



# VARAC

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# Areas of Interest

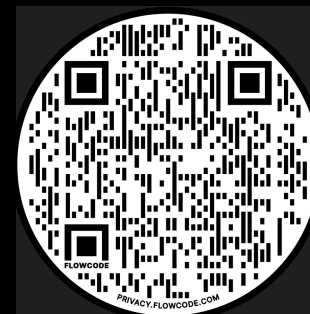
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# What is VarAC?

- A newer digital mode that allows for keyboard conversations even in weak or low band conditions, typically over HF
- If you remember the old Packet Radio days of the 80's, you may find this similar
- The ability to chat, leave messages, transfer files, check signal reports, and see what stations others have heard recently

# Software Required

- If you use WinLink on HF today, you already have half of the software now
- **Vara-HF by EA5HVK**
  - Vara v4.6.4 is the latest version
  - <https://rosmodem.wordpress.com/>
- **VarAC by 4Z1AC**
  - VarAC v6.0.8, NEW updates frequently
  - <https://www.varac-hamradio.com/>



# Installation Note

- It's worth mentioning there is NO installation package for VarAC
- I recommend creating a folder anywhere, such as VarAC, and copy the unzipped files into this folder
- When NEW releases are available, you typically unzip the files into it's NEW folder, and manually copy over just the VarAC.exe file into your original VarAC folder
- This way, ALL your configuration settings will remain in place

# Hardware Required

- Like most digital mode software, VarAC requires a sound card digital interface
- Most current radios have this built in
- Legacy or older radios may require a Signalink, RigBlaster, RigExpert, just to name a few, or any of the similar type digital interfaces

# Install Vara-HF & VarAC, then launch VarAC

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V6.0.8)

Settings Tools Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-10-10 01:09:27 **NO NEW VMAIL** **RELAY** Outbox: 8 Parking: 0

FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.105.000 MyCall K5WH Connect KJ7QQG

SLOT ☐ CF ☐ ☐ 500Hz ☐ 200Hz

☐ Disable PTT

**FREQ SCHEDULE OFF**

CONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT ABORT

TX RX 18/96 NEXT BEACON: 02:30 min

VARAC Log

01:04:22 - Away status set to false  
01:04:22 - Setting away status to false (auto)  
01:04:22 - Opening com port  
01:04:52 - Connected to KJ7QQG

VARA commands

01:09:20 - PTT ON  
01:09:21 - PTT OFF  
01:09:23 - PTT ON  
01:09:27 - PTT OFF

In QSO with **KJ7QQG** QRZ History

Message  IDLE  
File  IDLE

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	01:02	KT5LA	500	-17
20m	01:02	WD9DUI	500	-17
20m	00:58	KB8CR	500	-12
20m	00:43	N0KFO	500	-07
20m	00:41	WA2TOP	500	-19
20m	00:41	AL0R	500	-02
20m	00:39	KO4WIL	500	+02
20m	00:39	W3RED	500	-20

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	01:01	KJ7QQG	500	-16	
20m	00:11	KA7VIK	500	-18	
20m	23:59	KE4Q	500	-12	5
20m	23:52	KF0GVX	500	-10	
20m	23:38	N7GWR	500	-08	14
20m	23:32	W8RJD	500	-02	1
20m	23:18	N7NS	500	-11	3
20m	22:38	N4AAT	500	-12	13

Data stream

00:26:38 - <SENDING BEACON ON 20m> DE K5WH  
00:41:58 - <SENDING BEACON ON 20m> DE K5WH  
00:42:25 - INCOMING CONNECTION REQUEST.. Hold tight!  
00:42:30 - CONNECTED TO TI5LUA (INCOMING PING)  
00:42:41 - K5WH> de K5WH <LOC:EL29fx>  
00:42:48 - TI5LUA> PING de TI5LUA <R-09><LOC:EK70SH>  
00:42:58 - K5WH> <R-07>  
00:43:02 - DISCONNECTED FROM TI5LUA  
00:56:58 - <SENDING BEACON ON 20m> DE K5WH  
01:04:52 - CONNECTED TO KJ7QQG  
01:05:39 - KJ7QQG> K5WH de KJ7QQG  
01:06:04 - K5WH> de K5WH <R-20>  
01:06:43 - KJ7QQG> This is my first time on VARA Chat, how do you connect to people calling CQ?

**You're on a calling Freq.  
PSE QSY OR LINK WILL  
BE CLOSED IN 84 SEC.**

Duration: 04:35  
SNR (db)  
-17 -18  
Last Avg Mine  
SNR INFO  
LH.P FS.P  
QSY #  
SEND FILE  
SEND VMAIL

Message currently being sent  
just double click them  
<QSYD>

Messages in queue

CLEAR EDIT

PSK REP. MAP  
GESTURES/TAGS

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME LOC QTH MyPWR START TIME END TIME ☒ Auto log QSO

KJ7QQG 20 20m LOG CLR

New message

Load canned message ZOOM Link

☒ Enter to send  
SEND CLR

# Vara-HF Settings, VARA Setup

**VARA Setup**

TCP Ports:

Command	Data
8300	8301

VARA Licenses

Callsign:	Registration Key:
K5WH	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

☒ Allow VARA check for updates via internet

☐ Accept 500 Hz connections

☐ Tuner enhancement

☐ CW ID

☐ KISS Interface

☐ RA-Board PTT    ☐ SysLog    Retries: 10

Close

# Vara-HF Settings, Soundcard

Device Input  
DAX Audio RX 1 (FlexRadio System)

Device Output  
DAX Audio TX (FlexRadio Systems)

Drive level: 0 dB

Tune

Press Tune and set the Drive Level for ALC=1/3

TUNE USB-D FIL2 SD 11:47 RF PWR

TX

14.067.00 VFO A 11

P.AMP1 AGC-F AN NB

S 1 3 5 7 9 +20 +40 +60dB

Po 0 25 50 100%

ALC 1/3 ALC

COMP 0 5 10 15 20 dB

SWR 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 ∞

Id 0 5 10 15 20 25A

Vd 10 16V

TEMP COOL HOT

Close

# VarAC Settings, My Information

My Information

Special prefix

Your callsign

Special suffix

Callsign:  /  /

Example:  /  /

[How complex callsigns work?](#)

QTH:

Name:  Locator:

RIG:

Antenna:

Use the following tags during a QSO or in your canned messages to share your information:

<CALL>

<QTH>

<NAME>

<LOC>

<RIG>

<ANT>

SAVE AND EXIT

# Rig Control and VARA Configurations

Settings

**PTT Configuration**

☒ CAT FlexRadio

☐ OmniRig ☐ DTR/RTS

☐ VOX/None

TEST PTT ON TEST PTT OFF

**CAT Configuration**

Port COM5

Baud 115200

Parity None

Data bits 8 DTR LOW

StopBits 1 RTS LOW

Test Error Log (?) I'm having trouble with CAT control

**Logging**

ADIF file C:\Ham\VaraHF\VaraC\VarAC\_qso\_log.adf

Send log NONE IP  Port

Mode DYNAMIC Submode VARA HF

☒ PSKReporter upload (?) Custom PSK map &timerange=21600&shov

**Frequency Control**

☒ CAT FlexRadio

☐ OmniRig ☐ None

☐ Read freq. every 2 sec

Mode USB-D

TEST 7105000

**OmniRig Configuration**

Rig # 1

**DTR/RTS Configuration**

Port COM1

Type DTR

**VARA Modem Configuration**

VARA modem type VaraHF

VARA file path C:\VARA\VARA.exe Port 8300

VARA monitor path (?)  Port 8350 (Optional)

**QSO Configuration**

Call ID TX interval (min) 10 (?) ☒ Allow last heard peeking (?)

Auto disconnect 30 (?) ☐ Allow non-ham callsigns (?)

☒ Allow incoming pings (?)

Callsigns block list  (?)

Auto away status ON Minutes 60 (?)

**File Transfer**

Incoming file size limit (bytes) 3000 (?)

Incoming files directory C:\Ham\VaraHF\VaraC\

Outgoing files directory C:\Ham\VaraHF\VaraC\

**Beacons / CQs**

Beacon interval (minutes) 15 (?)

Digipeat via  (?)

Load last heard history ON (?)

CQ Slot wait (seconds) 300 (?)

☐ Skip CQ slot selector (?)

**Misc.**

☐ Debug mode (?)

Show distance in MI

DOWNLOAD latest CAT command file

SAVE AND EXIT

# VarAC Settings, Canned Messages

**Canned messages**

Welcome message:  (?) 18/100

I'm Away message:  (?) 91/100

**Tags**

<SND>	Send message		
<DISC>	Disconnect		
<CALL>	My Callsign	<HCALL>	His/her Callsign
<NAME>	My Name	<HNAME>	His/her Name
<QTH>	My QTH	<HQTH>	His/her QTH
<LOC>	My Locator	<HLOC>	His/her Locator
<RIG>	My RIG		
<ANT>	My Antenna		

Canned message #1:  Name:  Shortcut key: F1

Canned message #2:  Name:  Shortcut key: F2

Canned message #3:  Name:  Shortcut key: F3

Canned message #4:  Name:  Shortcut key: F4

Canned message #5:  Name:  Shortcut key: F5

Canned message #6:  Name:  Shortcut key: F6

Canned message #7:  Name:  Shortcut key: F7

Canned message #8:  Name:  Shortcut key: F8

**SAVE AND CLOSE**

# VarAC Settings, Appearance & Sounds

Appearance & customization settings

☒ Dark mode

**Data stream section**

Font size: 9

Background color: Black

My Font color: Yellow

His/her Font color: Lime

Info messages color: White

☒ Replace "0" with "Ø" in the data stream

**New message section**

Font size: 10

Font color: White

Background color: Black

**VMails**

Font size: 9

**Misc.**

☒ Check spelling as you type a message (English only)

☐ Play application sounds (connect, getures, is typing etc.)

SAVE AND CLOSE

Reset to default

My message text

His/her message text


Info message text

I love chatting with VarAC

I got a new Vmail!

# VarAC Settings, Frequency Schedule

## Change frequencies automatically

 FREQ schedule — □ ×

You can configure VarAC to QSY to different frequencies at specific times.

This is useful when you want to QRV on different frequencies / bands across the day (ex. 20m for daytime / 40m for night time).

	UTC time (hour:minute)	Frequency (Hz) ex: 14.105.000
#1	<input type="text" value="L:_"/>	<input type="text"/>
#2	<input type="text" value="_:_"/>	<input type="text"/>
#3	<input type="text" value="_:_"/>	<input type="text"/>
#4	<input type="text" value="_:_"/>	<input type="text"/>
#5	<input type="text" value="_:_"/>	<input type="text"/>

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# Operational Choices Frequency

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-09-01 00:20:50 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **14.105.000** MyCall **K5WH**

SLOT ☐ Connect **W5HRH**

CF ☐ ☐ 500Hz ☒ 2300Hz

☐ Disable PTT

**CONNECT MODEM** **CONNECT** **PING**

**DISCONNECT MODEM** **DISCONNECT** **ABORT**

**TUNE** **CALL CQ** **END CQ**

**TX** **RX** **0/0** **NEXT BEACON: 03:41 min**

VarAC Log

00:17:35 - PSKReporter: Logged  
00:17:35 - PSKReporter: Sending  
00:17:45 - PSKReporter: Logged  
00:18:20 - PSKReporter: Sending

VARA commands

00:20:33 - BUSY ON  
00:20:37 - BUSY OFF  
00:20:43 - BUSY ON  
00:20:47 - BUSY OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	00:08	WJ9H	500	-09
20m	00:08	K6FW	500	-15
20m	00:06	KG5AHC	500	-13
20m	00:05	KA3NAM	500	-14
20m	00:04	N4IW	500	-11
20m	00:01	KM4DRN	500	-03
20m	00:01	W5MF	500	-04
20m	23:31	W3FGP	500	-16

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	00:17	W5HRH	500	-14	
20m	00:10	WJ9H	500	+01	11
20m	00:02	AD1CT	500	-14	1
20m	23:40	KI7FXL	500	-21	11
20m	23:36	AL7KE	500	-06	1
20m	23:31	KD2YAE	500	-18	1
20m	22:58	WD4KAV	500	-12	13
20m	21:59	KR7V	500	-16	3

In QSO with

Message  IDLE

File  IDLE

☐ I'm away (Auto)

☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 05:06

SNR (db)

**-14** **-16** **-08**

Last Avg Mine

**SNR** **INFO**

**L.H.P** **F.S.P**

**QSY** **▲** **▼** **#**

**SEND FILE**

**SEND VMAIL**

**PSK REP. MAP**

**GESTURES/TAGS**

Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

**CLEAR**

**EDIT**

CALLSIGN **RST-S** **RST-R** **BAND** **NAME** **QTH** **LOC** **START TIME** **END TIME** ☒ Auto log QSO

**LOG** **CLR**

New message

Load canned message **73s**

☒ Enter to send

**SEND** **CLR**

# Send Beacons

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 22:43:53 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **14.105.000** MyCall **K5WH** Connect **WA2TOP**

SLOT ☐ CF ☐ ☐ 500Hz ☐ 2300Hz

☐ Disable PTT

**CONNECT MODEM** **DISCONNECT MODEM** **TUNE** **SEND BEACONS**

TX RX 0/0

VarAC Log

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
20m	18:48	N4MRD	500	-14
20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
20m	18:40	N4IW	500	-16
20m	18:29	K4SOL	500	-03
20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
20m	15:13	K6HN	500	-21

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	19:21	K4SUE	500	-12	1
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

VARA commands

In QSO with

Message

File

☐ I'm away (Auto)

☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 04:23

SNR (db)

Last Avg Mine

SEND FILE

SEND VMAIL

PSK REP. MAP

Auto log QSO

LOG CLR

Enter to send

SEND CLR

Data stream

20:45:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:01:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:16:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:31:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:46:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:01:07 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:16:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:31:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

Good afternoon!

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME

WA2TOP ☐ ☐ 40m ☐ ☐ 2022-08-25 20:10:09 2022-08-25 20:14:34

New message

Load canned message MY INFO

# Call CQ

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About

UTC: 2022-08-25 22:45:09

NO NEW VMAIL

FREQUENCY 14.105.000

MyCall K5WH

SLOT

Connect WA2TOP

CF

500Hz 2300Hz

Disable PTT

CONNECT MODEM

DISCONNECT MODEM

TUNE

TX RX 0/0

CALL CQ

SEND BEACONS

VarAC Log

Last heard beacons

Last heard CQ calls

VARA commands

In QSO with

Message

File

I'm away (Auto)

Send 'is typing'

Data stream

Duration: 04:23

SNR (db)

Last Avg Mine

SNR INFO

LH P FS P

QSY

SEND FILE

SEND VMAIL

PSK REP. MAP

Auto log QSO

LOG CLR

Load canned message MY INFO

Enter to send

SEND CLR

20:45:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:01:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:16:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:31:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

21:46:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:01:07 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:16:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:31:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

22:31:17 - Sending beacon

22:43:44 - stopping to send bea

22:43:44 - Away status set to fa

22:43:44 - Setting away status to

22:31:22 - CANCEL PENDING

22:31:22 - BUSY OFF

22:36:53 - BUSY ON

22:36:58 - BUSY OFF

20m 18:53 N0KFO 500 -14

20m 18:48 N4MRD 500 -14

20m 18:48 NC3Z 500 -02

20m 18:40 W3UAV 500 -14

20m 18:40 N4IW 500 -16

20m 18:29 K4SOL 500 -03

20m 15:37 K8AKC 500 -12

20m 15:13 K6HN 500 -21

20m 19:21 K4SUE 500 -12 1

20m 18:53 W3UAV 500 -02

20m 18:39 N7QJP 500 -19 11

20m 15:00 ND1J 500 -12 3

Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

Good afternoon!

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME

WA2TOP

40m


2022-08-25 20:10:09

2022-08-25 20:14:34

New message

SEND CLR

# Call CQ Slot Request



**What are VarAC Slots ?**

VarAC has a single calling QRG per band. However, there are multiple frequencies around that QRG that are 750Hz apart. These frequencies are called "SLOTS" while each slot has a unique ID.

When you call CQ, VarAC encodes into the CQ call the slot ID where you will be standing by for incoming connections. VarAC will automatically QSY to the slot once the CQ call ends. If you do not use CAT control, for automatic frequency change, you will be asked QSY manually.

Please use the "SLOT SNIFFER" to make sure the slot you've picked is not occupied or check manually if you have no CAT frequency control.

STEP #1: Select a slot

Slot ID:	5	4	3	2	1	CQ Calling frequency	11	12	13	14	15
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<div>14.105.000</div>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
						<input type="radio"/> Slot #0					

14.103.500

Selected Slot frequency  
Make sure the slot is not out of band!

STEP #2: Check if the slot is free

Available only with CAT freq. control

SLOT SNIFFER

Click and hold

STEP #3: Call CQ

CALL CQ

VarAC will QSY to the slot once the CQ on the calling QRG ends

# Ping

## To get a signal report

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Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 23:22:22 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **14.105.000** MyCall **K5WH** Connect **WA2TOP**

SLOT ☐ CF ☐ ☐ 500Hz ☐ 2300Hz

☐ Disable PTT

**CONNECT MODEM** **DISCONNECT MODEM** **TUNE** **TX** **RX** **0/0**

**CONNECT** **PING** **DISCONNECT** **ABORT** **CALL CQ** **END CQ** **SEND BEACONS**

**VarAC Log**

22:47:22 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:31 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:37 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:40 - SLOT sniffer: Changing

**VARA commands**

22:21:52 - BUSY ON  
23:21:58 - BUSY OFF  
23:22:13 - BUSY ON  
23:22:17 - BUSY OFF

In QSO with

**Last heard beacons**

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
20m	18:48	N4MRD	500	-14
20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
20m	18:40	N4IW	500	-16
20m	18:29	K4SOL	500	-03
20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
20m	15:13	K6HN	500	-21

**Last heard CQ calls**

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	19:21	K4SUE	500	-12	1
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

**Data stream**

20:45:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:01:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:16:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:31:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:46:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:01:07 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:16:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:31:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

**Message currently being sent**

**Messages in queue**

Good afternoon!

**CALLSIGN** **RST-S** **RST-R** **BAND** **NAME** **QTH** **LOC** **START TIME** **END TIME** ☒ **Auto log QSO**

**WA2TOP** ☐ ☐ **40m** ☐ ☐ ☐ **2022-08-25 20:10:09** **2022-08-25 20:14:34** **LOG** **CLR**

**New message** **Load canned message** **MY INFO**

☒ **Enter to send** **SEND** **CLR**

**I'm away (Auto)** ☒ **Send 'is typing'** **Duration: 04:23** **SNR (db)** **Last** **Avg** **Mine** **SNR** **INFO** **L P** **F S P** **QSY** **SEND FILE** **SEND VMAIL** **PSK REP. MAP**

# Connect

## Select a callsign to begin QSO

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8) Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 23:24:11 NO NEW VMAIL

FREQUENCY ◀ ▶ **14.105.000** MyCall **K5WH** Connect **WA2TOP** 500Hz 2300Hz Disable PTT CONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT MODEM TUNE TX RX 0/0 SEND BEACONS

VarAC Log

22:47:22 - SLOT sniffer: Changin
22:47:31 - SLOT sniffer: Changin
22:47:37 - SLOT sniffer: Changin
22:47:40 - SLOT sniffer: Changin

VARA commands

23:23:28 - BUSY ON
23:23:32 - BUSY OFF
23:23:56 - BUSY ON
23:24:00 - BUSY OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
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20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
20m	18:40	N4IW	500	-16
20m	18:29	K4SOL	500	-03
20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
20m	15:13	K6HN	500	-21

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In QSO with Message IDLE File IDLE I'm away (Auto) Send 'is typing' Duration: 04:23 SNR (db) Last Avg Mine SNR INFO LH P FS P QSY ▲ ▼ # SEND FILE SEND VMAIL PSK REP. MAP

DATA stream

20:45:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:01:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:16:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:31:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
21:46:06 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:01:07 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:16:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH  
22:31:17 - <SENDING BEACON> DE K5WH

Message currently being sent Messages in queue Good afternoon! CLEAR EDIT

CALLSIGN **WA2TOP** RST-S RST-R BAND **40m** NAME QTH LOC START TIME **2022-08-25 20:10:09** END TIME **2022-08-25 20:14:34** Auto log QSO LOG CLR

New message Load canned message **MY INFO** Enter to send SEND CLR

# QSO Bandwidth 500hz or 2300hz

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 23:29:13 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **14.105.000** MyCall **K5WH** VarAC Log  
SLOT **WA2TOP** Connect **500Hz** 2300Hz  
☐ Disable PTT  
CONNECT MODEM  
DISCONNECT MODEM  
TUNE  
TX RX 0/0  
SEND BEACONS

VarAC commands  
22:47:22 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:31 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:37 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
22:47:40 - SLOT sniffer: Changing  
23:28:06 - BUSY ON  
23:28:12 - BUSY OFF  
23:28:50 - BUSY ON  
23:28:54 - BUSY OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
20m	18:48	N4MRD	500	-14
20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
20m	18:40	N4IW	500	-16
20m	18:29	K4SOL	500	-03
20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
20m	15:13	K6HN	500	-21

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	19:21	K4SUE	500	-12	1
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

DATA stream

18:55:56 - W3UAV> Hello my name is Tony de W3UAV  
18:56:07 - K5WH> de K5WH <R-10>  
18:56:23 - W3UAV> <R+04>  
18:56:37 - K5WH> Hello Tony, good afternoon from Texas  
18:56:42 - W3UAV> How are you doing Walt from York PA.  
18:56:59 - K5WH> QSY DOWN 750Hz!  
18:57:34 - K5WH> <INFO>  
18:57:48 - W3UAV> <NAME:Tony McMonagle><QTH:York PA USA><LOC:FM19PU>  
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Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

Good afternoon!

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME

WA2TOP 40m

2022-08-25 20:10:09 2022-08-25 20:14:34

New message

Load canned message MY INFO

SEND SEND VMAIL PSK REP. MAP

Auto log QSO

LOG CLR

Enter to send

SEND CLR

# Operational Choices while in QSO

## QSY Down or UP, off calling frequency

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 18:58:24 NO NEW VMAIL

FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.104.250 MyCall K5WH Connect W3UAV

SLOT ☐ CF ☐ ☐ Disable PTT

DISCONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT ABORT

TX RX 67/171 NEXT BEACON: 01:51 min

VarAC Log

- 18:58:01 - LOCATOR Received
- 18:58:01 - Unable to compute loc
- 18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Logged
- 18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Sendin

VARA commands

- 18:58:01 - PTT ON
- 18:58:02 - PTT OFF
- 18:58:14 - PTT ON
- 18:58:15 - PTT OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
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Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

VARA commands

- 18:58:01 - PTT ON
- 18:58:02 - PTT OFF
- 18:58:14 - PTT ON
- 18:58:15 - PTT OFF

In QSO with GRZ History W3UAV

Message IDLE File IDLE

I'm away (Auto) ☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 02:35

SNR (db) -05 -09 +04

Last Avg Mine

SNR INFO

LH P FS P

QSY ☒ ☐ ☐

SEND VMAIL

PSK REP. MAP

Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

CLEAR

EDIT

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME

W3UAV -10 +04 20m Tony McMonagle York PA USA FM19PU 2022-08-25 18:55:48

Auto log QSO LOG CLR

New message

Load canned message

Enter to send

SEND CLR

# Load canned message

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 18:58:24 NO NEW VMAIL

FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.104.250 MyCall K5WH Connect W3UAV

SLOT ☐ CF ☐ ☐ Disable PTT

**DISCONNECT MODEM** **DISCONNECT** **ABORT**

TX **RX** 67/171 **NEXT BEACON: 01:51 min**

VarAC Log

- 18:58:01 - LOCATOR Received
- 18:58:01 - Unable to compute loc
- 18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Logged
- 18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Sendin

VARA commands

- 18:58:01 - PTT ON
- 18:58:02 - PTT OFF
- 18:58:14 - PTT ON
- 18:58:15 - PTT OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
20m	18:48	N4MRD	500	-14
20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
20m	18:40	N4IW	500	-16
20m	18:29	K4SOL	500	-03
20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
20m	15:13	K6HN	500	-21

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

VARA commands

In QSO with **QRZ** History **W3UAV**

Message  IDLE

File  IDLE

☐ I'm away (Auto)

☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 02:35

SNR (db)

Last Avg Mine

QSY

Message currently being sent

Messages in queue

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME ☒ Auto log QSO

W3UAV -10 +04 20m Tony McMonagle York PA USA FM19PU 2022-08-25 18:55:48

New message

Load canned message

☒ Enter to send

# SEND FILE

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.0.2)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-07-22 00:04:43 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.105.750 MyCall K5WH Connect K0PFX

SLOT CF 500Hz 2300Hz

Disable PTT

DISCONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT ABORT

TX RX 1095/303 NEXT BEACON: SOON

VarAC Log

- 00:04:38 - Debug mode dis
- 00:04:38 - FREQ Schedule
- 00:04:43 - Debug mode dis
- 00:04:43 - FREQ Schedule

VARA commands

- 00:04:02 - PTT ON
- 00:04:03 - PTT OFF
- 00:04:13 - PTT ON
- 00:04:15 - PTT OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	23:40	VP9NM	500	-06
20m	23:40	N7RBP	500	-19
20m	23:37	K0PFX	500	-20
20m	23:19	VE3ORY	500	-09
20m	23:13	KG5IME	500	-16
20m	23:13	K8AKC	500	-13
20m	23:11	W0PML	500	-15
20m	23:09	N9HMA	500	-12

Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	23:39	KB1CAD	500	-20	15
20m	23:38	KB9ENS	500	-12	13
20m	23:20	WD4KAV	500	-19	13
20m	23:16	W88AIZ	500	-18	2
20m	23:15	KK4JRW	500	-07	
20m	22:59	KM6CQ	500	-09	5
20m	22:57	KO4KUM	500	-16	
20m	22:49	KO4KOM	500	-07	

In QSO with K0PFX See History

Message IDLE File IDLE

I'm away (Auto) Send 'is typing'

Duration: 22:12 SNR (db) -16 -17 -10

Last Avg Mine

SNR INFO

LH.P FS.P

QSY

SEND FILE

SEND VMAIL

PSK REP. MAP

Message currently being sent: looks like it made it through.

Messages in queue

CLEAR EDIT

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME

K0PFX -20 -11 20m

2022-07-21 23:42:31

Auto log QSO LOG CLR

New message Load a canned message MY INFO

Enter to send SEND CLR

# SEND VMAIL

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 18:58:24 **NO NEW VMAIL**

FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.104.250 MyCall K5WH  
SLOT ☐ Connect W3UAV  
CF ☐ ☐  
☐ Disable PTT  
**DISCONNECT MODEM** **DISCONNECT** **ABORT**  
**TX** **RX** 67/171 **NEXT BEACON: 01:51 min**  
FREQ SCHEDULE OFF  
Data stream  
18:56:07 - K5WH> de K5WH <R-10>  
18:56:23 - W3UAV> <R-04>  
18:56:37 - K5WH> Hello Tony, good afternoon from Texas  
18:56:42 - W3UAV> How are you doing Walt from York PA  
18:56:59 - K5WH> QSY DOWN 750Hz!  
18:57:34 - K5WH> <INFO>  
18:57:48 - W3UAV> <NAME:Tony McMonagle><QTH:York PA USA><LOC:FM19PU>  
RIG: Flex 6400 with G5RV Inverted V

VarAC Log  
18:58:01 - LOCATOR Received  
18:58:01 - Unable to compute loc  
18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Logged  
18:58:01 - PSKReporter: Sendin

VARA commands  
18:58:01 - PTT ON  
18:58:02 - PTT OFF  
18:58:14 - PTT ON  
18:58:15 - PTT OFF

Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
20m	18:53	N0KFO	500	-14
20m	18:48	N4MRD	500	-14
20m	18:48	NC3Z	500	-02
20m	18:40	W3UAV	500	-14
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20m	15:37	K8AKC	500	-12
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Last heard CQ calls

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR	Slot
20m	18:53	W3UAV	500	-02	
20m	18:39	N7QJP	500	-19	11
20m	15:00	ND1J	500	-12	3

In QSO with **GRZ** History **W3UAV**  
Message  IDLE  
File  IDLE

☐ I'm away (Auto)  
☒ Send 'is typing'  
Duration: 02:35  
SNR (db)  
-05 -09 +04  
Last Avg Mine  
SNR INFO  
LH P FS P  
QSY     
**SEND FILE**  
**SEND VMAIL**  
PSK REP. MAP

Message currently being sent  
Messages in queue  
**CLEAR**  
**EDIT**

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME  
W3UAV -10 +04 20m Tony McMonagle York PA USA FM19PU 2022-08-25 18:55:48  
New message  
Load canned message  
☒ Auto log QSO  
**LOG** **CLR**  
☒ Enter to send  
**SEND** **CLR**

# Viewing the Vmail

VarAC Mailbox

Status	Time received	To	From	Band	SNR	Subject	Message preview
READ	2022-07-26 02:00:45	K5WH	WD4KAV	20m	-14	Just checking in	Hi Walter. I think we had a QSO...
READ	2022-07-24 23:29:24	K5WH	CO2SR	20m	-18		Hi Walter tks fer contact Mandv i...
READ	2022-07-21 20:02:57	K5WH	KE5RV	20m	-08	Hi Walter.	Thanks for the note the other da...
READ	2022-07-18 21:50:56	K5WH	CO2DC	20m	-15		TOMORROW STRONG SOLAR ...
READ	2022-07-17 18:43:21	K5WH	AE4AN	20m	-04	Hello	Just trving out VarAC. Hoe to cul...
READ	2022-07-17 16:23:51	K5WH	KB0FX	20m	-04	Greetinas	Good Morninal
READ	2022-07-15 22:00:12	K5WH	NC3Z	20m	+09	FreeDV	Wanted to test out mv setup.
READ	2022-07-13 23:27:49	K5WH	KE0PDU	20m	-08	Greetinas	Thought you were attempting to ...
READ	2022-07-13 21:21:46	K5WH	KV4LP	20m	-13		nice contact. excelent sinal ere i...
READ	2022-07-12 01:28:42	K5WH	AL0R	20m	-09		Howdy Walter! How does digital...
READ	2022-07-08 02:22:36	K5WH	WD4KAV	20m	-14	testina	hi there. Just testina out VarAC ...
READ	2022-07-08 02:12:34	K5WH	KB8CR	20m	-06	Testina repaired antenna	Hi Walt.We had a tornado near ...
READ	2022-07-07 16:36:00	K5WH	W6MDA	20m	-14	Thanks	Thanks for the pino...checking o...
READ	2022-07-06 21:10:18	K5WH	W3UAV	20m	-09	13 Colonies	Hello Walter.Just worked all 13 ...
READ	2022-07-06 16:10:50	K5WH	KB0FX	20m	-13	Test	testina the new email feature.
READ	2022-07-06 01:58:35	K5WH	W3UAV	20m	-14	Hello from Michiaan	Hello Walter. Sittina here with fa...
READ	2022-07-05 21:22:45	K5WH	N0KFO	20m	-14	Hello from Central FL	Hi ... Just checking thins out ...
READ	2022-07-02 23:31:32	K5WH	N3MEL	20m	-05		Hi Walter hope all is well in Tx t...
READ	2022-07-01 23:42:02	K5WH	WD4KAV	20m	-07	HOW ARE THINGS GOING?	HI WALTER. HOW ARE THING...
READ	2022-07-01 20:33:10	K5WH	KB6CIO	20m	-09	Tnx for message	FYI: I have tried FreeDV daily. N...
READ	2022-07-01 19:01:50	K5WH	W0PML	20m	-15	Greetinas	Sorrv to miss you.But it will be ni...
READ	2022-07-01 16:43:06	K5WH	W4HTP	20m	+01	Hello. Walter	Have a hapov Independence D...
READ	2022-07-01 14:47:11	K5WH	W3UAV	20m	+02	See you today on Zoom	Hello Walter. I fell asleep early v...
READ	2022-06-29 01:05:06	K5WH	N1DOU	20m	-16	Contact	This is mv first connection on Va...
READ	2022-06-28 00:57:57	K5WH	K2MO	20m	-12	Testina	Test

DELETE

CLOSE

☒ Enter to send

SEND

CLR

# PSK REP. MAP

## To show stations on PSK Reporter

VarAC by 4Z1AC (V5.1.8)

Settings Logs Resources About UTC: 2022-08-25 18:58:24 NO NEW VMAIL

FREQUENCY **14.104.250** MyCall K5WH  
SLOT ☐ Connect W3UAV  
CF ☐ ☐  
☐ Disable PTT  
DISCONNECT MODEM DISCONNECT ABORT  
TX RX 67/171 NEXT BEACON: 01:51 min

VarAC Log  
18:58:01 - LOCATOR Received  
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Last heard beacons

Bnd	Time	Callsign	BW	SNR
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Last heard CQ calls

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VARA commands  
18:58:01 - PTT ON  
18:58:02 - PTT OFF  
18:58:14 - PTT ON  
18:58:15 - PTT OFF

In QSO with GRZ History  
W3UAV

Message IDLE  
File IDLE

☐ I'm away (Auto)  
☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 02:35  
SNR (db)  
-05 -09 +04  
Last Avg Mine  
SNR INFO  
LH P FS P  
QSY

SEND FILE  
SEND VMAIL  
PSK REP. MAP

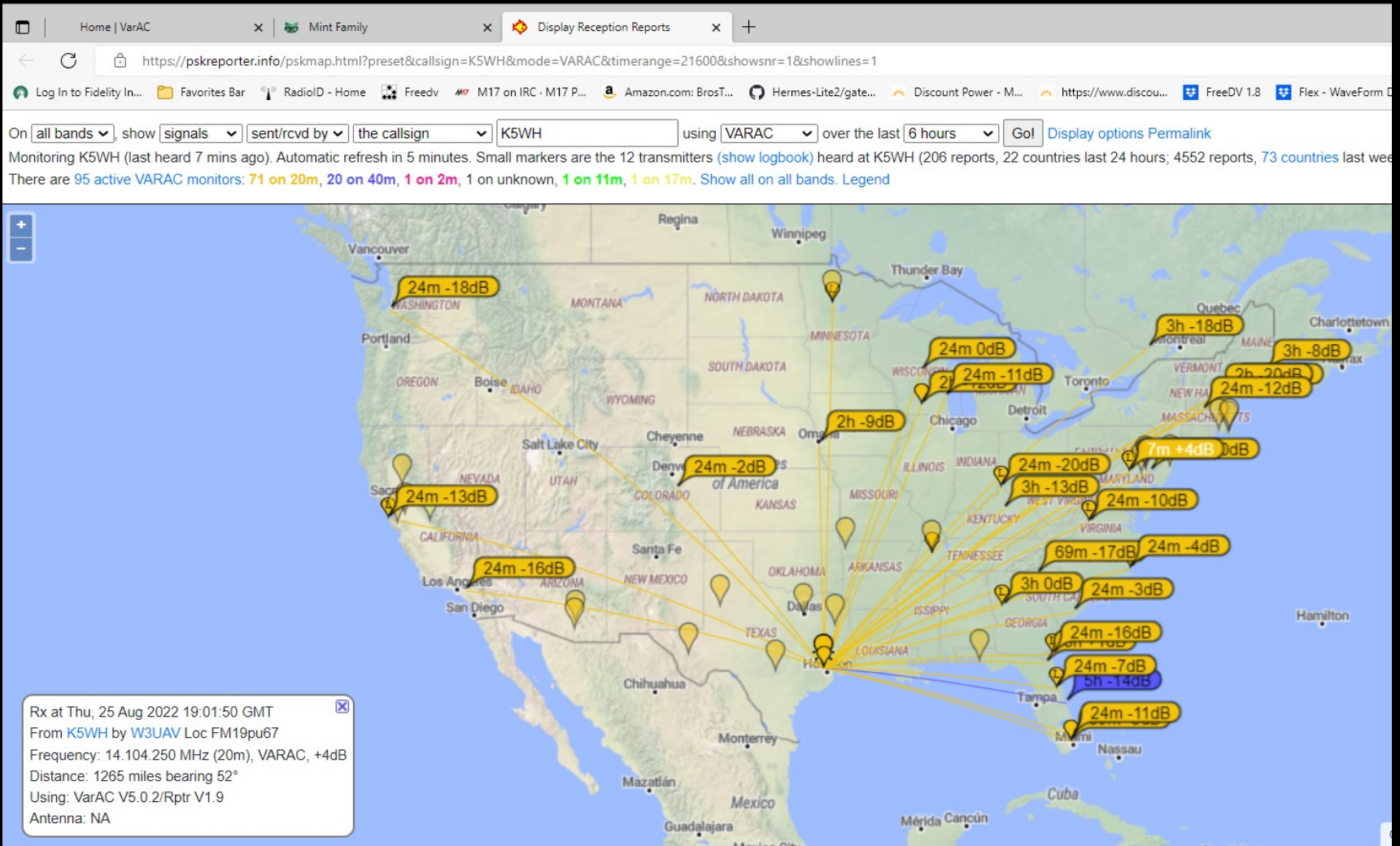
Message currently being sent  
Messages in queue  
CLEAR  
EDIT

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME  
W3UAV -10 +04 20m Tony McMonagle York PA USA FM19PU 2022-08-25 18:55:48  
Auto log QSO  
LOG CLR

New message  
Load canned message  
Enter to send  
SEND CLR

# PSK REP. MAP

## To show stations on PSK Reporter



# Other Features

## Notice the list of Last Heard beacons and Last heard CQ calls

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FREQUENCY **BUSY** 14.104.250 MyCall K5WH Connect W3UAV

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In QSO with GRZ History W3UAV

Message IDLE File IDLE

☐ I'm away (Auto) ☒ Send 'is typing'

Duration: 02:35 SNR (db) -05 -09 +04

Last Avg Mine

SNR INFO

LH.P FS.P

QSY

SEND FILE

SEND VMAIL

PSK REP. MAP

CALLSIGN RST-S RST-R BAND NAME QTH LOC START TIME END TIME ☒ Auto log QSO

W3UAV -10 +04 20m Tony McMonagle York PA USA FM19PU 2022-08-25 18:55:48 LOG CLR

New message Load canned message

☒ Enter to send

SEND CLR

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# Right Click on a callsign for options

- Clear
- Copy All
- Ping (get report)
- QRZ.COM lookup
- PSK Reporter lookup
- Callsign History
- QSY to slot

# Logs

- QSO Log
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# Resources

- Quick Start Guide
- User Manuals (EN)
- User Manuals (Non EN)
- VarAC Facebook Group
- VarAC Forum
- Troubleshooting
- FAQ

# Further Assistance

- For any follow-up information or configuration assistance, please contact Walter-K5WH
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- Or join us on ZOOM anytime around the clock
  - <http://www.k5wh.net/zoom/>

