

TERAC NEWSLETTER

(TEchnology Radio Amateur Club)

TERAC Meeting:

- **Time:** April 8, 2010, 7:30PM
- **Talk-In:** 443.65 MHz Simplex
(Non-members welcome)
- **Place:** TVF&R Training Building
20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha, OR

(From Tualatin Valley Hwy (OR Hwy 8) turn South on SW 209th, then left on SW Blanton for approx one block)

The Future of Broadcasting

Charlie Rhodes

{Seating is limited to about 30 at this venue; we may have to location due to the anticipated high level of interest in this subject so watch for confirming email next week}

The FCC has been mandated to produce a National Broadband Initiative. This Initiative proposes that the FCC re-allocate 500 MHz for BROADBAND.

Of this, the FCC intends to reduce the broadcast TV spectrum UHF Band by 20 as yet unspecified UHF channels.

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) and the CTIA (The Wireless Consortium) proposed to the FCC that broadcasters should convert their operations from the single transmitter with its high power and tall tower, to a system of low power, multiple transmitters distributed throughout the station's coverage area and all radiating the same DTV bit stream on the same channel.

This scheme was referred to specifically in the FCC BROADBAND

INIATITIVE as Single Frequency Networks. Such networks are widely used in Europe and Asia for DTV; however the DTV Transmission Standard in those countries was designed expressly to permit SFN operation. It employs COFDM a modulation scheme involving almost 8000 carriers spaced at 1000 Hz intervals across an 8 MHz channel. Each symbol is transmitted for 1 millisecond. By this clever scheme, the receivers are immune to multipath interference which lasts for up to 50 microseconds of a 1000 microsecond symbol period.

Our ATSC System involves a single carrier and is known to be highly susceptible to multipath interference. Therefore our receivers have an Adaptive Channel Filter (Ghost Killers) which are designed to Filter out these

echoes. Early ATSC receivers had crude "Ghost Killers" but since 2005 their performance with respect to static echoes has been greatly improved,

Some, perhaps most of this improvement in filtering out static echoes came at the expense of poorer performance in removing Dynamic echoes; as from: Tree sway, Tower Sway, aircraft landing or taking off, and trucks & automobiles.

No one has tested the performance of ATSC receivers when receiving DTV from a SFN. Not until now.

Charlie Rhodes has worked in the television industry for over 50 years. At Tektronix he designed and managed the development of the early television products that were the foundation for the company's dominant position in video test equipment. Charlie is a Life Fellow of SMPTE receiving their prestigious David Sarnoff award in 1992. He is also a Life Fellow of the IEEE. Charlie was Chief Scientist at the ATSC during the development of the Digital Television system. Currently Charlie is a consulting engineer and writer for TV Technology magazine.

Chuck, K7BVT

FROM THE DESK (KEYBOARD) OF THE PRES

Thanks to Barrie Gilbert for an extremely lively discussion last month. I am looking forward to Charlie Rhodes presentation which deals with an issue that may affect amateur radio and our entertainment television. Come early to this one because we only have seating for about 30 people.

Roger, W7ADV

Field Day

Bob W7BKN and I are planning on operating K7AUO from Ocean Park again this year. We could use some help with antenna erection and operating. Contact either one of us if you are interested. **Chuck, K7BVT**

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. Upcoming Hamfairs & Events

April 11, 2010, Yakima Hamfest
Yakima, WA <http://w7aq.org>

April 30 – May 2, 2010
EMCOMMWEST, Reno, NV
<http://www.emcommwest.org/>

June 4-6, 2010
SeaPac Hamfest, Seaside, OR
www.seapac.org

June 11-13, 2010. 41st Wenatchee Hamfest

<http://www.qsl.net/w7td/>

June 26 – 27, 2010. Field Day
<http://www.arri.org/contests/announcements/fd/>

July 16-18, 2010. Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest
www.gwhamfest.org

August 14, 2010. Tacoma Hamfest
<http://www.w7dk.org/>

September 11, 2010. Clark County ARC Tail-Gate Swapmeet
<http://www.w7aia.org/>

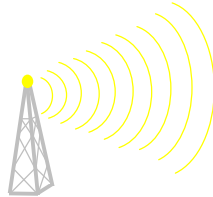
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Month	Board Mtg.	Club Mtg.	Club Meeting Notes
APR	29-Mar-10	8-Apr-10	
MAY	3-May-10	13-May-10	
			Summer Break
SEP	30-Aug-10	9-Sep-10	
OCT	4-Oct-10	14-Oct-10	
NOV	1-Nov-10	11-Nov-10	
DEC			Christmas dinner TBD

Application

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