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Sunday morning BULLETINS - 145.7875 MHz & 7062 KHz @ ±08h45.

COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Meeting A discussion was held on how to attract new amateurs to our ranks. This is an initiative from the President of the SARL. One idea discussed was the use of EQSO. Also thanks to Frank, ZS6EIN, on his presentation on the Double-Diamond or Joker antenna.

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SSC The June meeting was held at the home of Errol and Betty. Here we all had a look at various amateur computer programs in action as well general interest programs like Google Earth. It does help to have a ADSL line to speed things up. Thanks to Errol and Betty for their hospitality. The next meeting, which is to be held on **15th July 2006**, will be at the QTH of Berridge – ZS6BFL.

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Another blonde joke

A contestant on "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" had reached the final plateau. If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the \$32,000 milestone money

And as she suspected it would be, the million-dollar question was no pushover. It was, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds?"

Is it A) the condor; B) the buzzard; C) the cuckoo; or D) the vulture?"

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. And she was doubly on the spot because she had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Audience Poll Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline. The woman hoped she would not have to use it because. Her friend was, well blonde.

She had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices the blonde responded unhesitatingly:

"That's easy. The answer is C: The cuckoo."

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The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving Regis any answer except the one that her friend had given her. Considering that her friend was a blonde that would seem to be the logical thing to do.

On the other hand - the blonde had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be persuaded.

"I need an answer," said Regis.

Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo."

"Is that your final an answer?" asked Regis.

"Yes, that is my final answer."

Two minutes later, Regis said," That answer is absolutely correct!!

You are now a millionaire!"

Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends including the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars.

"Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you," said the contestant. "How did you happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on," said the blonde. "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks."

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These are two pictures received at my QTH from the NOAA 18 weather satellite on 14 and 15 June 2006. The receiver used is an ICOM R2 communications receiver coupled to a turnstile antenna 3M off the ground. The program is WXTOIMG, which is a free version (<http://www.wxtoimg.com>) works quite well.

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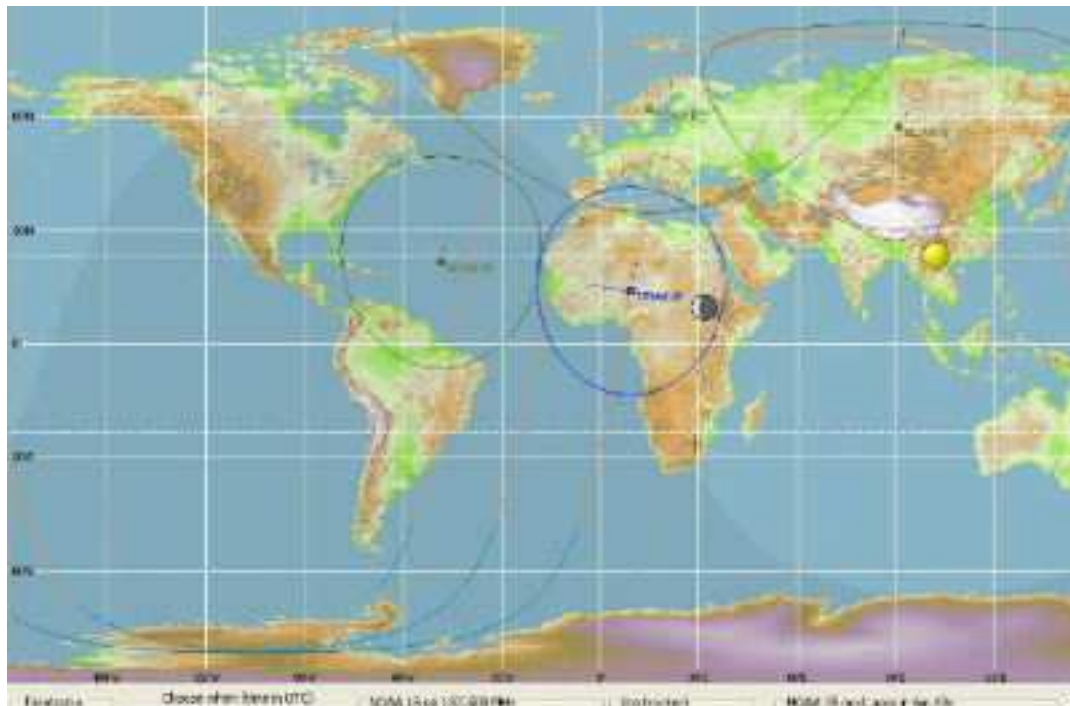
A receiver with a wider i/f bandwidth would work a lot better e.g. the R2FX (<http://www.df2fq.de/produkte/r2fx.html>)



Another important factor is the antenna. The popular one being used is the Quadrifilar Helix antenna and there is plenty of information on the web. Just punch qfh into Google and see what happens.

Other receiving programs are APT decoder from <http://www.ptast.com/apt/decoder/index.html> comes complete with a tracking program and is free

Another is Satsignal from <http://www.satsignal.net>. Also available on this site is an alternative satellite-tracking program called WXTrack.



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Here are a few things to think about that you probably have never thought about

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in" . . . but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

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