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Enclosed/attached please find the North Star datadecoding program for the North Star PTT data. This program, called DSDCODE, will digest the text files that you get from Argos, such as telnet data or ADS e-mails. This program will work with only the DS files, either compressed or uncompressed format.

Save this program in a new folder and put your data in that same folder. This program will create several folders in that same main folder, along with the dbf file that includes all of the processed data. **The dbf file is the one that will contain the processed data results, and that is the one to open when the processing is finished.** If you save all of your data files in the same main folder each time you get new data, this program will append the new data to the old in the dbf file.

If you have trouble starting this program, there is a JAVA program that you may need to install on your computer. I have included that on the CD.

Once you install the DSDCODE program, just click the "file" button and select which file you want to process. It will do the rest. Close the program when you are done, and then open the dbf file. Your data will be there.

If you get your data as an ADS e-mail, copy the data into a file in Wordpad or Notepad. Save it as a text file and then select that file to digest from the DSDCODE menu.

This program will work with the Doppler data of our regular PTTs, as well as with our new GPS PTTs.

Best,

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