

## **D-STAR or ...**

If you're reading this in the October newsletter, I barely made the publication deadline. If you're reading this in the November newsletter, I didn't make the deadline for October. Why would I be so tardy? One reason is that I had a lot of trouble this month coming up with another topic that I thought would be interesting.

Over the past few months, we've talked about how Atlanta has gotten involved in D-Star in a big way, what kinds of resources are available here and on the web. We've talked about what D-Star is and how you can get involved; we've talked about D-Star at Dayton and what a useful tool it is for wide-area nets. We even talked about how you can use D-Star for conversation and to meet new people.

Every month, I asked for comments and suggestions about what you would like to see in this column. Guess how many responses I've gotten. A big fat zero, that's how many. Nobody has written email to suggest any topics or ask any questions.

Is anybody reading this? Do you like what you are reading? What would you like me to do differently?

As an introduction to D-Star, maybe I've covered everything you want. I don't know. I'm guessing here. Would you like to broaden the range of topics? How about more general Ham Radio topics? There are a few things I'm somewhat knowledgeable about and a lot of other things I could research or find a guest to write about.

Almost everybody uses the Internet for ham radio in some capacity. Would you like to know more details about how the data gets from one place to another on the Internet? Maybe you're interested in how software is written or how it runs on the computer or what operating systems do under the covers.

Or would you rather read about how transmitters and receivers work? Maybe the difference in Spread Spectrum and FM has always intrigued you. Or maybe you've been wondering about how to program a modern radio. Maybe you even have some specific questions about D-Star.

What do you want to read about?

Give me some ideas. Let's make this column something useful to YOU.

Send your ideas, comments and requests to [KE4FOV@Bruner.us](mailto:KE4FOV@Bruner.us)

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