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Bidding is Now Underway – Out of This World ARISS Auction!

April 8, 2019 The bidding has begun! The Out of This World ARISS Auction is speeding along! It will run until April 14th at 22:00 UTC.

Bidders are moving fast hoping to garner a *special astronaut signed brand new JVC Kenwood TS-890S*—Bidding is done by going to www.ariss.org and pressing the Auction Website button or by visiting <http://www.ebay.com/itm/323770952171>. Similar for bidding on a *special astronaut signed 6-volume boxed set 2019 ARRL Handbook*, but a different URL is used—see <http://www.ebay.com/itm/323770952890>.

Thanks to JVC Kenwood and ARRL, proceeds from the on-line auction will benefit ARISS in its quest to launch a new custom-built higher-power radio system in late 2019 with its voice repeater and improved packet APRS and SSTV capability that thousands of hams can enjoy. The new system will replace the aging, problematic units currently on the ISS. ARISS also needs funding to keep introducing ham radio to thousands of students, teachers, parents, and whole communities—and inspiring students about STEM and radio.

Kenwood has been a super supporter of ARISS for years, and it was the company's idea for this special radio to be an exclusive for one ham to own. The limited edition boxed set *2019 ARRL Handbook* sold out fast last fall but ARRL saved back one set for ARISS's fund-raiser. AMSAT-NA, another ARISS sponsor, provided parts of the auction infrastructure. ARISS is thankful for all of its great sponsors and supporters!

If auctions aren't your thing, please contribute a donation to ARISS—look for the Donate button near the top right corner of www.ariss.org page or email k1sto@arrrl.org. Thank you!

About ARISS

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the Center for the Advancement of Science in space (CASIS) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students in classrooms or public forms. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities learn about space, space

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