

Here is a note that K2NCC, John sent about the SDR dongle:

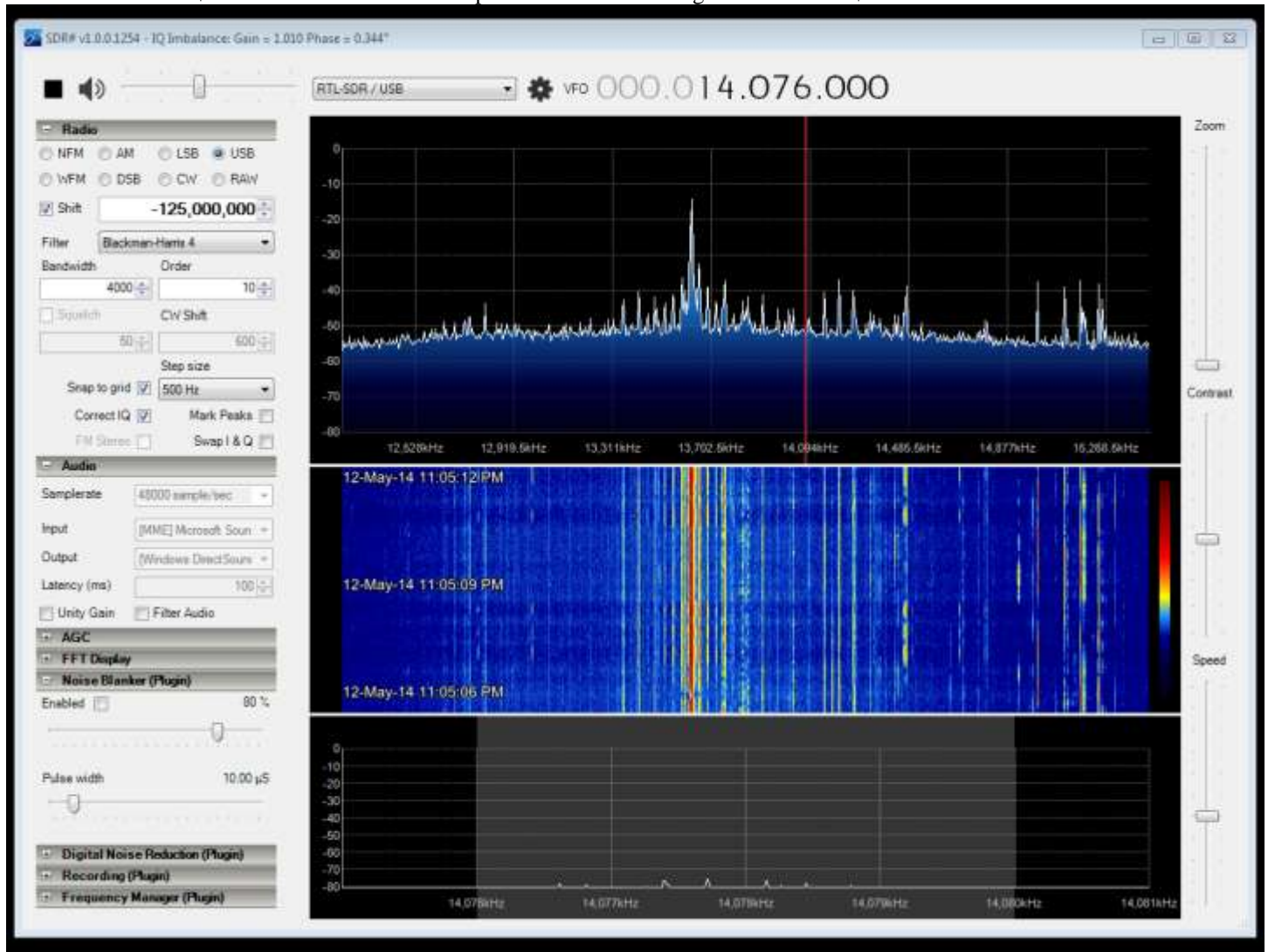
Sure thing Dan! I'm listening in to 5.29 now, via Broadcastify. No so good via RF.

Hey, heard you talking about digital modes, and someone mentioned software defined radios.

If you'd like to try, or recommend to others, a very inexpensive way to "get your feet wet" with SDRs. The "Realtek Dongle", often called an RTL-SDR.

In a nut-shell, it's a European TV-tuner that someone really smart discovered can be used for a 3.2 meg waterfall, natively covering about 24mhz to 1.7ghz.

No TX, but a great all-mode scanner for under \$20. SO much free software out there. I sold my Flexradio recently, and I gotta say, it does 90% of what a \$2000 radio will do. Add an up-converter to that and get HF for about \$40 more.



Sample screenshot of SDR#, one of several free "rig-control" apps for the SDR dongle.

I started a thread on qrz.com recently about it. Lots of links and other details summarized here, might save research time.

<http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?436071-Perhaps-we-should-have-an-SDR-forum-on-QRZ-com>

Well, back to listening. Thanks for the repeater work and streaming audio!

vy 73, de frank k2ncc in Hillsboro

The following is a note from one of our Tech Net listeners, Marino:

links I have bookmarked with respect to "DBV-TV dongle SDRs" /r/RTLsdr (wiki)

<http://www.reddit.com/r/RTLSDR/wiki/index>

/r/RTLsdr sub-reddit (discussions/posts)

<http://www.reddit.com/r/RTLSDR/>

NooElec (vendor specialisizing on these items)

<http://www.nooelec.com/store/>

review of the NooElec 'Ham it Up'

<http://www.hamradioscience.com/ham-it-up-hf-converter/>

How to Make a \$19 Police Scanner

<https://sites.google.com/site/policescannerhowto/>

I am sure you will find many more just googling for 'RTLsdr'

Enjoy

Marino