

Traditional Radio Options

A) Price Often Determines Options

- 1) single receivers/dual receivers
- 2) Filter Options
- 3) DSP Options
- 4) antenna options

B) Commercial vs. Kit Building

- 1) Major Manufacturers offer similar radios
 - a) Kenwood
 - b) Icom
 - c) Yaesu
- 2) Alternative Companies
 - a) Elecraft
 - b) TenTec
 - c) Alinco
 - d) Various Chinese Companies

C) Kit Building

- 1) MFJ
- 2) QRP Rigs
- 3) HF or All Band/All Mode
 - a) HF 160-10 meters
 - b) 6 meter option

c) VHF/UHF Options

d) Digital Modes

e) Pros and Cons

i) Expense; all eggs in one basket

ii) Complexity

iii) Savings (2nd radio, all modes; compact)

iv) "One Ring to Rule Them All"

D) Used Radios

1) Less Expensive

2) Proven Technology

3) Latest is not always greatest

E) Old Radios

1) A Touch of History

2) Ability to Work on them

3) Sometimes hard to find parts

4) Buyer Beware, but that's true of everything!

5) Simplicity/Ease of Use

6) All Mechanical