

The ACS conducts a monthly EchoLink net and actively uses EchoLink and Winlink Express in training exercises. If you are unfamiliar with these digital communication systems and would like to download their programs or need more information, please visit the appropriate vendors.

Echolink: <http://www.echolink.org>

Winlink Express: <https://www.winlink.org/WinlinkExpress>

Please note that these programs are not “plug and play”. You must have a valid amateur radio operator’s license (Technician or above) and register the software with the vendor before it will have functionality. Both programs may require you to configure settings on either your wireless router or on your client-side terminal. We recommend you download, install, register and practice with these programs so when the need for you to use these specialized modes occurs, you know they work on your device(s) and understand how to access their functionality.

NOTES: EchoLink can be used on smart phones, tablets, laptops, desktops, HTs, mobile and home station radios. Winlink Express requires a Windows operating system but can be used on laptops and desktops with relative ease. Full functionality of the Winlink Express program (transmitting and receiving e-mail over amateur radio frequencies) requires the use of TNC, an amateur radio, an antenna and the proper cables to connect everything together.