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Message 3 Thu Jun 01, 1989

MASAMWICK [NC_SCANNER] at 22:24 EDT

Will you be travelling along the coast? If so, maybe we can get together. What FCC data files are you getting, and how do you get them? I've been trying to get info from the FCC on how I can get frequency info. I am sure that there must be some place (Washington, DC?) where a citizen can spend an afternoon going through printouts, microfiche, computer terminals, etc. to search for frequencies by location. But damned if I can get them to tell me anything concrete!

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Message 4 Sat Jun 03, 1989

ELENTZ at 06:56 CDT

The easiest thing to do is call the National Technical Information Service in Springfield Virginia at this number (703) 487-4807 and request the price for PB-89-902401 State Index to Non-Government Master Frequency Data Base PB-89-902301 Licensee Name Index to Non-Gov Master Freq data base PB-890902501 Callsign Index to Non-Gov Master Freq Data Base. I usually buy the State index and Licensee Index since they cost much less than the Master. The last price I had on the Master List was over \$400.00. The Index files are approx. \$45.00. The State index is by State, by City, and by Frequency. This will help you find out who in town has a radio. This is by the transmitter location though, not city of operation. The Licensee name index is listed by whoever has the license. You will find that Security Companies and Wrecker companies are usually licensed to some person or something weird. They are hard to locate. I haven't bought the Callsign index ever. GOOD LUCK.....It is the government you will be dealing with. By the way, this is on microfiche and you will need to borrow or purchase a microfiche viewer. (Public Library) They aren't very expensive if you can locate a company that deals in them. Try and locate one of the larger companies and they usually have some rental returns.

Buy one of them. As long as the mirrors are in one piece and the lens ok then you are in business. The bulbs can be replaced for less than \$25.00. All that is left is the fan motor (some don't have them). I have a Northwest Microfilm Inc NMI 75 and it is just great. Be sure and get a 48X lens or maybe one size less.

Thanks for the info! I will call them. You say that the State Index lists businesses by city, but does not give the callsign? How about info on numbers of base/mobile/repeater stations? Can't I also look up this info at an FCC office?

It does give the call sign. This is only an index file (one of three) for the Master Frequency Listing which gives all the info on the license. The Master is very expensive and also available on 9-track tape. You can get a Call Sign Index, Name Index, and the State Index. From what I understand you can look

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up this info at the FCC on their computers but you do need to have a part of the information. I have never done that so I don't know what kind of hassle you will go through.

Topic 5 Tue May 23, 1989
ELENTZ at 23:04 CDT
Sub: Frequency Help!!!!

Look for that one frequency and can't find it?

Message 1 Tue May 23, 1989
ELENTZ at 23:11 CDT

If you have a frequency that you can't locate and need some help, give this a try. I have the complete FCC data files from a couple of years back and will be willing to give a hand if you are looking for some unknown frequency. At this time the current data file hasn't been released but I hope to have it shortly. Therefore..... Give me as much information as you can on the agency or company that has the radio system that you are having trouble with. I have the files listed by Company/Agency and also by TRANSMITTER location. Sorry, I don't have a call sign list but you can include this also so I know that I have it the correct company/agency. If you are able to give height of antenna on the mobile units this will help also. This will be for private
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companies, public safety agencies, and news media. I can promise that I will be able to find what you are looking for but there is a pretty good chance that we will be successful. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE. It will help me build my database of confirmed frequencies. REMEMBER: I need the name of company/agency, Transmitter location (state city) and possibly the frequency area.

B.E.MOORE at 20:01 PDT

Hey, that sounds like a great resource. Is there a way an Average Joe could get hold of such a list? I would assume that the FCC (as a Gov't Agency) would be releasing such a thing for a nominal fee.... should compress quite well, too!

Yes the FCC database is available from the National Technical Information Service - Springfield Virginia. They have the database available in Microfiche for about \$45.00 a set. This is a condensed listing sorted by either Call Sign, Licensee, or Location. I have been purchasing the Licensee and Location sets each year for the past several years. They sell to the average Joe (that's me) and will even put you on a subscription for a yearly fee. It is really difficult to figure out what you want and then tell them. Being part of the Government it is much harder than it should be. The best bet would be to contact NTIS at (703)-487-4650 and find out the number you need to call to get a catalogue for the FCC database on Microfiche. The listings include the complete United States and are very good. You will also need a microfiche viewer or possibly you can go to the library and borrow theirs I found that this doesn't work too well so I bought my own.

K.CROSBY [Kevin-Mem,Tn] at 09:22 CDT

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I've heard that the list is also available as a computer file. Any info on this ??????

B.E.MOORE

at 17:04 PDT

I'll check on that. Since it's on Fiche, it should be on a computer somewhere. I do have a friend with a 9-track, so if worse comes to worse, there is always that route. If I can get a computer-readable copy, I'll ARC it (since 'most everybody can deal with that) and upload it. (GENIE'll love me if I put up such a beast and it's 500K... EVERYONE will download it... :-)

And, since your tax dollars paid for it, you can do whatever you want with it: including printing it and SELLING portions.

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Message 6 Sun May 28, 1989

A.GOTT

at 01:53 PDT

You will love this request, but since I don't use an IBM, would it be possible for you to upload it as an UNARCED file? Would help us 'other users' out.

ELENTZ

at 22:42 CDT

Today I was able to place the order for the current edition of the FCC database. Should have it in a couple of weeks since I placed a rush order on it. If you are looking for the frequency of any local agency/business then leave me a message in this topic. I will do my best to locate it for you. There will be no charge, just upload (no charge for upload time) you frequency database or listing for us to use on the BIG PROJECT!!!! I won't check to see if you have uploaded anything but sure wish we could get everyone's help.

There is no promise that I will be able to locate the agency in question but have had a pretty high percentage of success in the past. REMEMBER: This is a free service offered by me only and is in no way connected with GENIE - yet.....