

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The growth of Citizens Band radios in private vehicles has been phenomenal over the recent years. Here is the list of some of the "CB Slang" that can be heard over the airwaves: Ten-Four (Yes, O.K.); Ten-Seven (Off the air); Ten-Nine (Repeat that); Ten-Twenty (Where are you?); Ten-Thirty six (What time is it?); Ten-One Hundred (Gotta go potty!); Seventy threes (Best of luck); Back door (Last rig in convoy); Breaker Breaker (Let me on the channel); Bear (State Highway Patrol); Cotton Pickers (Anybody else); Do it to it (Put the hammer down); Got your ears On (Are you on CB Radio?); Handle (CB Nickname); Negatory (No); Ratchet jaw (Never stops talking); Seat Covers (Girls in vehicle); You gotta copy on me? (Do you hear me?) Pete "Paisono" Chervo's CB radio is constantly busy with traffic from all who are passing through the local area. One of the best local CB Handles is for the van owned by Chet Fabbri used to haul around his paralyzed son Jim: The call name? You guessed it "Ironsides".

Back door - Last rig in convoy
Break - Let me on the channel
Bear - State Highway Patrol
Convoy - Organized bear hunt
Cotton Pickers - Anybody else
County Mouny - Local bear
A Dead Pedal - A slow moving vehicle
Do it to it - Put the hammer down
Double Nickels -- 55 [the speed limit]
Ears - CB radio
Eighteen Wheeler - All semi's
Feed the Bears - Get a ticket
Front Door - Lead rig in convoy
Go Go Girls - Load of pigs headed for market
Grass - Median Strip
Green Stamps - Dollars
Hammer down - Moving fast
Handle - CB name [nickname]
Mercy sakes - Mercy sakes
Negatory - No
Pregnant Roller Skate - VW
Ratchet jaw - Never stops talking
Rig - CB radio or truck
Rockin' Chair - Middle rigs in convoy
Seat Covers - Girls in cars
Seventy-threes - Best of luck
Smokey - Same as bear
Smokey with Ears - Bear with C.B.
Ten-Four - Yes, ok
Ten-Seven - Off the air
Ten-Nine - Repeat that
Ten-Twenty - Where are you?
Ten-Thirty six - What time is it?
Ten-One Hundred - I gotta go potty!
Threes on you - Best regards
Twenty - Location
We gone, bye bye - Stopped talking
You gotta copy on me? - Do you hear me?