

Podcasts: where to find them

Following Mike Guest's most educational explanation of Internet related items I went in search of some Podcasts on Amateur Radio. One that I have been listening to for some time is 'This Week in Amateur Radio' which you can find here:

<http://www.twiar.org/>

This is published each week, usually on a Sunday, and contains a round up of all the news provided by ARRL, RAC and RSGB. It has a distinctly American flavour but is a good listen. It lasts in the region of 1½ hours. In addition to the news it covers a wide range of radio related topics.

The following list is taken from the iTunes Podcast directory after a search for 'amateur radio:'

ARRL Audio News	n1rl@arrl.org	ARRL Audio News
Dits and Bits with NV0U	Randy Rathbun NV0U	Dits and Bits with NV0U
Ham Radio Podclass	Michael Dell and John Martin	Ham Radio Podclass
HamRadioCast	Mark "Jensen" Titterington, KB2EGB	HamRadioCast
KE6YJC Amateur Radio Podcast	Ted G. Freitas (KE6YJC)	KE6YJC Amateur Radio Podcast
San Diego Amateur Radio Podcast	W5NYV	San Diego Amateur Radio Podcast
SWAOG Amateur Astronomy Network	Gary Brown (KC4VNU)	SWAOG Amateur Astronomy Network
This Week in Amateur Radio	Unknown	This Week in Amateur Radio
TWIAR International - Low bitrate	Greg Williams, K4HSM	TWIAR International - Low bitrate

To be able to take advantage of podcasts you don't need an MP3 play of any persuasion, unless you want to listen while you are out and about. What you do need is a computer, Internet connection, and suitable software.

With most podcasts you can subscribe using software on your computer and it will check for the latest version and automatically download it for you. One package is iPodder (www.ipodder.org). This is a free download and available in several flavours. I used this when I first started getting podcasts. I now use iTunes because this came with my iPod!!

Explore and enjoy!

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PS: If you want some more information on podcasts, don't hesitate to get on the Internet and use Google.