

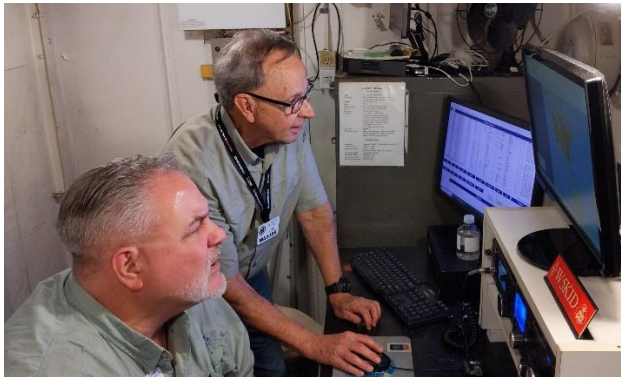
GOTA HF – USS KIDD

On April 1, 2023, our club sponsored a **Get on The Air** session for members who recently earned or upgraded their ham radio licenses. This was a tutoring session for learning the basics of operating an HF ham radio station. Using the **W5KID** station aboard the **USS KIDD** we covered the following topics:

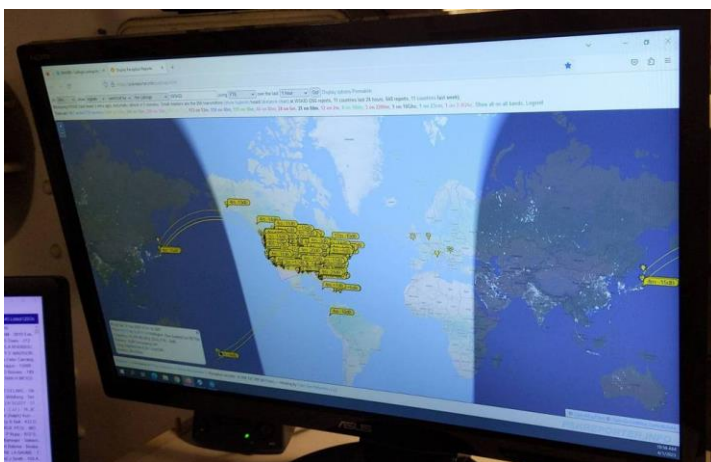
- HF station setup
- Use of a station PC
- Logging software
- Making digital FT8 contacts
- Basics of an SSB contact



Jon Reise (WA9JBR) conducted two sessions of about 90 minutes each. The first session included Tim Babin (K15ZAW), present in the photo below. Near the end of the session Jon and Tim spoke (on the 20 m band) with Jon's friend in the Chicago area.



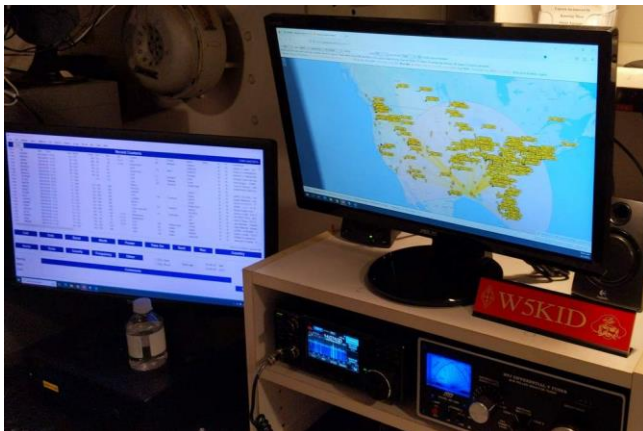
[pskreporter](#) was used several times to illustrate the reach of our digital transmissions across the globe. The photo below shows that our 20 m signals were received across most of the USA states at 11 am and were also reaching the western Pacific region.



The second session included Jason Mullins (KI5ZAZ) and C. Bevan Callicott (KI5QJL)



In both sessions there was good Q&A mixed into the radio operations and demonstrations. Our dual-monitor setup enabled viewing of the logging software (left) while also displaying signal reception reports.



16 contacts included Canada, Puerto Rico, and USA states: AZ, CA, CO, IA, IL, LA, MI, NY, OH, OK, PA, VA,

All participants were able to enjoy some voice contacts and enjoyed their time at our W5KID club station. We even spoke with Ryan Diamond (KI5ZYF), on the 10 m band, who was just across the river from us.

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