

FINDING CLOSEBY STATIONS ON WINLINK

Here's a useful way of finding who is active near you!

A list can be obtained using Airmail and following the steps below. You can use the packet or HF connections in Airmail, or even the "Internet Connection"

Here are the basic steps in AirMail:

1) Post your position with a Position Report

- go to Window/Position Reports
- enter Latitude in the form of 29°46.55'N
- enter Longitude in the form of 095°25.19'W
(This can be obtained automatically if you connect a GPS)
- enter the Date/Time or click Now
- add Comments if you wish
- Click on Send Now
- Click on Close
- You will find a message posted in your Outbox
- Connect to a PMBO via HF, telnet or telpac to send it.
(Note that this can be setup as an auto function if you are moving)
- 10 minutes later, you should receive an acknowledgement

2) Update your WL2K Catalog.

The first time that you use this new feature:

- a) go to Window/Catalog/WL2K/Global/WL2K
- b) Click on the WL2K folder in the left pane
(If you have done this in the past, you may have to use the WL2K_USERS update instead of the WL2K)
- c) In the right window, click on "Update" and then "Close"
- d) you should have a message posted in your Outbox
- e) Connect to a station and deliver the message
- f) 10 minutes later, connect again to the same station and pick up the new "List Update" message
- g) Open this message. Go to Tools and click "Update Catalog"
- h) Now check again in the WL2K catalog.
You should find WL2K_USERS and inside that, a WL2K_NEARBY item

3) Update the WL2K_NEARBY item

- a) Click on the WL2K_USERS folder in the left pane
- b) In the right window, click on "Update" for WL2K_NEARBY then "Close"
You can request this "Once" or every hour if you need to.
Look at the other options!
The closest telpacs (WL2K_NEARBY) may be useful, also "PMBO status"
- c) you should have a message posted in your Outbox
- d) Connect to a station and deliver the message
- e) 10 minutes later, connect again to the same station and pick up the new message with results

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TURN OVER

TYPICAL RESULTS

List of users nearby KB2WF

Position: 29-46.55N 095-25.19W posted at: 6/25/2007 6:04:00 PM
(note: All dates in UTC, distance in nm and bearings True great circle.)

Winlink 2000 Nearby Mobile Users

(Only the latest report for each call within the past 10 days is listed.

CALL	Dist(nm @ DegT)	POSITION	REPORTED	COMMENT
KB2WF	0.0 @ 000	29-46.55N 095-25.19W	2007/06/25 18:04	
KB2WF-2	2.0 @ 262	29-46.25N 095-27.50W	2007/06/25 19:10	
AAR6AJ	2.0 @ 262	29-46.25N 095-27.50W	2007/06/27 18:36	
KD2KW	20.5 @ 346	30-06.40N 095-31.00W	2007/06/18 00:04	
KD5JBT	31.7 @ 303	30-03.94N 095-55.72W	2007/06/27 18:20	Waller, TX
W5KAM	34.2 @ 316	30-11.25N 095-52.50W	2007/06/20 06:02	This is a FIXED base Telpac Station located in Hockley, Texas.
KE5ERO	48.6 @ 027	30-30.00N 095-00.00W	2007/06/23 16:14	
N5MTX	81.8 @ 077	30-04.45N 093-53.09W	2007/06/24 14:49	Orange, Texas USA
WA5QKE	123.4 @ 342	31-43.69N 096-10.47W	2007/06/25 03:18	At Home 115 Forest Dr. Fairfield, TX
KE5KCE	124.3 @ 268	29-41.24N 097-48.23W	2007/06/18 01:32	
K5TXG	131.1 @ 289	30-28.29N 097-48.84W	2007/06/21 23:46	Gerry in Cedar Park, TX
N5NFS	145.2 @ 219	27-53.34N 097-08.90W	2007/06/25 23:29	San Patricio Harbor East... Home & dry;
KE5GBW	227.9 @ 080	30-22.42N 091-05.12W	2007/06/27 13:05	Transportable Unit
N5YSQ	233.3 @ 359	33-39.81N 095-32.43W	2007/06/27 11:43	Fixed VHF / HF / Teinet Station Paris, TX
WA5QWS	276.2 @ 086	30-01.39N 090-07.07W	2007/06/26 03:33	Docked in New Orleans, LA
NW5M	395.6 @ 278	30-30.00N 103-00.00W	2007/06/22 15:26	Field Day site, 7 miles South of Alpine, Texas
KD4RHR	408.9 @ 084	30-18.46N 087-34.16W	2007/06/24 00:13	Anchored off Perdido Bay. Mobile tomorrow. Up the river!!
WB4BLX	460.2 @ 083	30-26.12N 086-35.10W	2007/06/22 20:38	At boat dock in Shalimar.
KG4PHL	506.9 @ 085	30-05.60N 085-40.44W	2007/06/26 21:17	Back at Shell Island, lots of sand dollars to spend....
KE5GGW	552.9 @ 115	25-35.45N 086-08.58W	2007/06/27 13:09	2.2 kt current against us, wind variable 600 miles from Port A
W7CGA	572.4 @ 292	32-51.88N 105-59.53W	2007/06/26 17:54	Cliff @ Amber Skies Park, Alamogordo, NM