

APRSdos STARTUP INSTRUCTIONS

There is a zipped file on the disk called APRS.zip. This file contains a recent fully-functioning version of APRS, along with many readme files and a complete distribution on the APRSdos maps for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia.

If you've never operated APRSdos before, or have an older version, follow these instructions:

Before starting, find out your TNC to computer baud rate!

- 1) Create a directory on your hard disk called APRS.
- 2) Copy the APRS zipped file to that directory.
- 3) Unzip it using the recurse subdirectory tag "-dn" (NOTE: minus little d little n)
- 4) Watch the files unzip. They should create 7 or 8 subdirectories within the APRS directory. One of those files should be an APRS execute file.

Next:

- 5) Activate the APRS???.exe file and follow the instructions carefully. You will be asked for your callsign, TNC type and baud rate, GMT offset (-7 or -8), station type, etc. If a selection is already enclosed in brackets (like this: [L]) that means that is the default choice, and you can just hit the return key.

After you get your data entered, APRS should cause your radio to tx a query for active stations and begin receiving those stations on the air. Be patient. Next, you will need to position yourself on the map. Instructions are on the map screen, upper right corner. Page down and over to near where you are located on the map. When you are close, hit the keys "I M P" and follow the next set of instructions. Soon you will be on the air.

Now if you're stuck, call an APRS elmer! This isn't the easiest program to digest, and it really helps to have someone watching over your shoulder to help get up and running, and get all the settings just right.

NWAPRS has a home page: <http://nwaprs.org>

Details are included on this page how APRS works, how to's, etc, plus list of Elmers for your area. Visit as often as you like.

NWAPRS also has an internet mailing list with routine mailings and monthly bulletin:

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If you still can't get up and running, or have a question, refer it to the NWAPRS coordinator: David Dobbins/K7GPS, ddobbins@localaccess.com

Thanks for your interest in the fun and exciting hobby of ours. Regards, Dave.