

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



BaoFeng HT Class

November 11, 2013

Agenda

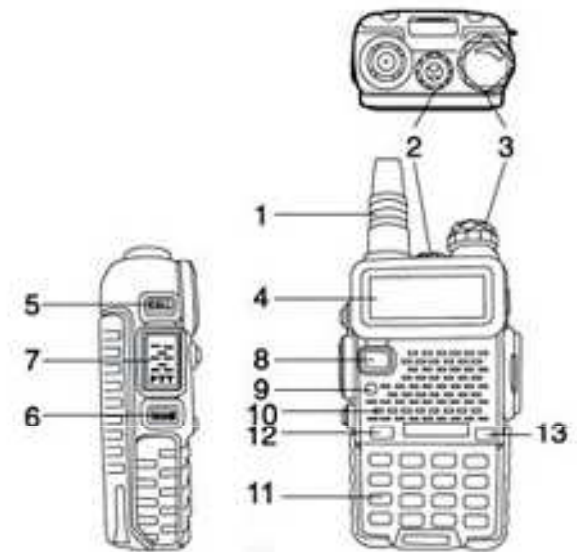
- Chinese HT Overview
- BaoFeng UV5R Layout
- BaoFeng Operation
- Repeater Operating Practices
- Programming Memory Channels (keypad)
- Using CHIRP Software
- Useful Links

Chinese HTs

- Japanese brands Icom/Kenwood/Yaesu move production of “lower cost” HTs to China
- Chinese Brands: BaoFeng, Puxing, Wouxun
- Sets new price points:
 - Dual Band V/U \$32 (BaoFeng UV-5R)
 - UHF-Only \$18 (BaoFeng BF-888S)
- Sold via Amazon.com and others

BaoFeng UV5R Layout

1. Antenna
2. LED Flashlight
3. Knob (ON / OFF / volume)
4. LCD
5. Side Key 1 / CALL (radio / alarm)
6. Side Key 2 / MONI (flashlight / monitor)
7. PTT Key (push-to-talk)
8. VFO / MR (frequency mode / channel mode)
9. LED (transmit / receive indicator)
10. Microphone
11. Keypad
12. A / B Key (frequency display switch)
13. Band Key (switches band)



LCD: HT in Memory Mode (see #s on right)



BaoFeng Operation

- HT has been programmed and battery has been fully charged (Recharge after use. Charger LED is Red when charging, Green when fully charged).
- Turn radio ON with knob (3) and adjust volume $\frac{1}{4}$ turn.
- Use [VFO/MR] button to select “Channel Mode”
- Select desired Repeater using \wedge \vee keys (W1SYE is “001”)
- Adjust squelch if needed [Menu] + 0 + [Menu]. Use the \wedge \vee key to adjust level, then [MENU] + [EXIT] to confirm
- Use PTT button (7) to transmit. Back of radio will get warm if you are long-winded on High Power.

Before you operate a repeater...

- Need to know THREE things:
 - Your Receive Frequency
 - Your Transmit Frequency
 - Any required CTSS/PL Transmit Tone
- Repeater Directories
 - <http://www.nerepeaters.com/> ONLINE
 - <http://www.amazon.com/2013-2014-Repeater-Directory-Pocket-sized/dp/087259257X> ARRL Repeater Directory
 - <http://www.rfinder.net/blog/> App (paid)

Basic Repeater Practices

- Select your desired repeater from memory
- Listen before you talk!!!
- Don't transmit too quickly (over top of "beep")
- Avoid CB lingo ("10-4", "Good Buddy", etc.)
- To speak with anyone, don't call "CQ". Say "Kilo Charlie One Alpha Quebec Nancy Listening"
- To speak with someone specific say: "Whiskey Bravo Four Sierra Oscar November This Is Kilo Charlie One Alpha Alpha Alpha"

Basic Repeater Practices

- At a loss for something to say?
Basic info:
 - Name
 - Where you are
 - How well you hear the other station
 - Explain if you are a new ham or new to the area
(They will most likely bombard you with questions or help draw things out)
- Short ISN'T bad as the repeater is a shared resource, but it can be frustrating if you only speak in “yes”, “no” single word answers.

Basic Repeater Practices

- When you are all done...
 - “Well, Bob, thanks very much for the QSO. I need to QRT now (go shopping, do my nails, wash my hair, etc.). I’ve enjoyed chatting with you. 73. WB4SON this is KB1ZZZ Clear.”
- Do I log my QSO? No formal requirement to do so. Might not want to if mobile (unsafe).
- Remember to not talk over the repeater courtesy Beep (which may cause the repeater to time out!)

Programming a Memory Channel

Program repeater 145.450, minus offset, 100 Hz tone, high power, channel 010

MUST Start with a empty channel. If not empty do this:

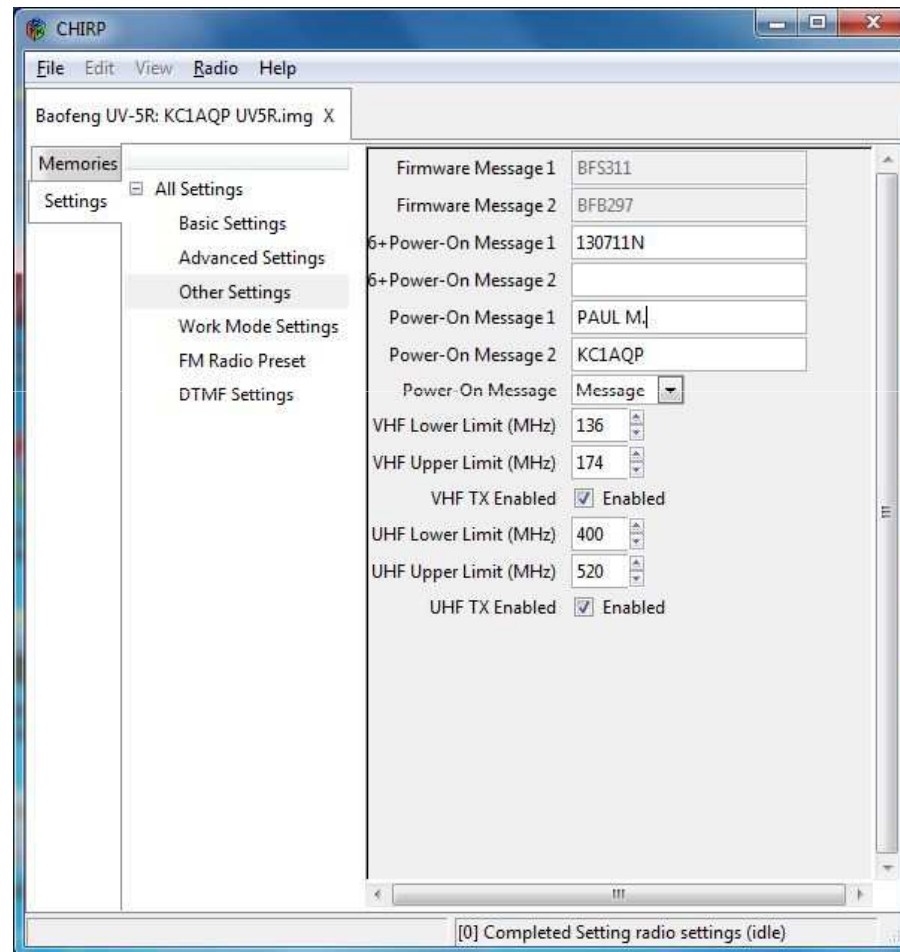
[MENU] + 2 + 8 + [Menu] Enter Channel 010. Press [MENU] + [Exit] to accept and exit (Menu + Exit)

- Switch to VFO Mode [VFO/MR] Radio Says “Frequency Mode”
- Enter 145.450 The receive frequency
- Press [MENU] + 2 + [MENU] Use \wedge \vee keys to pick High or Low Power. (Menu + Exit). Note: “L” shows on screen if Low Power, nothing shows for high power
- Press [MENU] + 5 + [MENU] Use \wedge \vee keys to pick Wide Bandwidth Press (Menu + Exit)
- Press [MENU] + 1 + 3 + [MENU] Use \wedge \vee keys to pick 100 Hz Transmit Tone (T-CTCS) (Menu + Exit)
- Press [MENU] + 2 + 7 + [MENU] Enter 010 or Use \wedge \vee keys to select 10 (Menu + Exit). This stores the Receive Frequency, and the Radio prompts that REC FREQ has been stored
- Enter 144.850 The transmit frequency (600KHz down)
- Press [MENU] + 2 + 7 + [MENU] + [MENU] + [EXIT] Radio prompts that TX FREQ has been stored
- Return to Memory Mode (VFO/MR) Radio Says “Channel Mode”

Using CHIRP Software

- Will need a programming cable & latest software (www.danplanet.com/projects/chirp/wiki/Home)
- Need to download contents of radio first:
 1. Start CHIRP, Click on Radio menu, then pick Download From Radio
 2. The Clone window opens
 3. Select the serial port you intend to use from the drop down menu
 4. Select the correct Vendor and (if necessary) the appropriate Model
 5. Click OK to start the download process.
- Make needed changes using the memory or settings editor.
- Upload changes back to the radio.

CHIRP Settings Menu



CHIRP Memories Menu

CHIRP

File Edit View Radio Help

Baofeng UV-5R: KC1AQP UV5R.img X

Memories Memory range: 127 Go Special Channels Show Empty

Settings	Loc	Frequency	Name	Tone Mode	Tone	ToneSql	DTCS Code	DTCS Rx Code	DTCS Pol	Cross Mode	Duplex	Offset	Mode	Power	Skip
	1	145.450000	NEWPORT	Tone	100.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	2	162.400000	WX	Tone	100.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	off	0.000000	FM	Low	
	3	146.520000	SIMPLEX	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	(None)	0.000000	FM	High	
	4	446.000000	SIMPLEX	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	(None)	0.000000	FM	High	
	20	442.150000	WOONSOC	Tone	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	+	5.000000	FM	High	
	21	146.940000	LINCOLN	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	22	146.460000	LINCOLN	Tone	67.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	+	1.000000	FM	High	
	23	447.775000	LINCOLN	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	5.000000	FM	High	
	24	444.500000	LINCOLN	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	+	5.000000	FM	High	
	25	145.170000	LINCOLN	Tone	67.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	26	146.805000	C FALLS	Tone	67.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	27	449.225000	N PROV	Tone	141.3	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	5.000000	FM	High	
	28	146.760000	N SCITU	(None)	88.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	29	146.910000	FOSTER	Tone	67.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	30	441.350000	PROV	Tone	103.5	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	+	5.000000	FM	High	
	31	441.750000	E PROV	Tone	192.8	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	+	5.000000	FM	High	
	32	146.625000	E PROV	Tone	141.3	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	33	146.835000	JOHNSON	Tone	192.8	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	34	145.190000	JOHNSON	Tone	67.0	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	0.600000	FM	High	
	35	449.325000	JOHNSON	Tone	127.3	88.5	023	023	NN	Tone->Tone	-	5.000000	FM	High	

[0] Completed Setting radio settings (idle)

Useful BaoFeng Links

- <http://radiodoc.github.io/> This is THE BaoFeng Bible and is open source. Get this NOW!
- <http://chirp.danplanet.com/projects/chirp/wiki/Home> This is the home of CHIRP programming software. MAC/PC/Linux
- Yahoo BaoFeng UV5R Group
- http://www.amazon.com/Programming-Cable-Baofeng-UV-5R-Wouxun/dp/B007R21P7Q/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1371488209&sr=8-1&keywords=BaoFeng+programming+cable This is the programming cable I've used on MACs, PC-XP, PC Win 7-64 bit.
- <http://www.hamradio.com/detail.cfm?pid=H0-011332> This is a top quality dual band 14" Antenna

NATO Phonetic Alphabet

A - Alfa	N - November
B - Bravo	O - Oscar
C - Charlie	P - Papa
D - Delta	Q - Quebec
E - Echo	R - Romeo
F - Foxtrot	S - Sierra
G - Golf	T - Tango
H - Hotel	U - Uniform
I - India	V - Victor
J - Juliet	W - Whiskey
K - Kilo	X - X-Ray
L - Lima	Y - Yankee
M - Mike	Z - Zulu