### Amateur-Satellite Service



# Some facts about the amateur-satellite service

- Began in 1961
- Pioneered low-cost satellite technology
- First privately funded space satellites
- First satellite search & rescue (OSCAR 6 & 7)
- First inter-satellite transmissions
- Early tele-medicine transmissions
- Pioneered distributed engineering



# Amateur-satellite organizations (by country)

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Bermuda
- Brazil
- Chile
- Denmark
- Germany
- Finland
- France
- Israel

AMSAT-Australia
AMSAT-OE

**AMSAT-LU** 

**AMSAT-BDA** 

**BRAMSAT** 

**AMSAT-CE** 

AMSAT-OZ

AMSAT-DL

**AMSAT-OH** 

**AMSAT-France** 

**AMSAT-Israel** 

AMSAT-Italia



# Amateur-satellite organizations (by country)...continued

- Korea
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Qatar
- Japan
- North America
- Russia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

**KITSAT Project** 

**AMSAT-Mexico** 

**AMSAT-ZL** 

**AMSAT-Qatar** 

**JAMSAT** 

**AMSAT-NA** 

**AMSAT-R** 

AMSAT-SA

**AMSAT-URE** 

**AMSAT-Sweden** 

**AMSAT-UK** 

**AMSAT-NA** 



## Co-operation with universities to develop & construct amateur-satellites

Amateur satellites have been designed and constructed by university students with the help of local amateurs and amateur-satellite organizations. Some examples:

- ♦ Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- ♦ University of Surrey (UK)
- ♦ University of Mexico
- ♦ Weber State University (USA)



## Student satellite project





# Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio (OSCARs)

#### Early satellite projects

- April 1959 Concept of a satellite built by and for amateurs
- OSCAR I Dec 1961 Jan 1962, 300+ orbits 3000 reception reports
- *OSCAR II* Jun 1962, 18-day life
- OSCAR III Mar 1965, 206 orbits, first twoway amateur-satellite contact: Germany-Switzerland



## Satellites since formation of corporation of AMSAT

- Australia-OSCAR 5
- AMSAT-OSCAR 6
- AMSAT-OSCAR 7
- AMSAT-OSCAR 8
- RS-1, RS-2
- AMSAT-Phase III-A
- UoSAT-OSCAR 9
- RS-3, RS-8
- Iskra 2

- AMSAT-OSCAR 10
- UoSAT-OSCAR 11
- Fuji-OSCAR 12
- RS-10/11
- AMSAT-OSCAR 13
- UoSAT-OSCAR 14
- UoSAT-OSCAR 15
- PACSAT-OSCAR 16
- DOVE-OSCAR 17
- Webersat-OSCAR 18



#### Amateur Satellites since LO-19

- Lusat-OSCAR 19
- Fuji-OSCAR 20
- RS-14/AO-21
- RS-12/13
- UoSAT-OSCAR 22
- KITSAT-OSCAR 23
- Arsene-OSCAR 24
- KITSAT-OSCAR 25
- ITAMSAT-OSCAR 26

- AMRAD-OSCAR 27
- PoSAT-OSCAR 28
- RS-15
- UNAMSAT-A
- TechSat-A
- Fuji-OSCAR 29
- Mexico-OSCAR 30
- RS-16
- AMSAT-P3D



## AMSAT Oscar 40 (Phase 3D)

- multi-national effort
- elliptical orbit
- launch  $\approx 2000$
- independent multi-band receivers and high efficiency transmitters
- Went dead shortly after
   launch jet problems





## Satellite AO-40 (Phase 3D)



# Amateur Radio aboard the International Space Station (ARISS)

- Amateur Radio is a permanent part of ISS
- Multi-national amateur programmed
- Voice, data, image
- Most astronauts are licensed or are taking classes



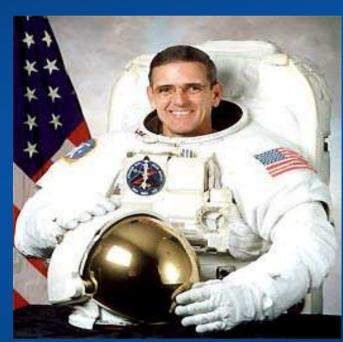


## Amateur manned space programme

- More than 30 manned missions flown in the amateur-satellite service
- More than 130 astronauts and numerous cosmonauts are licensed radio amateurs
- Used to contact families and students
- Voice, packet radio, television operated

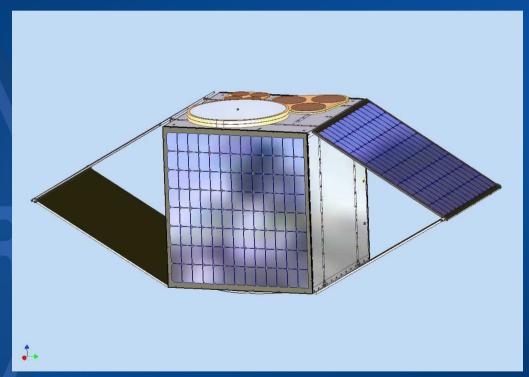


# Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) Commander Bill McArthur – M13





# Latest AMSAT satellite Project Eagle



# Latest AMSAT satellite Project Echo





## Satellite Earth station



