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Don – N9IZU

- Of course, we must have the ARRL listed: <https://www.arrl.org/>
- And particularly this section: <https://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure-calculator>
- Because I've been repairing (resurrecting) older gear, this site has been a godsend for information about older equipment: <https://bama.edebris.com/>
- Got a Heathkit? This site likely has the manual for it as well as other goodies: <https://www.vintage-radio.info/>

- Here's another source for free equipment manuals:
<https://www.eserviceinfo.com/>
- If you picked up some used Motorola gear, you need this site:
<http://batlabs.com/>
- Need data about a particular IC? Look here:
<https://www.datasheetcatalog.com/>
- Richard (Rick) Westerman (DJ0IP) has an eclectic site that covers many aspects of hamming. He also has more than a few tongue-in-cheek entries just for fun: <https://www.dj0ip.de/> and <https://www.dj0ip.com/>
- Here's a useful HF Propagation resource: <http://www.hfradio.org/>

This one is about space weather, not specifically HF propagation:

<https://spaceweather.com/>

- If you want a more thorough experience and to track your progress, go here: <https://arrlexamreview.appspot.com/>
- Want to learn the nuts-and-bolts of repeaters? This site covers practically everything you could ever want to know. You'll also find info about equipment from various manufacturers: <https://www.repeater-builder.com/>
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- Just getting started in electronics? Want to learn about what goes on inside our radios? Check out this very comprehensive site: <https://www.learnabout-electronics.org/>
- Here's the official location where all the questions for amateur exams are maintained: <https://www.ncvec.org/>
- Want to take a practice test? This site is easy to use and doesn't require you to log in: <https://www.eham.net/exams>
- Need a specific calculator or just some reference information? The Communications link at this site has several calculators that are useful to hams: <http://www.csgnetwork.com/converters.htm>

- Need other conversions? Here you go:
<https://www.onlineconversion.com>
- Into weather? Check out this site: <https://illinoisstormchasers.com>
- Speaking of the FCC: Want to see what they publish about you? Look here: <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>
- This is a site with pictures of antique vacuum tubes. Fascinating pictures and descriptions going back to the very early days:
<http://bill01a.com/>

- This is a useful Height Above Average Terrain (HAAT) calculator. While provided for broadcasters, it is useful for hams to get an idea of what line-of-sight range to expect from their VHF and up antennas. There's also a very good discussion about how HAAT is calculated. Be careful to height of your antenna (in meters) above mean sea level. Not above ground level.
- <https://www.fcc.gov/media/radio/haat-calculator>
- Need some whimsy? You need to read about the 2B Regrettor; a "device" invented in 1937 for the purpose of absorbing your regrets. Between the absurdity and the gobbledygook, you'll surely get a chuckle: <https://www.telephonecollectors.org/humor/regret.htm>

Roland – W9TRJ

- Here is a web site that I visit every so often. If you are looking for something in computers or electronics that is hard to find, you may find it here.

<https://kenselectronics.com/>

Mark – KR9K

- Ham Radio Crash Course

<https://youtu.be/gliAFi4Bbdw?si=6TdeSTzFFqrT1tis>

- Ham Radio 2.0

<https://youtu.be/ggvr6MUCri8?si=sorCNw9x47NSygo4>

- Ham Radio Prep
<https://youtu.be/eONL1ntJ3-c?si=kVLfHntaeE9-aWh3>
- KB9VBR Antennas
https://youtu.be/Oa7Y7svF-nk?si=BviV11_uXd_rqtWR
- K7SW Ham Radio
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9VaBfieEfE>
- KE0OG Ask Dave
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XnAhCUizX8>
- House of Ham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yML64VJR8SY>

- Ham Radio Tube

<https://youtu.be/KOQvrwipzJM?si=UkxMtWny9Ox1s9as>

Dennis – K9DPF

- <https://thepihut.com/> : source of all things Raspberry Pi.
- <https://www.raspberrypi.com/> : Official Pi site.

- <https://www.kickstarter.com/> : new tech plus.
- <https://hackaday.com/> : miscellaneous projects.
- <https://www.adafruit.com/> : Limor Fried's great electronic site. Many projects for the items sold.
- <https://www.makers.com/> : maker site.
- <https://www.elektor.com/> : EU site. Beware of exorbitant shipping rates.
- <http://SeeedStudio.com> : various electronics.
- <http://NutsVolts.com> : Magazine site. Various ham articles, but be mindful they are behind on publishing the hard copy.
- <http://Hackster.io> : Various maker articles.

- <http://RatPac.us> : Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee (RATPAC)
- <https://vkradio.com/>: Ham radio resource from Down Under.
- <http://ARRL.org> : 'nough said.
- <http://IcomAmerica.com> : Icom site.
- <http://Yaesu.com> : Company site.
- <http://Kenwood.com> : company site.
- <http://DXEngineering.com> : Ham supplier.
- <http://HamRadio.com> : Ham Radio Outlet's (HRO) website.

- <http://WinLink.org> : RF email .
- <http://open-electronics.org>: electronics.
- <http://RSGB.org> : UK's largest ham radio society.
- <http://JARL.org> : The Japan Amateur Radio League, Inc.
- <http://SpaceWeather.com> : Solar flares, everything sky.
- <http://K8ZT.com> : Amateur links.
- <https://arrl-il.org/> : Illinois Section Manager site.
- <http://CometAntennas.com> : manufacture's site.

- <https://www.alinco.com/global.html> Alinco
- <https://www.anytone.net/> AnyTone
- <https://bridgecomminc.com/> Bridgecom
- <https://hamsci.org/> Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation
- <https://www.mcmaster.com/> Any fitting you never thought of.

John – N9HRT

Online antique and vintage radio references. Free online schematics, manuals, tube data, references and more!

<http://www.nostalgiaair.org/>

Brian – WB9UGX

Propagation Map: There is a Quick Start Guide (selected on the upper left corner of the screen). You drag the map to your area, click near your location and enter in your specific Grid Square.

<https://hf.dxview.org>

Ed – K9EW

- ONLINE FERRITE CORE INDUCTANCE CALCULATOR:
<https://powermagnetics.co.uk/calculator/>
- ONLINE AIR CORE INDUCTANCE CALCULATOR:

<https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/tools/coil-inductance-calculator.html>Slide

- SIMPLE SERIES OR PARALLEL RESISTOR ONLINE CALCULATOR:
<https://zalophusdokdo.github.io/ConversionCalculators/en/conversion-calculator-parallel-and-series-resistor.html>
- LOTS OF UNIQUE QRP HAM RADIO KITS HERE:
<http://shop.qrp-labs.com>
- ANOTHER SOURCE OF QRP / PORTABLE KITS HERE:
<https://qrpguys.com/>
- GOOD SOURCE FOR PORTABLE OPERATION GEAR:
<https://www.sotabeams.co.uk/>

- I USE THIS FREQUENTLY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHO I'VE TALKED TO:
<http://qrz.com>
- A WEALTH OF HAM – RELATED USER'S GROUPS KNOWLEDGE
<https://groups.io/search>
- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION & TRAINING
<https://emcomm-training.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/wavetalkers>
- AN AMATEUR RADIO BLOG BY DX ENGINEERING
<https://www.onallbands.com/>
- TONS OF EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION INFORMATION

<https://www.youtube.com/@KM4ACK>

- SOURCES FOR PARTS WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND THEM LOCALLY

<http://Mouser.com>

<http://Digikey.com>

- ARDUINO TUTORIALS

<https://toptechboy.com/arduino-lessons/>

- LOTS OF EASY DIGITAL PROJECTS

<https://www.adafruit.com/>

- HUGE SOURCE OF “CHINESE RADIO” INFORMATION

<https://www.miklor.com/>

- MAGNETIC LOOP ANTENNAS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CaJokq_oIM

- A GOOD SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT EVERYTHING HAM RADIO

<https://www.youtube.com/@davecasler>

<https://www.youtube.com/@w2aew>

https://www.youtube.com/@QRP_ARCI

<https://www.youtube.com/@n4lq>

<https://www.youtube.com/@W6SD>

- HAM RADIO LICENSE VIDEOS

<https://www.youtube.com/@W4EEY>

- PERSONAL SAFETY INFORMATION

<https://www.youtube.com/@procpr>

- IF YOU LIKE TO BUILD, TAKE A LOOK AT THESE SITES

<http://qrp.gr/index.htm>

<https://www.hanssummers.com/gpsref2>

- EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BATTERIES

<https://batteryuniversity.com/>

- ELECTRONICS TUTORIALS

<https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/>

- FOX HUNTING

<http://www.foxhunt.com.au/>

- PARTS SOURCES

<http://Mouser.com>

<http://Digikey.com>

<https://kitsandparts.com/>

<https://palomar-engineers.com/>

- ANTENNAS, ANTENNAS, ANTENNAS

https://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Antennas/#google_vignette

AND FINALLY...

THE BEST HAM RADIO CLUB – EVER!

<https://w9dup.org/>

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