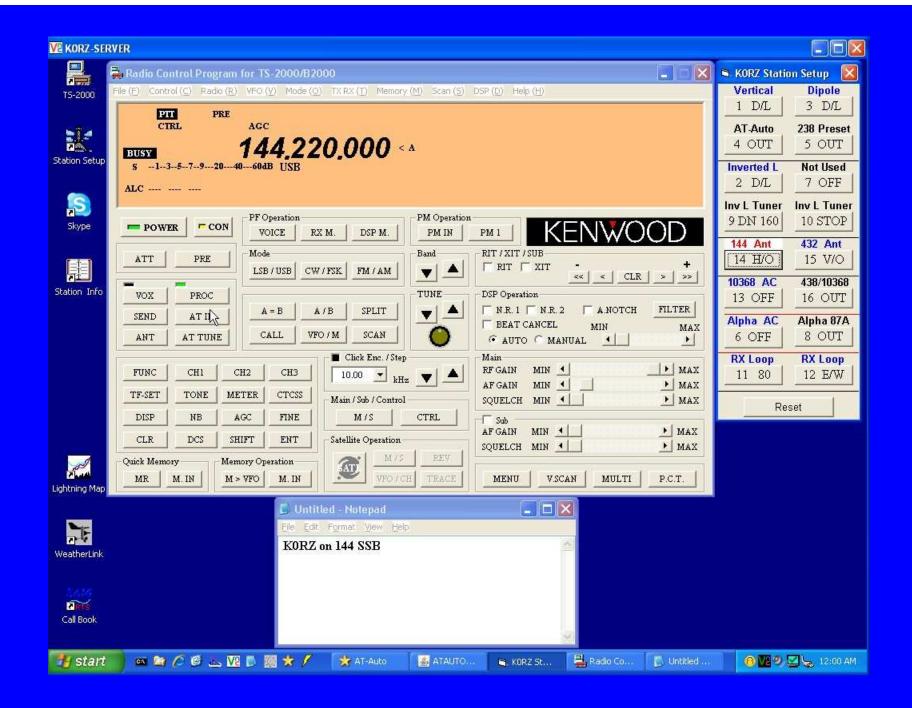


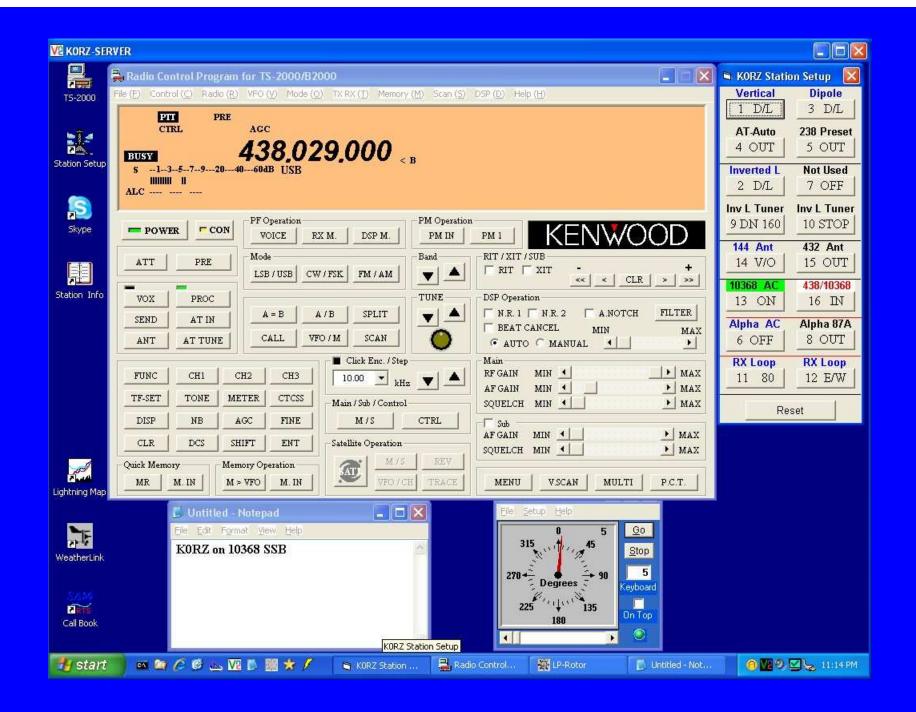


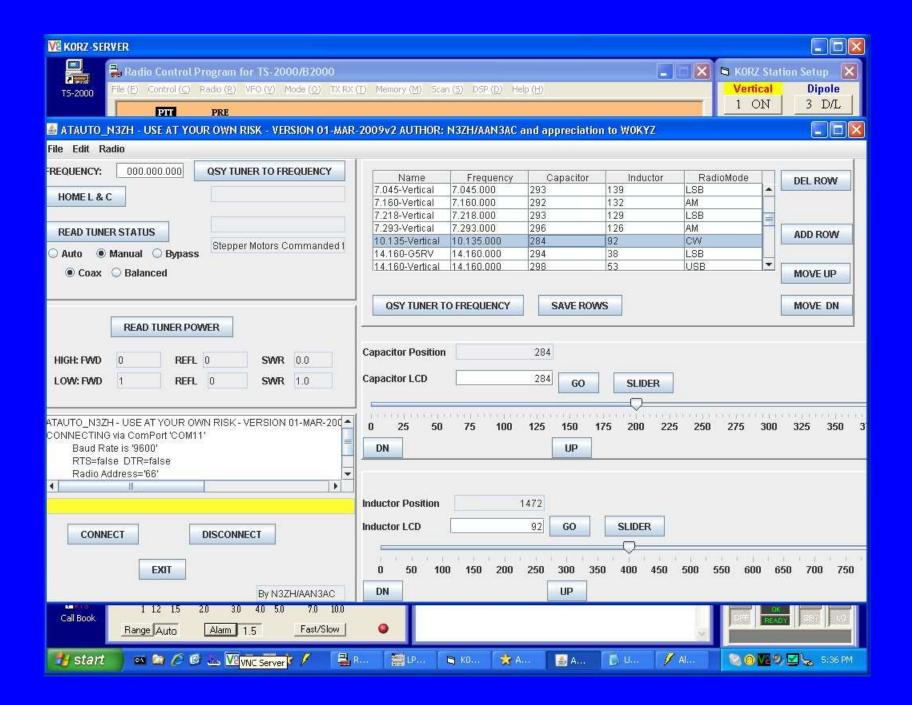














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Power

Power Controls

System Setup

Setup

DDNS

E-mail

Change Password

Power Schedule

Network Wakeup

IPSrv Conf

Firmware Update

Internal Time:

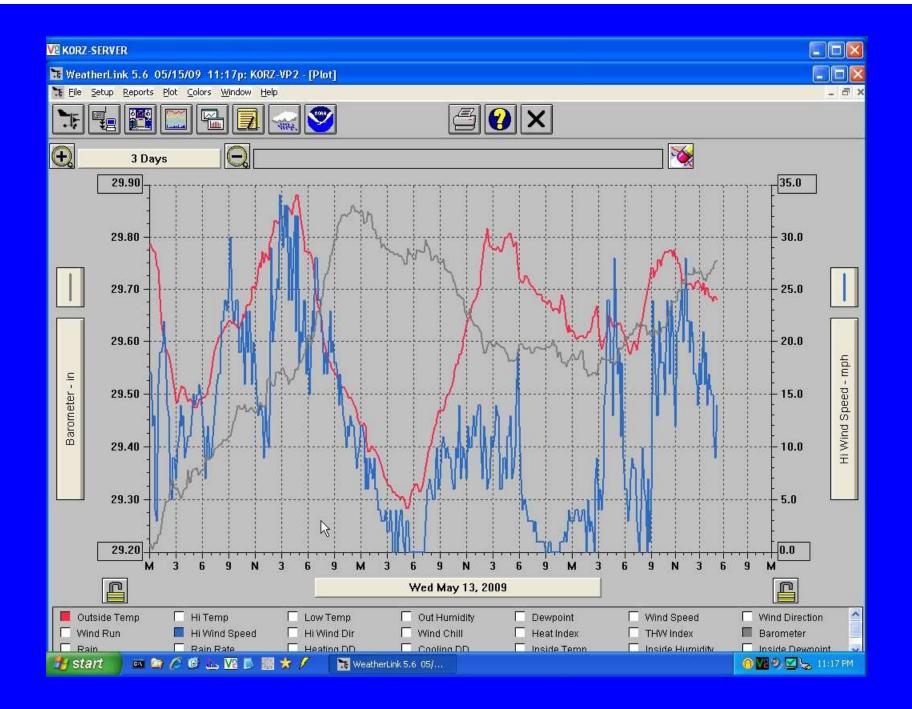
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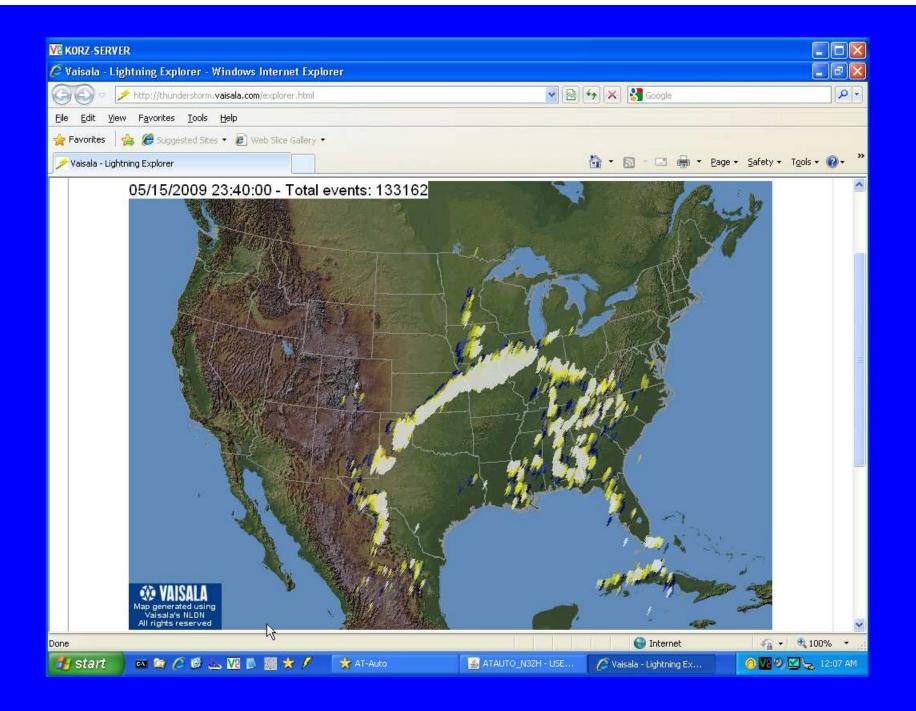
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1/0 Control

Power	Name	Control		Timer
Power1	K0RZ Server	⊙ On ○ Off	0	Sec On On Off
Power2	Radio DC Power	⊙ On ○ Off	0	Sec ○ On ⊙ Off
Power3	Switch 3	On Off	0	Sec O On O Off
Power4	Switch 4	On Off	0	Sec ○ On ⊙ Off

KORZ AC Power Control





- K0RZ equipment setup and screens.
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K0RZ Operating in Den



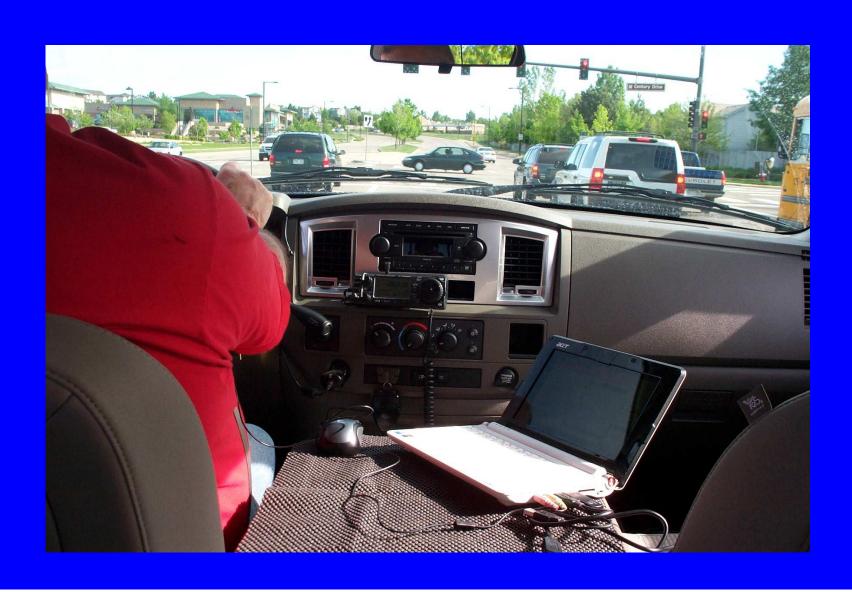
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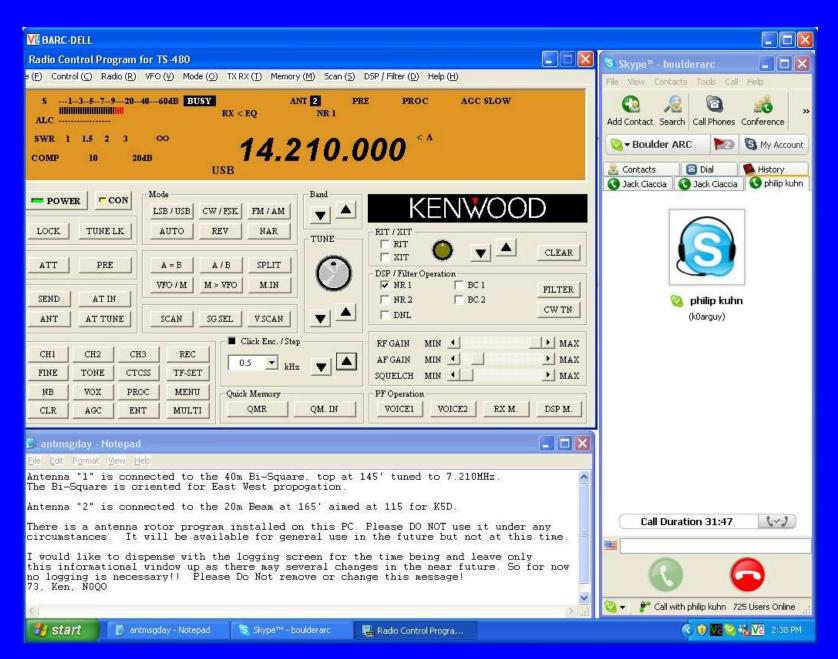
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W0WNV Mobile Operation

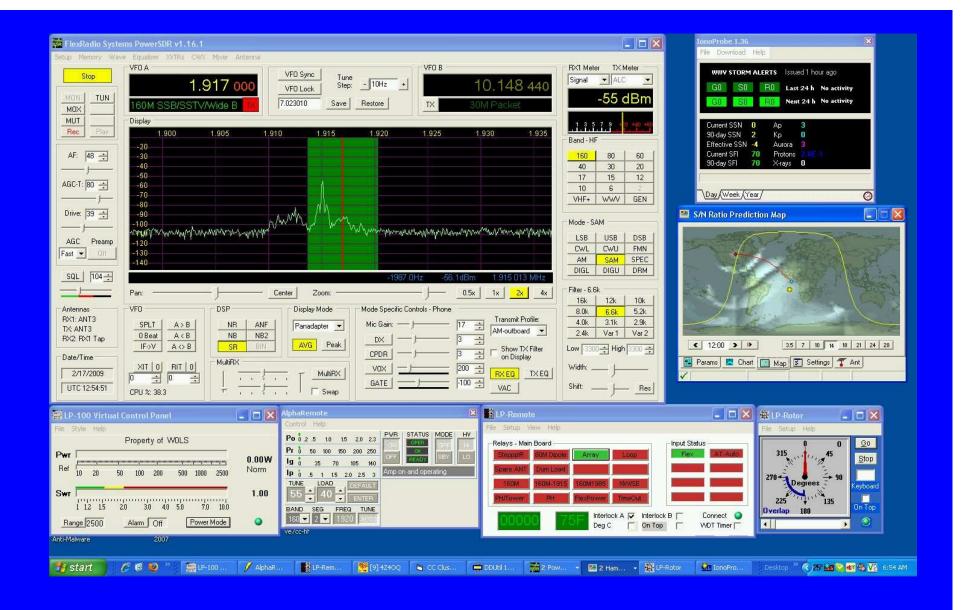


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- Using the K0RZ Remote.
- Boulder Amateur Radio Club.



Boulder ARC

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- Boulder Amateur Radio Club screen.
- W0LS screen



WOLS Station

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- W0LS screen
- KC9VF screen



KC9VF Remote Screen

Where to Get More Information

- QST April 2007 by W2LTF.
- Documentation for your hardware and software.
- N8LP (TelePost) web page.
- Internet (Google Search)
- URL Listing (Handout)

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URL Listings for Remote Amateur Station Applications

RealVNC http://www.realvnc.com/index.html

TightVNC http://www.tightvnc.com/

TRX Manager http://www.trx-manager.com/demoe.htm

Ham Radio Deluxe http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/

Skype http://www.skype.com/

Skype old versions http://www.oldapps.com/skype.php

Speak Freely PTT http://harvesting.com/speakfreely/

MMSSTV http://mmhamsoft.amateur-radio.ca/mmsstv/

MMTTY http://mmhamsoft.amateur-radio.ca/mmtty/

CWType http://www.dxsoft.com/en/products/cwtype/#bottom

Parallel Port Control http://www.geocities.com/micgm/

Palstar AT-Auto http://groups.yahoo.com/group/palstar_atauto/files/

Alpha Power http://www.alpharadioproducts.com/software.asp

TelePost (N8LP) http://www.telepostinc.com/n8lp.html

Carl's Electronics http://www.electronickits.com/kit/complete/elec/ck1601.htm

Lightning Map http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html

XP Static IP Help http://portforward.com/networking/static-xp.htm