

**VHF SIMPLEX TESTING**

**ALACHUA COUNTY**

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# Simplex Testing Goals

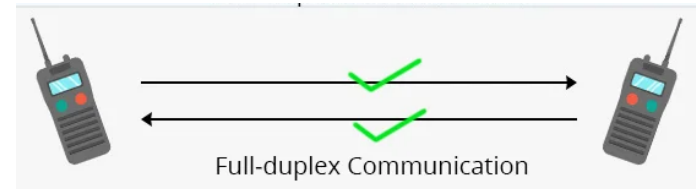
- The goal of simplex testing is to determine who in Alachua County can communicate with who using 2 meter (145-147 Mhz) without the using a repeater
- Alachua County amateurs have a place to go to find out who they can communicate with on 2 meters
- Create an interactive computerized map for use by amateurs and/or Emergency Operation Centers

# What is Simplex Communication

-Simplex communication is one-way communication where information is transmitted from one device to another, but the receiving device does not send = one way.



-Duplex communication is point-to-point communication consisting of two or more connected devices that can communicate with each other = both ways.



# Why use simplex communication

1. It is much easier and faster to test and collect data using only simplex.
2. Data collected using simplex can be used to determine both simplex and duplex communication
3. If station A can hear station B and B can hear station A then you have verified duplex communication

# The Simplex Testing process 1 of 3

1. Compile a list of Amateur transmitters
2. Select a date, time and Test/net controller
3. Produce an “Alachua County Simplex Test Data Form”

# The simplex testing process 2 of 3

Alachua County Simplex Test Data Form			Test Controller	KQ4JBR
Simplex Frequency	Date/Time	Test #	Alachua Section	Listening Station
146.55	4 May 24 7pm	S2-24	All	KK4KRZ
Order of Transmit	Transmitter Call Sign	Heard X or 0	Comments	
1	K9RFT	0	<u>Melrose</u> East Alachua County	
2	KO4ZSD	X	At Alachua EOC	
3	K4GLM/K4GNV	0	At Waldo EOC	
4	KO4LBS	X		
5	KO4MLY	X	West Hills Neighborhood	
Location	Antenna	Ant. Height	Radio (circle one) Base Station, Mobile, HT	
West Alachua Co.	Ed Fong slim jm	38'	Base Station 50 watts	
<p>This test data form is for the recording of simplex transmissions. Mark and X for heard and a zero if not heard. Leave blank if station did not transmit. Put your listening call sign in block. After the test please input information on the on-line spreadsheet (if you can) and send this form via email to <a href="mailto:authorlorilynroberts@gmail.com">authorlorilynroberts@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:mikeham73@yahoo.com">mikeham73@yahoo.com</a></p>				

# The Simplex Testing process 3 of 3

4. Place the Test data form on the GARS website
5. Announce the Simplex Test via email and any other means  
Direct participants to the GARS web to download the Test data Form
6. Conduct the Simplex Test using the 146.820 repeater and a non-repeater frequency
7. Participants send in their completed Simplex test Data Forms
8. Update the On-line Simplex Connection Spreadsheet.





# How is Simplex testing data recorded

(Show Connection Spreadsheet)

- Across the top transmitters
- Down the first row Listeners
- X heard, O not Heard, Blank did not transmit
- We also include emails and Grid locations (QRZ) and comments
- Transmitters and Listeners are at their home location unless indicated otherwise.

# Simplex test support

**Lorilyn Roberts KO4LBS** Maintains the Alachua County Simplex Connection spreadsheet and co-manager of the simplex testing.

**Eric Pleace KO4ZSD** Maintains the Test/Net controller script and update the GARS simplex website.

**Debbi Boal KI4CVS** Maintains the Alachua County Simplex Test Data Form

**Karyn Shander KQ4JBR** Provides testing support

**Dave Dockus KO4GGZ** Provides testing support

**Jeff Capehart W4UFL** Provides ARES support for the simplex testing

# Need Help

## Creating a location map “computerized”

- Currently using Grid Location from QRZ
- May need to request GPS and/or Lat and Long data from stations
- Waldo EOC is looking into creating a paper map with pins to start

## Find best way to return completed test Data form

- Cell phone picture of the completed test data form then email
- Use the test data form in Excel spreadsheet format then email
- Type the data directly into an email

