

## **Echolink Operating Procedures using the AC7YY-R link to the Baw Faw Repeater – N7PRJ**

The link is connected to the Baw Faw Repeater 24/7, so to make a connection you just need to Identify, example; “AC7YY accessing echolink node #####”, then enter the node number. Echolink software will respond: “node ##### connected” or “not found”. Depending on the node, you may or may not hear a greeting and instructions to use the connected node, example; “Please call CQ” or something like that. Always listen first; there may be a QSO in progress and then announce your presence and intentions for connecting, example; “This is AC7YY in Centralia Washington calling CQ and standing by”

To disconnect you simply identify; example; “AC7YY disconnecting the node”, and enter a “#” code, then use normal operating procedures to sign off the repeater.

To get a list of nodes either connect to echolink software on your computer or you can use these links <http://www.echolink.org/links.asp> or <http://www.echolink.org/logins.asp>. I usually print a few pages to have in my truck with me (Remember that not on nodes are on 24/7 so a node may not be on when you try it at a later date).

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### Hints:

Never leave a node connected that you connected, bad manners.

Please notify any connected station that you are operating through the N7PRJ repeater and the repeater has a 90 second timeout feature. The link will generally disconnect if the other station times out the repeater, so it's nice to make them aware of that before it happens.

It is always a good idea to wait a few seconds after keying up to begin speaking, not all internet connections are super fast.

Other than that it is the same operating procedures as would normally use on any repeater.

Enjoy using it