

VHF Summits and more Bob Witte notes

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VHF, Summits, and More – having fun with ham radio

Hams of all ages, experience, and license levels will benefit from the 68 chapters in this book, particularly those interested in maximizing their enjoyment of the VHF/UHF bands. It is generously illustrated with color photographs and written in such a way that it will inspire the reader to get out and have fun with radio.

Part I is clearly written with the outright newbie in mind, but oldtimers can learn from it as well. (I did.) It includes information about radios, antennas, cables and connectors, how to get on 2 meters for the first time, how to use a repeater for the first time, and a lot more that would help ease the way for the first-time ham licensee.

Part II is comprised of blog posts from the KØNR weblog that have been updated and edited for the book. It concentrates on practical vhf/uhf operation and includes such helpful stuff as band plans, what frequencies to use, how to get started on 2 meter SSB, the North America Adventure Frequency, a simple wilderness protocol, and “Can I use my ham radio on public safety frequencies?” and much, much more. As a ham radio operator for nearly 40 years, I often found myself saying, “Hey, I didn’t know that!”

Part III is about Summits on the Air, and a lot of the information presented could also be easily applied to communicating in an emergency situation, including managing power, selecting antennas, and, in general, making sure that you get through with a two-way conversation.

This book contains a wealth of information that is easily accessible, clearly written, and is well worth the time. Highly recommended for any amateur radio operator or anyone thinking about becoming a ham.

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This second edition book is a complete update, including 100 pages of new material. An easy-to-understand introduction to VHF/UHF ham radio, this book includes practical tips for getting on the air and having fun messing around with radios. Learn about FM, SSB, repeaters, equipment, band plans, phonetics, portable operating, Summits On The Air (SOTA) activations, and more. Divided into three sections, the first section explains VHF/UHF concepts via tutorial articles such as "VHF FM Operating Guide," "Getting Started on 2m SSB," and "How to Work a VHF Contest." The second section includes blog posts from the k0nr.com website, such as "Choose Your 2m Frequency Wisely," "VHF Grid Locators," "Phonetic Alphabets," and "VHF FM: The Utility Mode." The final section helps the reader understand mountaintop operating, especially Summits On The Air (SOTA) activations, including operating tips and trip reports.

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