

Peoria Superfest 2015 APRS Satellites and Solar/EV Energy



May 2014

APRS is everywhere *



Find any station, Any map, Anywhere- http://aprs.fi

APRS Terrestrial Data Relay Network

> Supports over 20,000+ terrestrial users and experimenters.



But stops at the shoreline and has huge holes in the wilderness

<u>Satellite Users more sparse – but global</u>



The Saga of The Elect-Reck



WB4APR Background











1990











WB4APR Background

I can't believe I have lived long enough to see Solar cost half of the utilities and EVs cost less than, and out perform gas cars!





2015

APRS Satellites

2015 Smallsat Cubesat Conference, Utah

	PCSAT	2001
	ISS	2006
	PSAT	2015
Ocean Buoys w/ <u>RF Terminals</u>	QIKCOM2	2016
GROUND STATION		



A satellite relay channel for Amateur Satellite User data anywhere on earth.



Solution: Ground Terminal Applications Focus

Supports Student Experimenters world wide



Quicker Student involvement using a Ground Terminal Operational Concept

Ground Terminal Applications Focus (force tracking and text-messaging)



Supports Student Experimenters School missions/movements Theater area communications and Emergency Response Comms







The Yard Patrol Craft









de WB4APR



APRS Local & Global Internet linked Data Network



APRS Global Packet Radio Network Internet Linked for live Communications

<u>Automatic Packet Reporting System</u>

Arctic Buoy Student Experiment

• USNA Arctic Buoy deployed March 2012

The APRS piece





Example Remote Sensors using APRS Protocol





- Transatlantic APRS balloon launched and tracked through terrestrial network
- Lost comms over Atlantic Ocean
- It could have been picked up by our Psat/Pcsat transponder or the ISS



Global Wilderness Areas (90% of Earth)

• Live Global APRS Balloon Tracking Web Page



Global Wilderness Areas (90% of Earth) M0XER-3, 4 and 6

• Live Global APRS Balloon Tracking Web Page



Tiny MOXER APRS (balloon data) payloads



MAREA* Rover Projects (ARRL)



- STEM School projects
- Excite kids with Robotics
- Drive anywhere on Earth!
- Via APRS links
- School-to-school





*http://www.arrl.org/marea-ham-radio-robotics

Ground Terminal Applications Focus

Tactical Situational Awareness and Text Messaging

Last 100 stations!

Psat USNA-0601





Direction & Distance

Frequency and Tone





Tracking (on Google Earth)

http://aprs.fi



Tactical situational awareness











Live Example: www.aprs.org/wb4apr-15.html



All on 145.825 MHz



WB4APR

See live downlink on http://pcsat.aprs.org and www.ariss.net

Huge reduction from transponders on PCSAT's 1,2, ANDE and RAFT missions

Psat USNA-0601





Earlier reductions to 5" cubesat on RAFT (2006)

Now reduced 18:1 in volume/mass for 4" cubesat 2009





4:1

Psat APRS Network Architecture



Global Volunteer Ground Station Network

Internet Linked for live Telemetry





9W2CEH, 9W2DIE, 9W2JDY, AI9IN, AL0I, BD8TE, CU2ZG, DG4YGO, DH7JC, DK3WN, DL5MAM, EA1JM, EA6XQ, F4GUK, F8COD, FR1GZ, HG8GL, HR1PAQ, HS0BBD, IK1SOW, IS0AML, IZ0PMP, JA0CAW, JA2PIT, JA5BLZ, JE9PEL, JH1LWU, JH4XSY, JJ1WTK, K0KOC, K4AG, K7GPS, K7MT, K8YSE, KB1CHU, KB1PVH, KB3KBR, KB9ZWL, KC2WBX, KC4AAC, KC9DOA, KD0KZE, KD0PGM, KD8TH, KG6HSQ, LA3QMA, LU1DZL, LU1WFU, LU2HAM, LW2DTZ, M0NRT, N0AGI, N5DUX, N5KAR, N9ZTS, NK7N, ON7EQ, PA3EKM, PA3GUO, PA6HAP, PP5CAM, PT2AP, R4UAB, RA2FG, SM5RVH, SQ5RTW, SV3RNJ, UA0SNV, UW7HR, VK2JNG, VK4CBW, VK8MA, V01BIL, W0JW, W7HR, W7KKE, WA8LMF, WB2LMV, YD0NXX, ZL1KM, ZL2CIA, ZS5YE, ZS6AAG

APRS iGate



APRS IGate with Raspberry Pi and DVB-T stick

DK3WN

http://www.kubonweb.de/?p=130 http://www.mstewart.net/super8/aprs/RASP/index.htm http://n5dux.com/ham/raspberrypi/igate.php http://www.radio.cc/post/aprs-igate-with-raspberr-pi-setup

Raspberry PI iGate APRX with soundmodem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtUnuJn 700



Remote APRS Sensor Baseline



See Buoy Location and Telemetry at http://www.ew.unsa.edu/~bruninga/buoy4.html

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Number of Buoy Packets Received Per Day via PCSAT-1 and PCSAT2

APRS Global data network

QuickLook: Global APRS Data Network

- aprs.fi Every Packet on Earth
- ariss.net Every packet via ISS

• pcsat.aprs.org – Every packet via PCSAT

Psat Unique Power Attitude – Z coil ADCS



PSAT's mass is centered in Z





- For Maximum MOI about Z
- Batteries to outside for MOI & Shielding
- Stainless steel belt around everything

PSAT: Aux PSK31 Transponder Payload

- Flew on PCSAT2 on ISS but astronaut broke off HF antenna
- Flew on RAFT but took 1 kW uplink and negative power budget
- Now Operational since May 2015 launch of PSAT and BRICsat
- Both transponders built at Brno Univ, Czech Republic.



PSAT: PSK31 Transponder Payload !!!

Built Dr. Mirek Kasal OK2AQK and students Tomas Urbanec, P. Vágner



HF Linear RX



FM XMTR

PSK DopplerPSK

by Andrew Flowers KOSM

 experimental program to compensate the doppler shift on PSK31 uplinks

 its a PSK31 transmitter that is merged with an orbital propagator to cause your the transmitted signal to drift exactly opposite to uplink doppler effect

Satellite Info		Uplink		
Sat	NO-84	Uplink Freq:	28,120	MH
obc		Doppler Adj:	-125,36	Ha
AZ:	256,58	Doppler Adj. Rate:	-0,35	Hz/s
-		Center AF Freq.:	1000	Ha
EL:	-79,45	Current AF Freq.:	876	Ha
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http://www.frontiernet.net/~aflowers/dopplerpsk/dopplerpsk.html

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PSAT Nitinol Wire Whip Antennas



Wrapping Antennas to one Burn Resistor



2 Orthogonal UHF whips

One VHF whip

One 6' HF whip

3rd Enable Switch

PSAT bulletin packets

PSAT contains 3 bulletins for every country area, BLN0USA, BLN1USA, BLN2USA for example over the USA. The same geographical areas are used for sending Bulletins.



PSAT-1>APOFF,ARISS,qAR,ON7EQ-10::BLN0USA :PSK31 435.35 Up on 28.12
PSAT-1>APOFF,ARISS,qAR,HG8GL-5::BLN1USA :ARISS.NET & PCSAT.APRS.ORG
PSAT-1>APOFF,ARISS,qAR,ON7EQ-10::BLN2USA :See APRS.FI & 144.39 users
PSAT>APRSON,ARISS,qAR,DK3WN-8::BLN0EUR :PSK31 435.35 Up on 28.12
PSAT>APRSON,ARISS,qAR,DK3WN-8::BLN1EUR :Coming soon -> AMSAT-UK Colloquium July 24-26th at Guildford
PSAT>APRSON,ARISS,qAR,DK3WN-8::BLN2EUR :See APRS.FI & 144.80 users
How not to Make a Satellite



Stop adding neat features...

APRS Global data network

Our Next APRS Satellites

QIKcom-1

- APRS system (PSAT)
- Release from ISS in October 2015
- flies on host spacecraft (28V, no solar panels or ADCS)

QIKcom-2

- launch December 2015
- 1st APRS TouchTone Satellite
- APRStt is a complete two way system that enters data using DTMF and receives APRS information by synthesized voice response.





QIKCOM-2 converts DTMF to both Voice and APRS and APRS data to voice!





With QIKCOM-2, not just APRS but DTMF data sources can be relayed among all users.



The table at right begins at 00 thru 99 to give worldwide 4 digit Grids for the next APRStt DTMF satellite using DTMF only.

Standard Message communications (4 bytes)

	One Group For Possible RELIEF EMERGENCY Use
• Since 1800's	ONE Everyone safe here. Please don't worry.
	TWO Coming home as soon as possible.
for telegraph	THREE Am in hospital. Receiving excellent care and recovering fine.
	FOUR Only slight property damage here. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.
• since1927 or	FIVE Am moving to new location. Send no further mail or communication.
	SIX Will contact you as soon as possible.
so for radio	SEVEN Please reply by Amateur Radio through the amateur delivering this message.
	EIGHT Need additional mobile or portable equipment for immediate emergency use.
	NINE Additional radio operators needed to assist with emergency at this location.
	TEN Please contact Advise to standby and provide further emergency information,
• Most of the	
time, most of	ELEVEN Establish Amateur Radio emergency communications with on MHz.
· · · · · · ·	TWELVE Anxious to hear from you. No word in some time. Please contact me as soon as possible.
what is said,	THIRTEEN Medical emergency situation exits here.
has been said	FOURTEEN Situation here becoming critical. Losses and damage from increasing.
	FIFTEEN Please advise your condition and what help is needed. SIXTEEN Properly damage very severe in this area.
before	SEVENTEEN REACT communications services also available. Establish REACT communication with
	on channel .
	FIGHTEEN Please contact me as soon as possible at
$\sim 02 \log 00$	NINETEEN Request health and welfare report on (State name, address and telephone number.)
• Q2 has 99	TWENTY Temporarily stranded. Will need some assistance. Please contact me at
messages and	TWENTY ONE Search and Rescue assistance is needed by local authorities here. Advise availability.
e	TWENTY TWO Need accurate information on the extent and type of conditions now existing at your location. Please furnish this information and reply without delay.
99 modifiers	TWENTY THREE Report at once the accessibility and best way to reach your location.
	IWENTY FOUR Evacuation of residents from this area urgently needed. Advise plans for help.
	TWENTY FIVE Furnish as soon as possible the weather conditions at your location.
	TWENTY SIX Help and care for evacuation of sick and injured from this location needed at once.

Remember, lots of Space APS here on Earth



- STEM School projects
- Excite kids with Robotics
- Drive anywhere on Earth!
- Via APRS links



*http://www.arrl.org/marea-ham-radio-robotics ...



All need Energy!

• There is nothing certain in life except

Death and

• There is nothing certain in life except

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Taxes ...

• There is nothing certain in life except

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Taxes ...

and Utilities!

• There is nothing certain in life except



• There is nothing certain in life except



Our Daily Fossil Burning Costs



Big

Picture!



Electric Vehicle Support

We include EV's because about <u>half of</u> <u>our easily-fixed energy</u> is spent <u>driving</u>



When is the Payback ??? When is the Breakeven ???



Big

Picture!



Paying for at-home Garbage Pickup was from Day ONE !



When is the Payback ??? Picture! When is the Breakeven ???



Big





Paying for Sewage Plants – was from Day ONE !



Big
Picture!When is the Payback ???When is the Breakeven ???



Investing in Solar Power - is from Day ONE ! Because that's when we Stop Beating Mother Nature and stealing from our kids future.







1 House, 1 Year 4 Tons of Coal



Yes, we have 100 years of coal, but there won't be anything left of WV!

OUR PRESENT LIFESTYLE IS NOT SUSTAINABLE!



Are we part of the problem?





Or part of the Solution?





Lighting: Save 4 to 1 Energy!

(breakeven in 5 days!)



Cost 50 cents.

Save \$50 over the life of the bulb!

House with 50 bulbs saves \$2500



Only 1 in 4 households do it!

-- Life's Major Energy Milestones---

Although we all want to move forward on Renewable Energy, the up-front investment is often intimidating even though we will actually save money in the long run and benefit mankind. It is hard to make these big steps toward change.

But, remember that we face these big Energy Milestone opportunities throughout our lives. If we have to spend the money anyway just to keep our systems going, then a little forethought and preparation may lead us to do the right thing.

When is your next energy milestone?

Every 20 years - A new roof - why not solar Every 6 years - A new car - why not a Plug-in? Every 8 years - A new water heater - why not a heatpump Every 15 years - A new Heating system - switch from oil/gas Every year - Your utility offers energychoice - Choose wind Every 12 years - New job/move/retirement - all of the above

On average, you will face one of these every 2 years. Are you ready to make the choice for clean energy and savings for the rest of your life?











My Energy re-awakening 2007

Adding solar panels to junkyard prius(s)









We CAN reduce emissions!

My family did from 3000 gal/year down to 200 gal/year



8 Trees Eliminate these Pollutants /yr

400 lbs of carbon dioxide 48 lbs of particulates 9 lbs of nitrogen dioxide 6 lbs of sulfur dioxide 2 lb of carbon monoxide



Derived from data on: http://www.coloradotrees.org/benefits.htm



One 220W solar panel Eliminates Per Year:

440 lbs of Carbon Dioxide 57 lbs of Particulates 7 lbs of Sulfer Dioxide 1.4 lbs of Nitrous Oxide 0.4 lbs of Carbon Monoxide .0012 lbs of Uranium and Thorium .0000008 oz of Mercury

Derived from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fossil_fuel_power_plant

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Clean Energy, SOLAR

Carbon Equivalence!

Each Panel = 8 Trees.



Our system = 312 trees!

= (3 acres of trees)



60,00

40.00

2010

2008 2008

Source: EPIA

2012

Solar Buzz. Company reports.. Green Econometrics research http://greenecon.net/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/price.jpg

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8 4

32

Solar Cost! Equaled Utility in 2010 Half the Utility in 2013



As a Ham, I was so wrong!

• My concept of solar power was always this:



Grid-tie Revolutionized Solar

• No Batteries!

Grid-Tie



Every Watt Produced is valued at full Retail Rates! ZERO MAINENANCE FOR LIFE!

Falling Prices 10-to-1



Array Cost

\$15,000 2007
\$ 9,000 2010
\$ 6,000 2012
\$ 3,000 2013
\$ 2,000 2014
\$ 1,900 2015

\$5/watt down to 50c/watt* for panels in only 10 years

*Contractor cost tho is still about \$3/w

Home 1000 x better

10x cheaper and 100 times more roof







Comparing solar on the car roof compared to home solar.

Angles - not important with Grid-Tie



http://www.nrel.gov/rredc/pvwatts/



Amazing, even due East, you still get 85% effectiveness!



Amazing! Increase power by 60% to 100% on other side!

Tilt Angle not important with Grid-tie



Tilt angle chosen was 25 deg instead of 35 deg to reduce visibility (<1% loss)

Any angle from 20° to 50° is within 1% of annual total

Annual Power Production

2.2kW South Array versus Angle



For annual total power, the tilt angle is not that important. The more important parameter is shade (location)

10% or more Return on Investment for Life!

- Federal gives 30% tax credit. No limit
- State of Maryland Grant
 - In 2010 for our 8kW system was \$7000
 - In 2011 was \$5000
 - In 2013 was \$1000
- AA County Real Estate Tax credit

 \$2500

Fotal Gov't Tax Credits return ~ 40% of investment!
ENDS IN 2016?... Congress?



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What to do with \$12,000?

and \$60/mo elec bill

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Put in bank @ 1% Pay \$700/yr for life for electricity*	$\frac{1}{1}$
	Buy 4 kW solar\$12k equityGet back \$3600 immediately on taxesGet back \$600/yr in SRECs (5 yrs)Get \$700 free electricity/yearGet \$3000 from Illinois? County? City?
 \$5,000 Equity left \$000 Earned interest \$5,900 Equity Own nothing Continue \$700/yr for life \$0 after 7 more years 	 \$12,000 System Value \$6,600 Tax refund \$3,000 SREC's \$21,600 Equity You own your own Energy system NO utilities for life!

Remember:

• There is nothing certain in life except



And 10% return for life!

Solar panels better than a pension, says minister 8% - 10%

Energy minister says those approaching retirement should consider putting some of their savings into solar panels to deliver a better financial return than a pension



Greg Barker, the energy minister, said that anyone approaching retirement should consider putting some of their savings into solar panels because they would deliver a better financial return than a pension.






50% Energy Driving to Church



50% of Church's energy/emissions due to driving! With the Solar array, EV driving is 100% renewable



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http://aprs.org/EV-charging-everywhere.html

Most of what we think we know about EV's might be wrong

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- Cost too much!
- Runs on coal from Power Plant (Carbon)
- Range too short
- Useless in power outage
- Planet Impact worse than a Hummer
- No Infrastructure
- Not enough chargers
- Takes too long to charge

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IEEE Transportation Committee

Most of us, *Greybeards* too, drive gas cars with gas-tank thinking







EVs Now cheaper than gas!...? 2013



Over 40 EV's now on Market! (in just 5 years!) Over 40 by 2015!

Only 4 cost more than the average gas car! (\$33k)

	Base Price (USO) ¹	funct Price	Range [mi]'	Self. (kWh)	Speed (mph)		Fuel/ Mo."	0
Lero 5 279.4	\$13,345	\$13,345	.76	9.4	95	462		1
Brammo Empulse	\$36,995	\$14,995	80	30.2	130	-	519	
Mitsubishi I (I-MIEV)	\$22,995	\$15,495	62	16	80	112	548	
Smart electric	\$25,000	\$17,500	68	17.6	78	307	546	
Chevy Spark IV	\$26,685	\$29,585	82	21.8	90	119	\$42	7
Nissan LEAF	\$29,010	\$21,510	84	24	95	334	546	1
Ford Focus Electric	\$29,170	\$21,670	26	23	84	305	\$50	7
Flat 500e	\$31,800	\$24,300	87	24	85	316	546	1
En Soul EV	\$33,700	\$38,200	93	27	90	105	\$50	1
We-Golf	\$35,445	\$27,945	83	24	87	116	\$46	
Honda Fit EV	\$259/ma	lines and	82	30	90	118	\$42	1
BMW (3 (* ger syk)	\$41,350	\$83,850	81	22	93	324	\$42	1
Mercedes B-Class	\$41,450	\$33,950	87	28	101	64	\$58	7
Toyota RAV& EV	\$49,800	\$42,800	100	41.8	103	76	\$67	
Teola Model 5 85	\$79,900	\$72,400	265	85	125	89	\$54	1
Faula Model X 85			265	85	125	89	\$58	1
Toyota Prius Plug-in	\$29,990	\$27,490	11-gas.	4.4	132	95	\$58	
Ford C-Max Energi	\$31,770	\$27,768	20-get	7.6	102	55	\$71	
Chevy Volt	\$34,170	\$28,870	38-ga	17.1	100	98	\$67	
Ford Fusion Energi	\$34,800	\$30,799	20-gas	7.6	104	88	\$71	
Honda Accord Physic	\$99,780	\$34,154	13-gas	6.7	134	115	563	1
Audi A3 e-tron	-		311 ⁴ igen	8.8	140	95		
Cadillac ELR	\$75,000	\$67,500	37-gas	18.5	306	82	\$79	1
Parsche Cayenne	\$76,400	\$71,065	14-94	30.8	151	47	\$142	1
VA VIRUE (Part)	\$79,000	\$71,500	43' 1 (1)	23	85		\$76	1
Porsche Panamera	\$94,100	\$91,348	18-ges	9,4	167	50	\$125	
BMW IB	\$135,700	\$1\$1,907	15-get	7.5	160	76	\$108	1
Porsche 918 Spyder	\$845,000	5841,833	12-gm	6.3	230	67	\$138	

Only ONE moving part!

- Electricity less than 30% cost of gas
- Maintenance 10% of a gas car



Public Charging – only a security blanket



Only Provides comfort & security ... like a spare gas can



85% of all charging is at home

Buying an EV with the idea of public charging, means not understanding EV's and maybe buying the wrong car!

A Battery is not a TANK!





The Complete Paradigm Shift:

Gas cars drive-to-empty, then fill-to-full at Public Stations EV's charge daily at home and at work <u>while parked</u>



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Every EV can charge from any 120v outlet

Every EV comes with a 120v charge cord





Exist or \$15 each

Charging stations for every EV is not sustainable at-work:



\$6000 installed

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Charge at Home (and at work)



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Charging While Parked (21 hrs/day)



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Our Legacy experience

People see this And think \$50



<u>Oh the</u> Horror!

Reality with EV's is



20¢/hr



\$1 a day

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Charging Load at 120v:

1 Coffee Pot = Level 1 EV charging



Employee's pay for coffee mess and yet get free electricity



We dont want free electricity, we want to pay for it, and simply be allowed to plugin!

Pay \$20/mo For 20mi commute



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Plug-in at work (double range, quadruple area)

Easton

Charge at home only = 16 mi range (chevy Volt) Charge L1 at work/home = 64 mi range ΕV White Hal Charging Westminster Havre De Air North Grace Bel Air **Charging at work** rsville Cockeysville 140 \$20/mo Edgewood for Towson 16 mi/_{day} t Airy Randallstown msville Middle River een Valle Baltimore Ellicott City 270 Columbia Elkridge C estertown Glen Burnie Home only Gaithersburg Laurel Rockville Odenton Severna Park Patomac 301 Silver Bowie. WIADO-Stester Spring ton Vienna Washington Eastern ((50) Harwood airfax Alexandria 4 Burke Tracys

Clinton

Lorton 10 mi

Croom

Landing

lesapeake Beach

Big Picture! Fossil Burning Costs





Heating Costs – Oil, Propane...

Straight Electric 2014

Actually our biggest Energy cost is our Propane heating.

Switching to Heatpump can save 60% of our energy costs!





Switching from Propane to Ground Source Heatpump

Our heating costs will go down 60% AND being electric, we can replace that with solar free heating for decades!



So, Lets do the right thing... Move forward with clean Energy





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Summary

You can do something

- If you have sun, solar is best investment ever...
- Pre-think your next personal energy decision.
- Water heater dies get a heatpump one
- Heating dies get a heat pump (and solar)
- Car ages get an EV for commuting
- Put charging signs on outdoor outlets
- Power them for life with Solar! \$\$\$



Its cheaper and cleaner!