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GOODYEAR BLIMP FREQUENCIES

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Here are a few frequencies you might want to monitor if you ever see one of the Goodyear Blimps fly overhead. A couple quick notes first, there are three Blimps in operation in North America a fourth is operated in Europe. The American blimps are stationed at three locations, one on each coast and one in-between. The Enterprise, tail number N1A, is based in Pompano Beach, Florida: the America, tail number N3A, is based near Houston, Texas and the Columbia, tail number N4A, is based in Los Angeles. Each blimp is accompanied by a three vehicle ground fleet consisting of a van, a tractor-trailer, and a Greyhound-like bus.

The communications between the blimp and ground crew are normally held on 151.625 Mhz. The blimp also uses VHF aircraft band, communications can be monitored here at 132.00 Mhz. AM. Below is a list of other frequencies used by the blimp.

123.050	Common Blimp port frequency
123.250	Suffield (Ohio) Wingfoot Lake Facility
132.000	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company channel

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151.625	Blimp Operations NBFM
465.9125	Blimp Operations NBFM - Low Power
465.9375	Blimp Operations NBFM - Low Power
465.9625	Blimp Operations NBFM - Low Power

For more information concerning the blimp or its operations, see the August 89 issue of Monitoring Times.

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