

# IVCA VISION NEWS LETTER

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To join the IVCA a person need not be a ham but all hams welcome. The IVCA requests a donation of 10 dollars ,include a note stating you wish to join the IVCA. Include your name ,address, call sign, email address. Mail it to Jim Gaither, Po box 140336, Nashville TN 37214. The International visual communications association meets each year at dayton ham vention and represents ham radio visual modes for hams around the world.

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## CHRISTMAS CONTEST RESULTS

- 1 WA4TPY
- 2 KC4OR
- 3 N4OYM
- 4 K7CZ

PICTURES CAN BE SEEN AT [WWW.QSL.NET/IVCA](http://WWW.QSL.NET/IVCA)  
GREAT PICTURES HARD TO CHOOSE BEST

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DIGSSTV IS HERE

Hi Folks

I've had a chance to play with the new digital SSTV program High Definition TV "HDSSTV" (lot's are downloading it from KB1HJ's web site) The program operates with a sound card on all the windows operatingsystems including WinXP and runs surprising well but requires a fairly fast computer 500 KHz or faster. I find with my slow IBM 475 KHz folks are sending three pictures while I'm still decoding the first one. Picture quality is good and usually with out noise even for weak signals. The program is still in a beta version and could use several more refinements like a auto start using a tone detection and a picture zoom function (pictures are received in a fairly small screen size). A thumb nail directory display would be helpful also. I was wondering if the HDSSTV digital wave SSTV signal could also be used with the Amateur radio only "Echolink" web phone program. (as we have had numerous voice contacts with Hams with High Fidelity audio quality around the world, why not also add graphic pictures as well.) Note: Echolink also has an interface card way to link a hand talkie to the radio and computer and use the web to a computer to an interface to the radio and second hand talkie. With a hand talkie and a laptop you could work the world! See attached received HDSSTV picture that we used PaintShop Pro to Resize to 640X512 JPG. 73 Ray W5NOO

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## SSTV PROGRAMS

TO FIND SSTV SOFTWARE JUST TYPE IN SSTV INTO SEARCH ENGINE ALSO TRY KB1HJ OR KB4YZ BOTH HAVE GREAT WEB SITES THE NEW DIGSSTV FILES ARE THERE

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## OPERATING SUGGESTIONS

THE SSTV OPERATOR SHOULD ID WITH VOICE AND CHECK FREQ FOR OTHER USERS AND REFRAIN FROM SENDING NUDE PICTURES THESE ARE TWO OF THE WORST PRATICES TODAY ON SSTV. ALSO REMEMBER NEW PEOPLE NEED HELP ALINING SOFTWARE AND REMEMBER OTHER PEOPLE ARE LISTEN INCLUDING FCC.

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