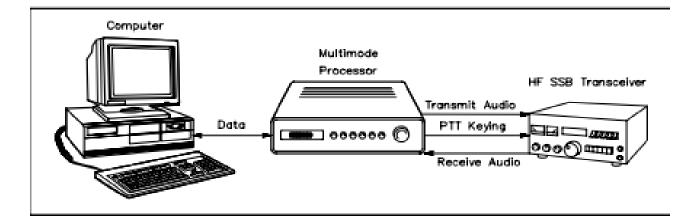
# HF Digital Mode SARC April 2018



### IC7300 with FLDIGI 4.0 (HRD) By Dirk Smith WORI

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- Most active area's, bands Modes
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- > What is "PSK" vs RTTY etc.
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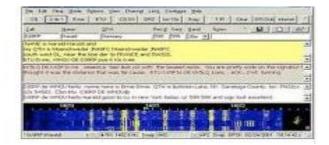
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### Let's take a closer look @ Digital Modes



## Definitions....

**PSK31** is a highly-efficient data mode that lets you work long distances, even when you can barely hear the signal. **PSK31** stands for Phase Shift Keying 31 baud (or 31 bits per second/bps). Unlike RTTY (radio teletype) the characters are formed by changing the phase of the sound wave, not by using different tones.



What is a Pactor?

**PACTOR** is an evolution of both AMTOR and packet radio; its name is a portmanteau of these two technologies. **PACTOR** combines the bandwidth efficiency of packet radio with the error-correction (CRC) and automatic repeat request (ARQ) of AMTOR. ... **PACTOR** is most commonly used on frequencies between 1 MHz and 30 MHz.

#### What is RTTY?

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Radioteletype (**RTTY**) is a telecommunications system consisting originally of two or more electromechanical teleprinters in different locations connected by radio rather than a wired link.



#### So What is PSK31?

First, let's dissect the name. The "PSK" stands for Phase Shift Keying, the modulation method that is used to generate the signal; "31" is the bit rate. Technically speaking, the bit rate is really 31.25, but "PSK31.25" isn't nearly as catchy.

Think of Morse code for a moment. It is a simple binary code expressed by short signal pulses (*dits*) and longer signal pulses (*dahs*). By combining strings of dits and dahs, we can communicate the entire English alphabet along with numbers and punctuation. Morse uses gaps of specific lengths to separate individual characters and words. Even beginners quickly learn to recognize these gaps--they don't need special signals to tell them that one character or word has ended and another is about to begin.

When it comes to RTTY we're still dealing with binary data (dits and dahs, if you will), but instead of on/off keying, we send the information by shifting frequencies. This is known as Frequency Shift Keying or *FS*K. One frequency represents a *mark* (1) and another represents a *space* (0). If you put enough mark and space signals together in proper order according to the RTTY code, you can send letters, numbers and a limited amount of punctuation.

The RTTY code shuffles various combinations of five bits to represent each character. For example, the letter A is expressed as 00011. To separate the individual characters RTTY must also add "start" and "stop" pulses.

For PSK31 Peter devised a new code that combines the best of RTTY and Morse.

# **PSK31** Characteristics



## The Basic's.....

- Do not need a booming set up....
- PSK = Combination Best of RTTY and CW, 60 hz signal
- Power 5-35 Watt, no more than 40 watts
- Low end of Bands, mostly just above CW area's
- Waterfall Display of activity (on Radio etc.)
  - SDR Display
- Laptop and/or Soundcard per Radio
  - Signal Link (per radio, programmed)
  - RigBlaster
  - Pi Set Up
  - Most new Transceivers do not need external soundcards....
- Numerous Types of Digital Modes
- FREE Software..."FLDIGI" from <u>Salesforge.com</u>
  - May need to download RADIO DRIVER...

#### • Rasberry Pi, shown at WFD

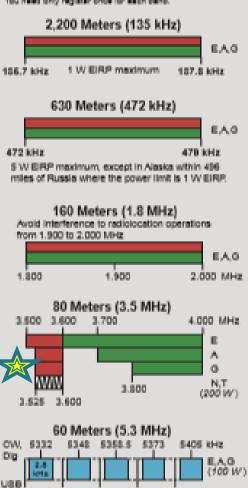
- Small footprint for field operation
- Touch screen or keyboard...
- Fun to operate when band conditions tank !!
  - Can work the world...
    - From Short Conversation to Novels....
    - Contest are fun, MACRO's help
    - Simple typing or all MACRO set up.
      - Exchange: CALL Sign RST 599....
  - Save log and upload-import

#### **US Amateur Radio Bands**

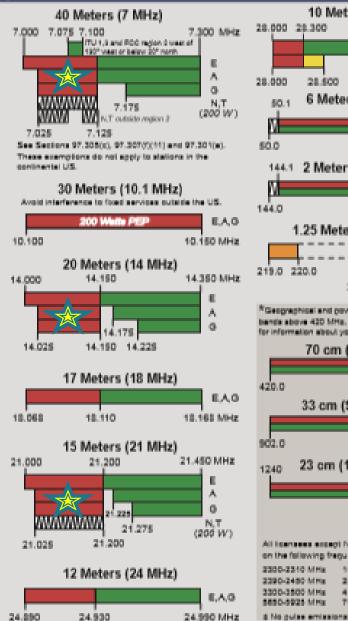
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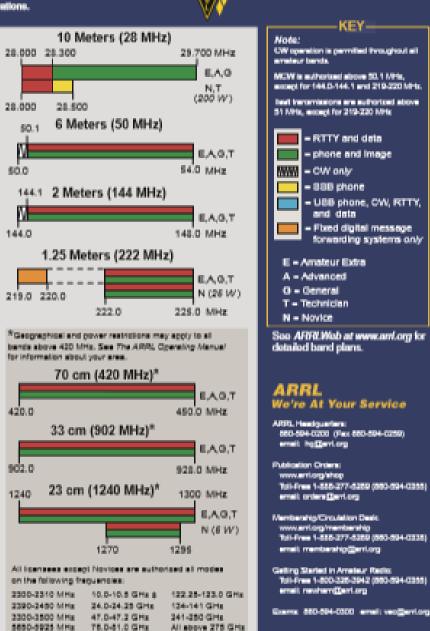
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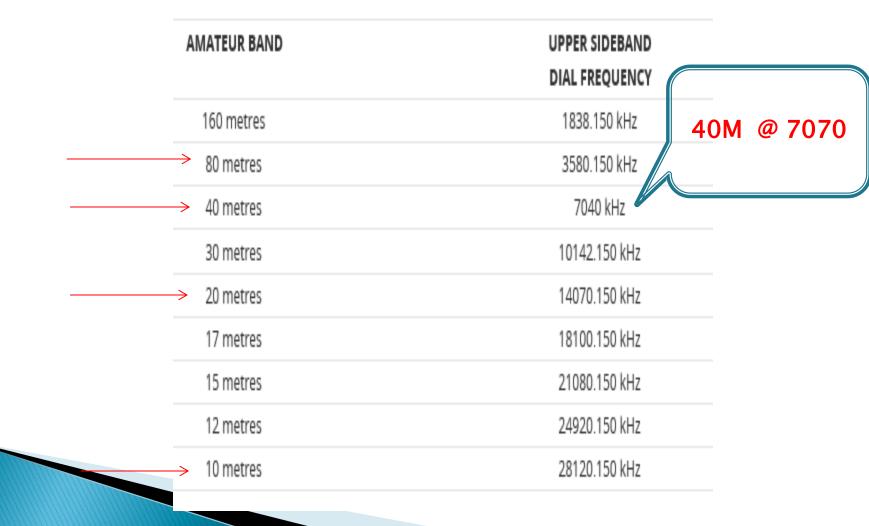






# Digital Mode (Band Plan)

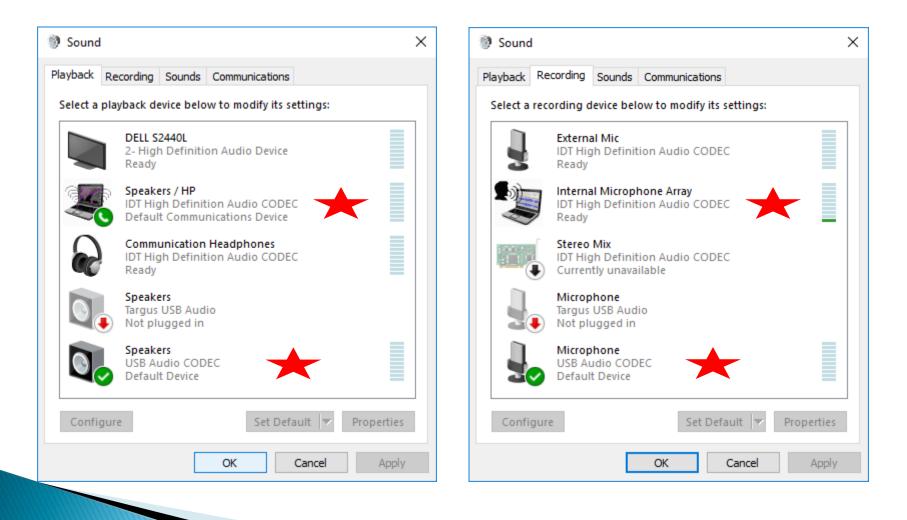
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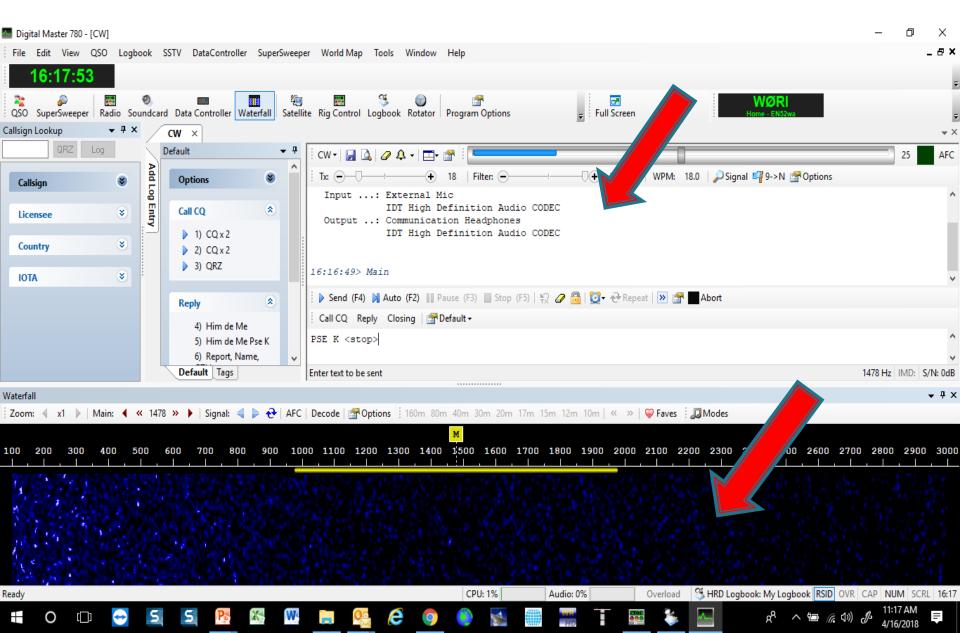
# Digital Mode.....Abreviations

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
К	Invitation for the other station to transmit ( similar to "over" when using voice communications.
KN	Invitation for a particular station to transmit
VA	Used at the end of a contact. It means that you have finished transmitting to the other station
BTU	Back to you
TNX	Thanks
PSE	Please
ОМ	Ab Used to refer to the other operator (when he is male). One tends to be a little more polite when talking to ladies.
FB	Fine business - indicates that a transmission has been received well, etc.
GM	Good morning
GA	Good afternoon
GE	Good evening

### Computer....Sound Configuration (Playback & Record)



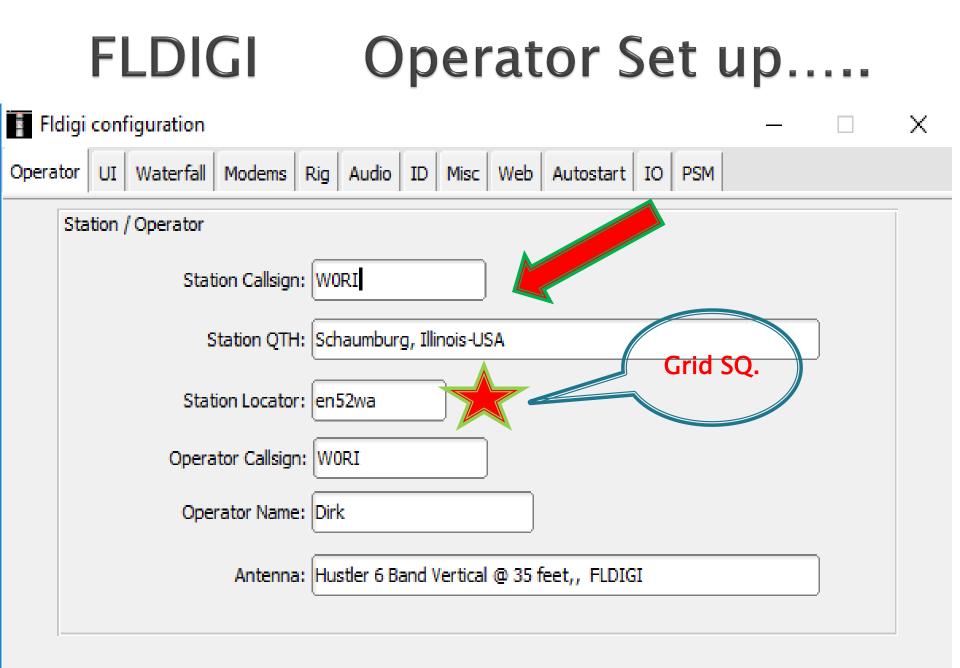
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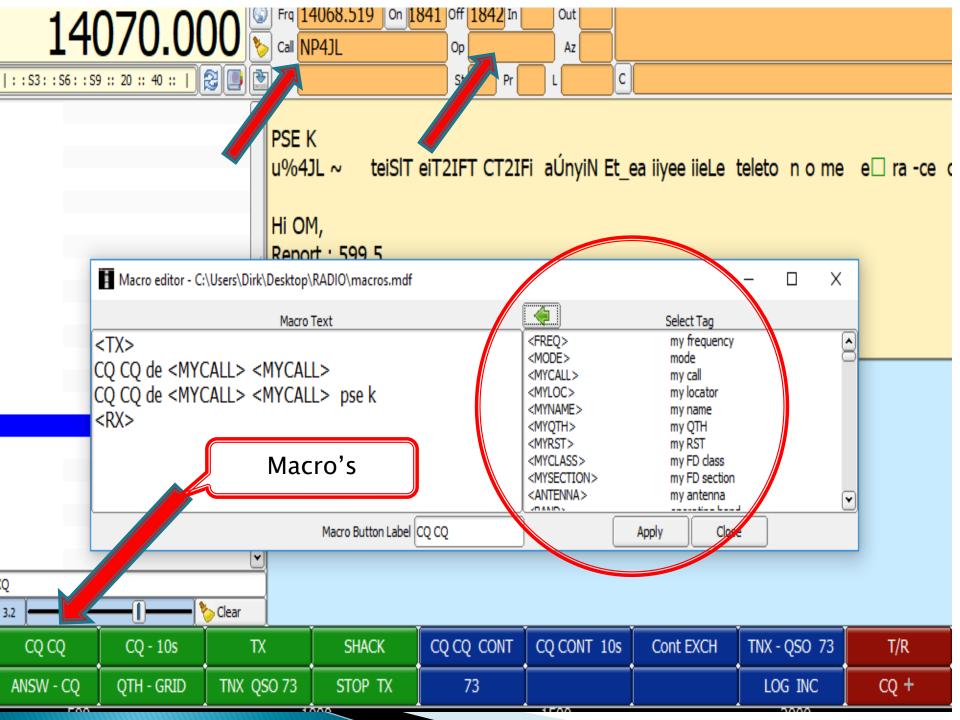
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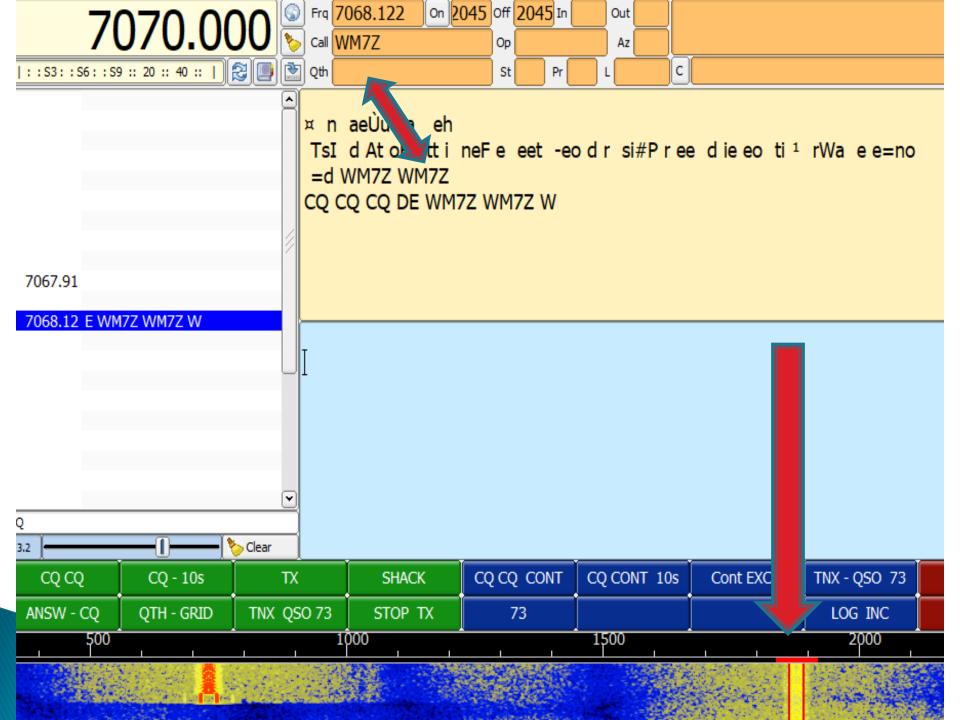
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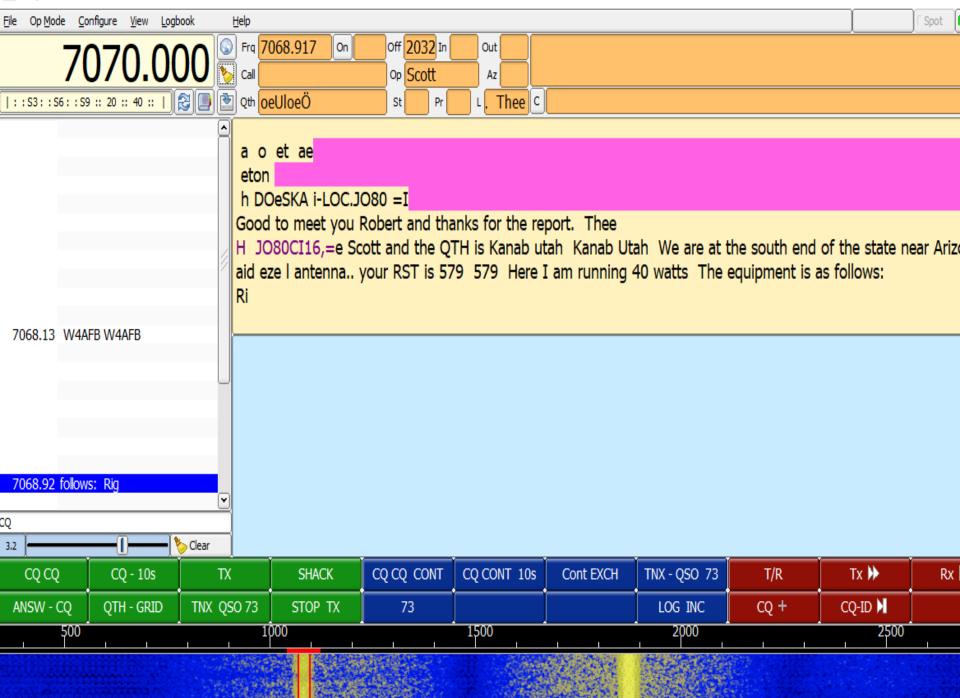
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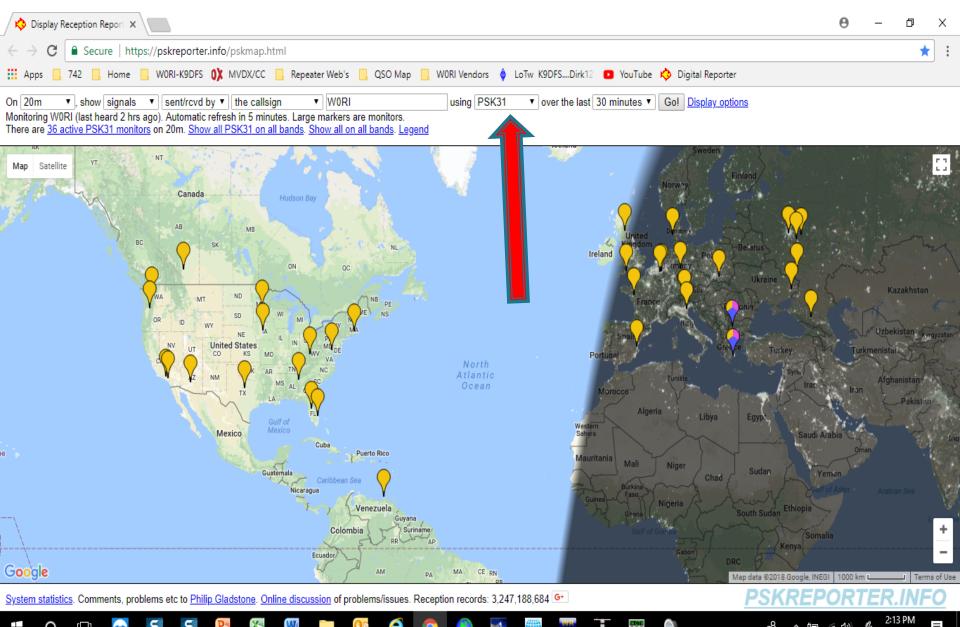
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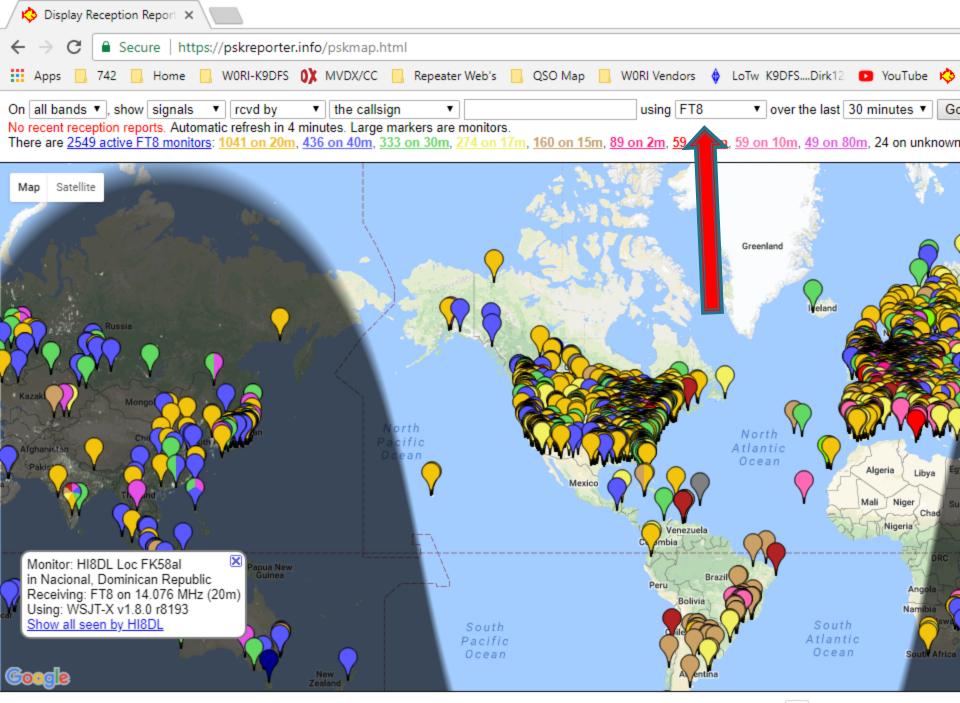
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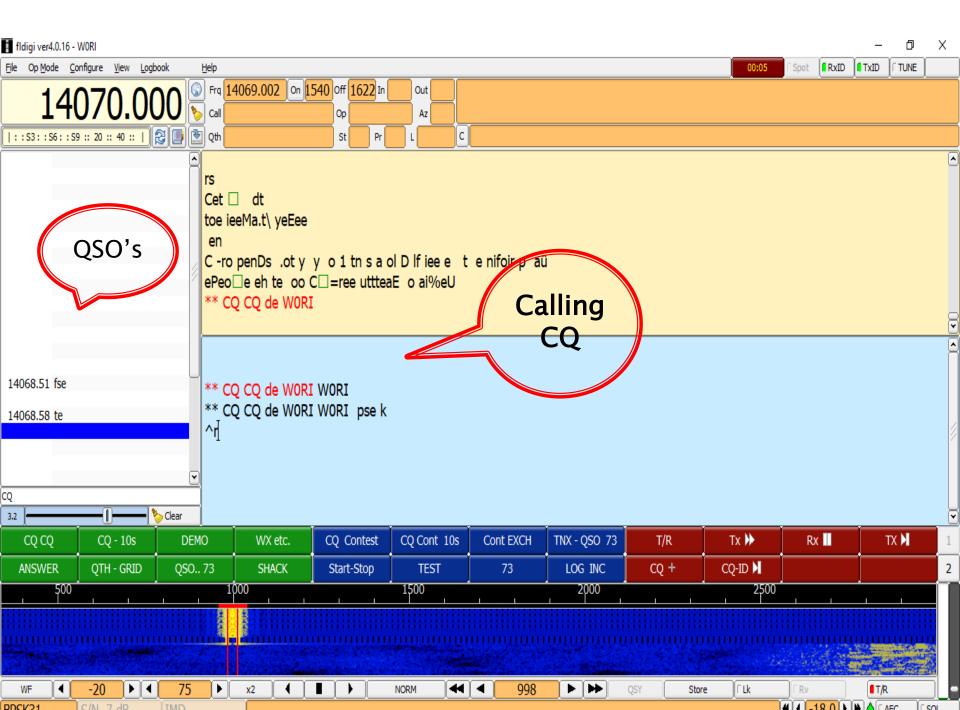
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Answer with MACRO's Manual FREE Text - Typing TX/RX

QSO: Call Sign RST=599 (include your grid many chase grids) Log as "PSK" or "Digital"



# Digital is fun.....

- It's fun
  - Great during bad band conditions
  - All Bands, watch Band Plan....
  - Many different Modes to try
  - ISS Does Digital mode on 2 M, BUT that takes some practice....to track station....HRD will help.
  - Short or long QSO
  - Digital Imaging Anyone!!!!

## Sources....Demo Items

- Ham Radio Deluxe
- ARRL.org
  - Band Plan Chart
  - Digital Mode Details
- Fldigi
- QST March 1992, January 2001
- You Tube.....KE00G...Dave
- Signal Link Box...from DX Engineering \$99+
- Portable Monitor, Pl w/FLDIGI
  - By Mike Sorensen K9KQX

You Tube....search FLDGI...PSK31

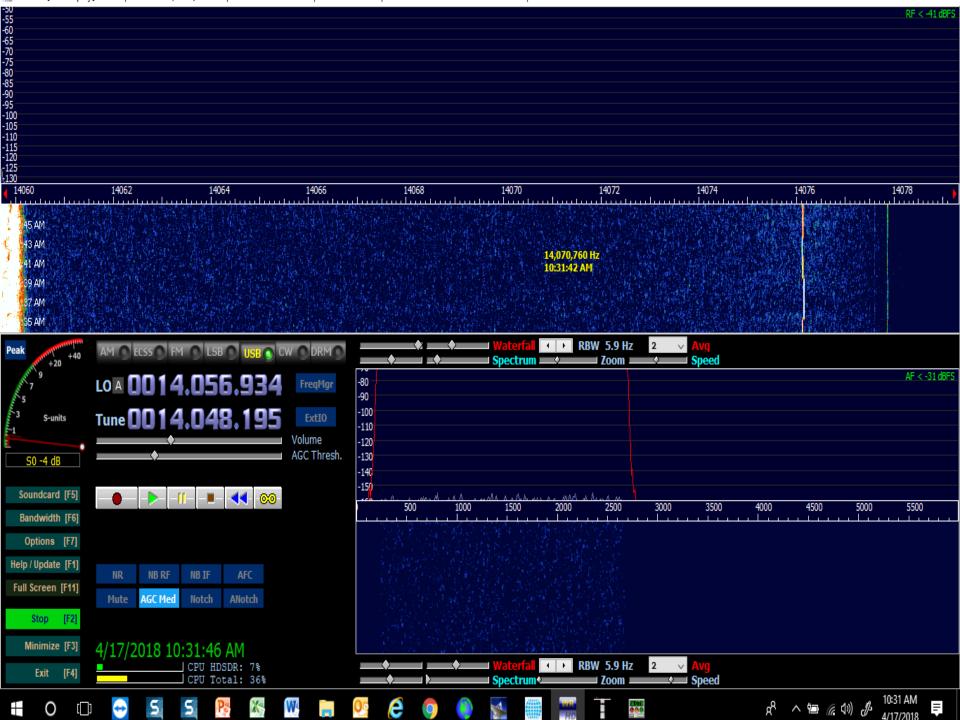
# Troubleshooting....(OE's)

- Correct Digital Mode selected?
- Correct Operating software with FLDIGI downloaded.
- Computer...Sound Card Setting?
- Com Port setting.....Rig to Laptop?
  Com Port Enabled?
- Correct cable.....Rig to Laptop?
- SIGNAL LINK".....wrong jumper setting?
- & Rig triggers, No output, check soundcard setting
- & Great "You Tube" Video's which can help

# Short Video Clip

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- FLDIGI
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## Links

- Sourceforge.net
- FLDIGI 4.0.xx @ Sourceforge...search on FLDIGI
  - PSK31.....others
- FT8.....program "WSJT-X", search web
  - CAUTION...Make sure your computer clock is set to exact time...seconds matter (K9KQX)
- PSKREPORTER.INFO.....active digital signals
  - Set mode and recent QSO's 5 minutes refresh !!! Hit "GO" button....
- DX WATCH-CLUSTER.....shows all HF signals or report of countries
  - QRZ..has HF Watch links as well...

### FLDIGI....Download Link

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