

Transcript "log2008-01-23_23-29-02" for Room "Scheduled_Chat"

jdensie joined.
Medonna joined.
Mrs_Geek joined.
alfie joined.
Dee_NC joined.
Sassy joined.
Billm joined.
Roz joined.
Jenny_J joined.
Glenn joined.
Cubey joined.
Jesse joined.
Roz Getting a crowd
jdensie Hii To all
Jesse Hello everyone
Howard joined.
Cubey :)
netters joined.
alfie Here we are...
Jesse Hi Howard
macattack joined.
Howard Hi everyone. Are ready to go Mrs Geek?
Mrs_Geek Sure.
Mrs_Geek Jim is here too, but he's responding to a forum questions at the moment
Howard As usual, we well give it a few minutes until the computer clock says 8:30 sharp
Roz not mine
Sassy okay
netters ok
Howard Central time. :)
Billm that new clock you have on the wall :)
Howard We might pushing our 25 person limit tonight.
netters your atomic clock? ::rolleyes
Lee joined.
Howard You guys do read the Journal closely don't you.
netters of course
Sassy lol

Dee_NC wonder how much communications will change in the next 3 yrs
Jenny_J no how do we find it lol
Jesse always
gwb36 joined.
Dee_NC sure do
Billm yeah - - and you were late posting it yesterday :)
BillJoyce joined.
alfie did the clock over the door break, Howard?
Mrs_Geek Hi Bill!
BillJoyce Hi Chris (and everyone else)
Howard No alfie. Just was time for it to leave
petitetot joined.
Randy_Wa joined.
Dave joined.
Randy_Wa Howdy gang
Jim_G joined.
petitetot Hi everybody
Howard Here we go. Tonight we will have Chris (Mrs Geek) & Jim Guld (Jim G),
Geeks on Tour joining us for this popular topic.
Mrs_Geek Hi Everybody
netters hello
Randy_Wa Funny, I was just at their website
Howard This will get a little wild, so please be patient.
Mrs_Geek I am curious how everyone here is currently connected to the Internet
Roz DSL
Jenny_J cable
Randy_Wa DSL here at home
netters DSL
Sassy cable
Lee Huges Net
gwb36 ready to absorb
Mrs_Geek I'm using our Datastorm satellite dish
petitetot cable at home
macattack DSL
Dee_NC cable
Jesse DSL from the sticks and brick house
BillJoyce Hughes.net internet satellite
Dave satellite

jdensie we rely on the park WiFi
alfie DSL
Cubey At home with DSL (finally have it stablized now connection wise)
gwb36 cell phone
Cubey (...i hope!)
Medonna cable
Glenn Air card
Lee via Datastorm
gwb36 at avi
netters we use wi-fi when we are at a campground rightnow
Randy_Wa Glenn: Verizon?
Howard Datastorm Hughes.net
Jim_G I'm using the park wifi here at Palm Creek
Billm cable
Mrs_Geek interesting,more satellite than Data Card
Mrs_Geek I think that is changing
netters what are the pros and cons of both of those options
Randy_Wa Wouldn't date card be less expensive?
Randy_Wa data
Jim_G more at home than in RV?
Cubey when i hit the road I will be using a blackberry alone and tethered to a laptop (sprint)
Mrs_Geek Wi-Fi = cheapest because there is no commitment
Mrs_Geek Satellite is most expensive
Mrs_Geek Data card is middle ground
Jesse how fast is the data card
Randy_Wa Data Card would be limited by reception
netters which one gwill give you the best service
Jenny_J cant you use more than one way to connect
Jim_G Satellite is still the only option that works just about everywhere
Cubey I had planned to use a sprint data card but the laptop I got cheap on black friday doesnt have a pc card slot. so I got a blackberry to tether instead which will be cheaper anyway
netters ok
Mrs_Geek Data cards are improving daily
Mitch joined.
Mrs_Geek We don't have one, but we talk to a lot of folks who love theirs
Mitch Hello all

Cubey hello

Jesse Hi Mitch

Randy_Wa You can get USB connection cards

Lee satellite works everywhere but you might have to switch satillites if you travel vast distances

jdensie We have a Hawkings Hi Gain Wireless-G USB Dish Adapter, that we modified to use outside on a pole and point to the source

Mitch Hi Jess

netters the satellite is about \$5000.00 right?

netters plus the service?

Jim_G We can tether our new phone to the laptop and get EVDO Rev)

Cubey randy: yes but they cost more per month then tethering. also a blackberry is a standalone internet device so you can carry a browser in your pocket, plus tether to a laptop

Howard Let's try to stick to one question at a time until we cover it please. :)

Mrs_Geek Howard, do you want me to try to be organized about this? Or just run with a free for all?

Howard Let's try to be somewhat organized.

Mrs_Geek I could say, let's just talk about satellite for a few minutes.

Randy_Wa I also use a Mobilepro 790 with a pcmcia wifi card.

Jim_G Deep breath

Howard Let's work on the satellite vs air card question first

Mrs_Geek Pros = available everywhere, Cons = \$\$

Mrs_Geek As I've told others, you'd have to tear my Datastorm from my cold, dead fingers!

Lee Satelite availability: Not all satellites cover all areas

netters i read somewhere that the system is about \$5000.00, is that right

Dave I think I will start conservative with an air card then if not happ upgrade to a satellite

Mrs_Geek Yes, about 5,000 for the roof mount, automatic dish

Jenny_J what about tripod

Mrs_Geek Air cards have improved immensely over the last year

netters thank you..and what about service cost

Randy_Wa Is there any agreement on with data card works best? Which gets the best coverage?

Cubey \$5000 is more than my van and trailer cost *lol*

Howard Let's give Jim and Chris time to answer.

Lee I'm at South Padre Island using 127W and I do not have coverage here. 89W does.

Mitch Mrs_Geek, how do those mobile routers work. Are the reliable?

Mrs_Geek Satellite = \$80/mo for roof mount automatic, \$60/mo tripod
netters thanks Mrs_G

Mrs_Geek tripod purchase price = 700 - 1500

Randy_Wa I guess for 5 grand I can try an air card.

Jim_G MotoSat allows you to change satellites depending where you need coverage. Hughes is less accommodating for Tripod users

Mrs_Geek I'll let Jim take the router question

Jesse why the \$20 difference

Mrs_Geek Bandwidth primarily and support like the changing of satellites

BillJoyce Tripod setup from a good dealer that will support you runs about \$1500, roll your own and plead for help on forums it can be as low as \$400

Billm I am looking at used coaches - many of them already have dishes on them -
- will they all work with datastorm?

Lee I can change satellites one time per year for no charge.

Jim_G The routers are quite reliable. You must still connect directly to the laptop with the cellular device for any updates

Mrs_Geek Billm - TV dishes will NOT get Internet - it's a completely different technology. If the used coach has a Datastorm, then yes, it should work

Mrs_Geek Datastorm is a brand-name for the dish and the automatic system of pointing

Mitch Thanks Jim_G

Mrs_Geek The main drawback with aircards is the 2 year contract. I expect that will be changing with more people buying them

Jim_G I hear good things about the Kyocera mobile routers

Cubey Mrs_Geek: Usually you can talk carriers into buying the card so you don't have a contract

Mrs_Geek Lee - are you on a tripod?

Cubey er, selling you the card, rather

Mitch I believe they are more expensive than a regular router.

Lee No, I have an automatic system mounted on the roof.

Cubey it will cost you to buy the card (vs free with a 2 year contract)

Mrs_Geek Cubey - you mean you can get the service without a contract?

Lee It did cost about \$5k

Jim_G true, Mitch, around \$250+

Randy_Wa E-bay might be a good source for cards without contracts.

Billm how about speed cards vs sat?

Howard We have a wide variety of technical expertise here. But let's try to start as basic as possible.

BillJoyce You want an aircard capable of EVDO RevA, many on e-bay are not. You have to be careful.

Cubey be very careful of ebay, i had bad luck with 2 sellers of cards

Lee Satellite coverage is excellent throughout north america

Cubey Mrs_Geek: yes. some employees at retail stores for the actual carrier (not an authorized dealer) will say no. but if they do, insist speaking to someone else.

Jim_G Cards do not have a latency problem. Downloads are usually faster with sat. Uploads faster with cell

Mrs_Geek We here by far the most satisfied customer stories from Verizon folks re coverage and speeds

Cubey I've had one employee say no, and then another will whisper to me that they do.

Jenny_J but you pay per month qwest is 79# a mo for only 6 mb would that be enough

Mrs_Geek Jenny - 6mb per ? Usually it's 5GB per month

Mrs_Geek I can use 6mb in a half hour!

Medonna I was hoping to learn the basics here but I am totally confused now. Is there a website I can go to read about the different types?

Jenny_J 600mb is what you get to use for the 79 dollars any mo anymore is 500 mb for \$5

BillJoyce You only get the fast speeds where they have EVDO available, in extended network areas you are 2-3 times dial up. Normally EVDO (Verizon/Sprint) is as fast or faster than satellite.

Howard Medonna hang on. We'll get to basics here.

Sassy me too Medonna

Mrs_Geek There are still plenty of areas where cell coverage is slow or non-existent

Howard Let's start over and go slow. Everybody sit back and don't type for just a minute. :)

jdensie Does the foot cover all of the US for the datastrom

macattack OK

Cubey Mrs_Geek: best value for the money is cellular internet. either an aircard or buying a smartphone (ie: blackberry). great thing about a blackberry is it gives you internet on the device itself with a

Cubey doh... did my last message get cut off?

Cubey am I stalled ... ?

Howard Quick reminder. There is a 200 character limit per post. And if you don't type something every 30 minutes you will get booted.

Howard Let's start again here.

petitetot ok

Dave k

Mitch left.

netters k

alfie I need to take a deep breath.. leaving me behind..

Howard The goal here is to cover as many systems as possible with basics and then we can move to more technical issues.

Dee_NC k

Medonna ty

Mrs_Geek I can give a basic overview

netters please

Dee_NC yes

Howard Great Chris - slowly Wi-Fi, Air Card, Satellite. Thanks

Mrs_Geek 3 basic ways to connect on the road:
Cubey left.

Mrs_Geek since you can't take your wires from home with you, all three are 'Wireless'

Mrs_Geek 1 = Wi-Fi: connecting to a 'hotspot' at an RV park or coffee shop, or library

Mrs_Geek Most all computers have basic wifi capabilities built in. You just pay the hotspot as you go, and many are free.

Mrs_Geek Air Cards:
Ron_Ron joined.

Mrs_Geek connecting to a cellular provider. You must be within range of a cellular tower. you need a data card and service from Verizon, Sprint, etc.

Mrs_Geek cost about \$60/mo

Mrs_Geek 3 = Satellite: This is the costliest option, but it is the only one that gives you internet anywhere

netters how expensive are the cards?
DonnaB joined.

Lee what is the max speed you can get with the Air Card?
Dave left.
Lee left.

Mrs_Geek Satellite comes in two flavors. Roofmount automatic, or tripod.

Medonna ?

Mrs_Geek OK, so that's 1,2,3. WiFi, Cellular, Satellite.

Mrs_Geek Now, back to just the questions on Cellular:
since option 1-WiFi is unreliable, is option 2 better for beginners (new full-timers)

Mrs_Geek the cards can be free with certain promotions and go up to \$200
Lee joined.

netters how expensive are the air cards for the cellular

netters thanks

Mrs_Geek What did people here pay for cards?

DonnaB They sell cards on eBay cheap
DonnaB I bought one years ago
DonnaB It depends on who your provider is
Glenn free with a 2 year contract
Medonna so you buy the card and then have a service like Verizon on a monthly basis? Is that unlimited time per month?
Jim_G Another cellular option is the newer smart phones tethered to a laptop or stand alone for Internet access
netters I have ATT right now..is it available and reliable
Jenny_J i am looking at qwst free with 2 yr contract
Roz \$99 with a one year contract
Mrs_Geek Verizon limits you to 5 Gigabytes per month. That is plenty for most folks.
macattack coming up on 30 minutes.
Howard thanks mac
gwb36 ok
DonnaB Data plans are much more expensive then tethering - example we tether for \$20/month and only use it when we RV
Lee what is the max speed you can get with the air card?
Jesse I have read that Verizon is now unlimited
petitetot k
Dee_NC k
Sassy k
DonnaB Why would you want a data card 1 year contract at home as you generally have cable internet or whatever?
Medonna explain tethering please
Mrs_Geek A problem with cellular is that there are still places where it doesn't work. We were in Pio Pico - a Thousand trails park and there was simply NO cell signal there. If you had planned to be there a
DonnaB attaching your phone to your laptop with a cable or bluetooth - thus using the phone as a modem like dialup but with faster speeds
Jim_G Jesse- read the small print. They have the option of slowing you down if you exceed 5GB in a billing period
Randy_Wa For one price you could have the data card at home and in your RV.
alfie Would a problem be in the Blue Ridge mountains too?
Mrs_Geek There are also lots of places where high speed is not available
DonnaB T-MO - unlimited data \$20/mo start/stop as needed if you have their cellphone service
Mrs_Geek I don't know about Blue Ridge, but it's a good bet that high speed would be a problems there
DonnaB You have to get a signal from your provider to use an aircard or your

cellphone as a modem tethered to your laptop!

Jenny_J i believe there would lots of mountains

BillJoyce Note that tethering does not work in most extended network areas for Verizon

Jesse How far will 5 gig get you

Mrs_Geek 5G is plenty for most people

DonnaB With T-Mo you can even use Cingular or other providers for data but it is slow (no roaming charges)

Medonna probably not for gamers though

Jim_G Slow is what we want to avoid, but is better than nothing

Mrs_Geek But, I can use 5G in a few days :-) with video applications

Mrs_Geek REalize that WiFi is usually available as a backup too.

Mrs_Geek There are WiFi hotspots all over if you're willing to look, and maybe schlep your laptop around a bit

Howard Difficulty with cellular air cards is it doesn't seem any of the companies can provide accurate geographic coverage areas for data.

Howard Makes choosing tough.

Mrs_Geek Which technology is right for you depends on how you use the Internet AND how you travel.

Mrs_Geek If you NEED it, you need more than one way to connect.

netters I need to be able to connect at any given time

Mrs_Geek I know lots of satellite owners who now also have an aircard, and, of course they use WiFi when it's available

Jim_G netters needs satellite

netters thanks Jim

Mrs_Geek But, someone who just goes out for weekend jaunts will need to rely on WiFi

Randy_Wa An air card would be more portable.

netters that was my main question

Medonna so tell us about sattellite

Mrs_Geek Air card is the only thing that works as you're driving.

Mrs_Geek errr - as you're riding that is

Mrs_Geek I love my satellite dish!

DonnaB No I have used laptop tethered to cellphone while Geroge drove the RV

DonnaB works great

Mrs_Geek It gives me reliable, consistent, Internet even at 10,000 feet in a Wyoming national forest park

DonnaB George and I were Starband Pioneers years ago - got a computer and the system and took it everywhere

DonnaB worked great - except it wasn't officially approved

Mrs_Geek BUT, lots of people have trouble with them too. I have to remind myself that I travel with my own tech support department - Jim :-)

Mrs_Geek I don't know anything about Starband. Except that it is also satellite.

Jim_G Nothing out there works 100% all the time.

DonnaB It was the first before Hughes or DirectWay

jdensie Thank you, Jim

DonnaB We got the satellite dish and first year for free - such a deal!

netters Question...if you get the satellite, do you have a router that your laptop connects to wireless

Medonna earlier there were statements about roof-mounted vs. tripod. Is tripod for internet connection as well as television?

BillJoyce Starband now has official support for tripod users, but only two satellites. Will work in the U.S., some of Canada, some of Mexico but not Alaska.

Jim_G netters- yes we have a wireless router and print server

Mrs_Geek We have a 3 computer network in our 30 foot class C :-)

netters thanks Jim

Howard Yes, netters. With satellite and a wireless router you become your own Hot Spot.

Jesse I can locate the sat for Direct tv fairly easily but how difficult is a tripod for internet

netters thanks. Is it ever possible to find a used unit out there?

Jim_G TV is an option with satellite internet, depending on the satellite you are commissioned on

Mrs_Geek Medonna: yes, there is automatic roofmount AND tripod satellite dishes for Internet.

Jim_G Direct and Dish are available.

Medonna is there a significant cost difference?

Howard Medonna, between tripod and automatic?

Mrs_Geek Ah - I reread Medonna's question. I think you're asking can one dish do both TV and Internet?

Medonna yes

Howard Yes netters, used or reconditioned dishes are available

Jim_G Used dishes are available. Check Datastormusers.com and sometimes on ebay

netters where do you look for them?

netters on the internet?

Mrs_Geek An Internet dish can have an attachment to get TV. A TV dish cannot get Internet.

netters thanks so much Jim

DonnaB left.

Medonna ah gotcha

Jenny_J x

Sassy ok thats what I was waiting to hear

Randy_Wa Mrs_Geek: Where are you located now?

Mrs_Geek Internet is a completely different thing. Think about it ... to get TV, all you have to do is RECEIVE a signal. Internet requires receiving AND sending.

Mrs_Geek We're in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Mrs_Geek We'll be here thru March

Randy_Wa Mrs: thanks. Just curious.

BillJoyce There are multiple satellites for internet because of the two-way communications, they can't handle millions of users like TV which only broadcasts down.

Howard Chris, how bout a quick pros vs cons of tripod vs automatic satellite internet

Mrs_Geek That's pretty easy \$\$

jdensie Rain

Mrs_Geek But, no, there's more

Mrs_Geek When you move a lot, you gotta have the automatic.

netters will either one do the same

Mrs_Geek We often pull into a rest area and raise the dish to get online
Lee left.

Mrs_Geek The tripod can be better when there's a lot of trees because you can position it better

Mrs_Geek Either one does the exact same thing once they're online. However, the tripod usually comes with a lesser service plan

BillJoyce Automatic is much better in most cases. The only advantage other than cost for tripod is you can put the tripod up to 500 feet (high quality cable) from the RV.

Jim_G rain has not been a big problem for the Internet dish. It is a bigger problem with the TV dishes

netters what do you mean by lesser?
alfie left.

Mrs_Geek tripod = \$60/mo service, automatic = \$80/mo

Mrs_Geek The main difference I know of is the amount of bandwidth you are allowed. more with the automatic

Medonna so the major cost difference is in the installation and original purchase

netters for the exact same service?

Mrs_Geek medonna - yes

BillJoyce I pay \$70/month for tripod internet to get the same service plan Mrs_Geek pays \$80 for. A bit more speed and a higher download limit come with the

plan.

Mrs_Geek When you use more bandwidth than you're allowed, you get 'FAPped' meaning you're slowed WAYY down.

Mrs_Geek Tripod users with the standard service will get FAPped sooner than the automatic folks with the business service

Jesse BillJ, is it difficult to set up the tripod?
Jenny_J left.

netters tell me the difference between standard and business

Jim_G Internet service with the automatic dish is provided by a VAR. Tripodders get service direct from Hughes or Starband

petitetot c

Medonna last major question: if you were to purchase the rooftop mount and got a new RV, can it be moved to the new one?

Howard VAR - Value added reseller

Jim_G Tech support is another benefit of the automatic dish. Hughes does not offer support for mobile users. Only the hardware

Mrs_Geek medonna: moving a rooftop dish to a new RV can be done. They leave the base plate on the old RV

BillJoyce Setting up a tripod takes between 20 and 30 minutes for most of us. Many will not bother for one or even two nights, but I will. Automatic is a great advantage since you can put it up any time with

Mrs_Geek so there are no holes in the roof

Medonna kk thanks so much for explanations. the options are much clearer to me now

Mrs_Geek How about WiFi questions?

Randy_Wa hmhhh

Jim_G WiFi can be faster than the other ways of connecting

Glenn security...is it a problem

Mrs_Geek I think WiFi is the only viable option for short term travelers

Randy_Wa I guess we need to find those with the satellite internet that also have a wireless router and park/camp close to them:)

jdensie ? can you start or stop the service from Hughes Or Starband at any time. If you are at a WiFi spot

Medonna that is the only one i understood lol

Mrs_Geek ahhhh, security. We get the most questions on that, and we really don't think it's an issue.

Mrs_Geek Security of your computer is on your computer. Security of banking websites is on the banking website.

Jim_G You can put your satellite plan on vacation. Options vary.

Sassy seriously can people tap into your wifi

Mrs_Geek WiFi is really no less secure than any other way of connecting. Except for one thing.

BillJoyce Because of FAP rules most of us do not run open WiFi hotspots any more. Too easy for someone to slow us down.

Mrs_Geek And that is to turn off file and printer sharing.

Glenn thanks

Mrs_Geek I'm talking about a computer using a public WiFi hotspot.

Randy_Wa I have used wifi from others in my sons apartment building.

Mrs_Geek People think it's unsafe because their transmissions are traveling thru the air.

Jim_G Sassy - people can tap into any connection. wired and wireless -

Mrs_Geek But that is a misconception.
Ron_Ron left.

Mrs_Geek Exactly. The wired Internet is an unsafe place if you're not up to date and have antivirus software running.

jdensie We use WiFi in the CG we are at. Haven't used anything else yet. If we do we are looking at the Verizon Air-card.

Howard 30 minute check

Medonna .

Dee_NC k

macattack k

netters thanks

petitetot k

gwb36 ok

Sassy ok ty Jim

jdensie We are fulltimers and the WiFi has been ok

Mrs_Geek We say that WiFi is good news/bad news. The good news is that it's lots of places, it's fast, its cheap. The bad news, it doesn't always work!

Mrs_Geek jdensie - that's good to hear.

Randy_Wa That would be ok if you mostly stay in parks which have wifi
Lib joined.
Glenn left.

Jim_G More and more parks are implementing wifi

Randy_Wa I understand with wifi if too many are online at the same time you can get kicked off

Jim_G WiFi was not intended for RV parks. It was designed for Starbucks and small offices
Billm left.

Randy_Wa But of course boondocking would knock out the wifi option.

Howard When we started on the road, my question was how do I get internet in the remotest part of Montana? That led us to satellite as didn't want to rely on Wi-Fi or cellular coverage.

Jim_G You might get slowed down, but probably not kicked off.

Mrs_Geek actually, there is a provider that covers much of Quartzsite boondocking areas! But, generally, yes - no wifi for boondockers

BillJoyce No wifi in most public parks.

Randy_Wa We will be boondocking in Quartzsite next winter.

Mrs_Geek That's why we have satellite. BUT, we use WiFi when available. It is usually faster.

Sandra_ON joined.

Mrs_Geek Our work-camping job right now is to support the WiFi in this park. So, we have free, good WiFi. But we kept our satellite on. I go back and forth.

Sandra_ON I know I'm coming in late but just wanted to ask if anyone mentioned having to be certified to set up satellite internet

netters Thanks so much for all the info Howard, Mrs G and Jim. It has helped me so much!

Medonna certified???

Jim_G No certification needed to set up satellite. You do need a certified installer to commission your modem initially.

Sandra_ON Has that changed in the last 3 yrs or so as we had to be certified when we got ours

BillJoyce Most satellite users are not certified. Just the first setup needs an installer. Starband does have certification for tripod users.

Jim_G Hughes does not certify mobile users.

Mrs_Geek Sandra - you were referring to the tripod right? the roofmount, automatic dish definitely needs a certified installer

Sandra_ON Yes, we have a tripod

Howard Whew. It was a wacky start, but we got things slowed down a bit. Anyone else have a question not yet answered? Thanks for your patience. :)

Dee_NC Mrs Geek: has there been rumors of major changes for RV'ers and communications in the next 3 yrs?

Medonna it was great information. Thank you Mr & Mrs Geek for your knowledge

Sassy ty all for all the great info

Medonna and willingness to share it

netters Thanks Howard for having this chat..and thanks to Jim nd Mrs_g for all the info!!!

Mrs_Geek Dee - interesting question.

BillJoyce Sandra: The rules might be different in Canada, but that was not true four years ago in the U.S.

jdensie No question here but would like to thank all for the input espically to Mr.

& Mrs Geek

Mrs_Geek Have you heard anything/
petitetot Thank you very much, I assume this will be save on the forum?à
Jim_G The next major change will be WiMax. Improvements in cellular and better coverage will be happening all the time.
Sandra_ON We bought ours from 3i Communications in Linday. They brought someone in from Hughes to certify us. We had an all day class.
Jim_G Satellite technology will be getting smaller and more reliable
Howard Yes, transcript of this chat will be posted on the Forum.
Dee_NC DH has been reading about something to do with a gadget similar to the GPS for internet/TV connections,
gwb36 left.
Sandra_ON left.
Medonna left.
Dee_NC JIM that's it, Wi Max. thanks we'll do more research.
BillJoyce WiMax is nice. We got to play with ClearWire in Jacksonville, FL and it was quite fast.
petitetot Good night and thanks again.
Sassy left.
petitetot left.
Mrs_Geek hmmm, gadget similar to GPS huh? Y'know, I can get internet and email on my new phone. AND, GPS navigation. It's really quite amazing.
Lib left.
Dee_NC yes, my new phone has it all too.
Mrs_Geek Bill - what was the client side equipment for the Clearwire WiMax?
Mrs_Geek Of course, all that cool stuff on the phone costs \$\$ for each feature!
Mrs_Geek Someday those little phones will be just like the Star Trek communicators they were designed after!
Dee_NC no kidding, found that out AFTER I used it. lol
BillJoyce Clearwire used a modem about the size of a Hughes modem with an Ethernet connection.
Jim_G I expect that to get smaller
Mrs_Geek and the phone stuff to get cheaper
Jim_G It is designed for backhaul and distribution
BillJoyce My memories are from two years ago, but it was actually smaller than a Hughes modem, but larger than most cable modems. He set it up in his house and moved it across town to his office.
Howard Anyone else? This is your opportunity. There are no dumb questions. That's why we are here.
Dee_NC thanks for bringing it down to my level and going slower. I understnad a lot

of it. more to learn

Dee_NC thank you Jim and Mrs for a great chat

Mrs_Geek Lots of articles on our website

Jim_G it was fun Thank you, too.

Jesse what is your website

Mrs_Geek And ... look for an article in the FMCA magazine in March. Internet on the Road. by .. me! :-)

netters are there any certain questions that I need to ask when looking for a used satellite dish

netters like a certain version?

Mrs_Geek www.geeksontour.com

Howard Netters, depends on tripod vs automatic

netters o ok..i'm not sure what we will get

Jim_G netters- you want a 7000 modem and a D3 controller for automatic. The dish is probably going to be an F1.

netters thanks Jim

BillJoyce Hughes modems with numbers lower than 7000 can no longer be commissioned so they are doorstops. The latest model is a 7000S and we expect the 7000 (no "s") to be a doorstop in a year.

netters at least now I have a pretty good idea what we need

Howard If you are looking for a tripod dish, they are made out of different materials. Some are better than others as I understand.

netters ok

Jesse can you have bow on a tripod dish

Roz Thanks, Howard, for hosting this!

Howard BOW - Bird on a Wire - to get sat TV on internet dish

BillJoyce Tripod Hughes.net/Directway dishes all work with all modems but the first metal dish, the Raven, bent easily and was easy to make useless.

Howard Bye Roz

Roz tks

Roz left.

Dee_NC thanks everyone

Dee_NC left.

Mrs_Geek That was fun!

Mrs_Geek See ya in June!

netters thanks so much for having this chat!

Howard Jesse, yes can get BOW on tripod, right Gulds?

Mrs_Geek yes

Howard Well, looks like there are no more questions. Chris & Jim, thank you so

much! :)

Jesse thanks geeks

Mrs_Geek our pleasure. Jim had to take a phone call. He says bye!

jdensie thanks Geeks, Have safe journeys

macattack Very informative---Thanks all

BillJoyce Thanks - it is past my bedtime here in Florida.

Mrs_Geek You too

Howard See you at the Rally in June! Looking forward to meeting you in person.

Mrs_Geek Yep - me too!

jdensie I am with you on that Bill J
netters left.

Howard Can click on red arrows below to sign off. :)

Mrs_Geek aha! I was looking for that.

Howard Or click on Show Rooms and double click to go back to lobby.
Randy_Wa left.
Mrs_Geek left.

Jesse Thanks Howard and say Hello to Linda for me
macattack left.

Howard Will do Jesse - same to Ginger
BillJoyce left.
Jesse left.
Howard left.
JeanieH joined.
JeanieH left.
jdensie left.
jdensie joined.
jdensie left.
Jim_G left.