

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB



September 2015

"Carpe Aptenodytes!"

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Next Club Meeting:

Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at
7:30PM

Our weekly Nets meet on Sunday at 11 AM on 28.380 (10 meters) and
Tuesday on 146.730 PL 88.5 (2 Meters) at 9 PM

Next Club Activities:

The KCRC 2015 Annual Picnic will
be September 20th, at 12 noon.

The Next KCRC VE Session is
scheduled for September 27th,
2015 at 1 PM at The New York
Methodist Hospital

Further details will be posted on
www.KC2RC.com and
www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com
as they develop.

Annual 2015 KCRC Picnic!

Well, it's that time again for the annual KCRC Picnic! It's set for September 20th at 12:00 PM at Manhattan Beach. The entrance is on Oriental Blvd and Ocean Ave. All attendees are asked to bring something with them no more than \$20 in value.

A list of requested items can be found at: www.kingscountyradioclub.com/kcrc-picnic/

Remember to take lots of snapshots for the Newsletter!

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Next KCRC Sponsored VE Session On September 27th 2015!

The KCRC has another VE Session planned for September 27th, 2015 at 1 PM at the Methodist Hospital Executive Dining Room. Contact our VE Liason Officer, Joh WK2J, at johnsrealestate@yahoo.com.

Don't Forget The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015!

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 is still alive and well, but **IT NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We need you to *politely* contact both your Congressional and Senatorial representatives and impress open them that they need to support this bill.

The ARRL has help with the form your correspondence might take, as well as a database to show how you can contact your particular representatives (don't plead with representatives that are not in your voting district—unless you are a contributors they don't really care what you think.

The ARRL site is: <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

The Kings County Radio Club is at www.KC2RC.com or
www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com

KCRC is an ARRL affiliated club (see: www.ARRL.org)

Celebrate The Pope's Visit To the U.S. via Amateur Radio

Pope Francis visits the United States September 22 - 27 and Amateur Radio will be part of the celebration. Throughout the 6 day event (September 23 0000Z - September 28 0000Z) six special event Amateur Radio stations will be on the air to commemorate the event. Call signs from the Washington, DC area will be K3P and N4P. From New York and New Jersey the call will be K2P. W3FRC/WMF will be on the air from southeastern Pennsylvania and W3P will be on the air in Philadelphia. WM3PEN, also of Philadelphia, will join in Thursday evening at 8 PM EST (Friday 0000 GMT). Four unique QSL cards will be available along with a certificate to mark this special and historic event. A website is being established for QSL and certificate information. Early information and links can be found on the WM3PEN QRZ.com website.

The Washington, DC operations are being coordinated by the Jim Nitzberg, WX3B of the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC.org). The southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey operations are under the direction of Ron Sigismonti, N3RS of the Frankford Radio Club (GOFRC.org). The New York activity is being coordinated by John Melfi, W2HCB of the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (GSBARC.org). W3P's efforts on the air are being coordinated by Joe Leone, KA3LKM (QRZ.com/db/w3p). WM3PEN's operations are being coordinated by Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, and the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club (HarcNet.org).

"We are privileged to be able to represent our region of the USA via Amateur Radio. Every three years there is a World Meeting of Families. In 2012 Amateur Radio Operators in Italy had the call I12POPE on the air. This year Amateur Radio Operators in 5 states will be on the air to commemorate the event.", said Ron Sigismonti. "Additionally, operations from the Greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, metropolitan New York City, and parts of New Jersey will encompass the entire region visited by Pope Francis in the United States. It will allow those who can't be in the various cities that he is visiting to participate in this event by talking to those who are. In essence this will be a world family meeting of amateur radio operators."

Rockwell Collins to End Mechanical Filter Production

"Over the past several years, we have seen a dramatic reduction in demand for narrowband analog filters," the company said on its website. "Due to this and other economic reasons, [Rockwell Collins] Filter Products will be discontinuing its mechanical filter products in the near future."

In further news, Amalgamated Horse & Buggies has announced their plans to discontinue their premium line of *Buggy Whips*, their lower end models will continue to be in production.

But really guys, welcome to the 21st Century, glad you could finally get here!

Renee Asherman KC2ATX/SK

We regret to report that Renee Asherman KC2ATX, long time club member, and wife of fellow club member Herbert Asherman N2ZQV, has passed away.

Our condolences go out to Herbert and his entire family.

Minutes of the September 2015 KCRC Meeting, September 8th, 2015

The monthly meeting was called to order by our President, Howard N2GOT. Also present at today's meeting were Vice President Mitch N2RGA, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, Eddie W2DEV, Connor KB1ITI, Howard K2IDJ, Leonard WB2MJH, Robert AB2LO and Joe W2JOE.

Treasury Report—Our Treasurer reported that we presently have \$1,125.70 in our Club treasury.

10 Meter Net—It was reported that 12 operators checked in.

2 Meter Net -- It was reported that 15 operators checked in. Everyone present was urged to participate in both of the Club's weekly Nets.

Old Business - Work on the Club Repeater progresses. The new linear amplifier and the separate pre-amp were discussed.

Details of the upcoming KCRC Picnic were discussed.

New Business - The possibility of a Club presence at the next Montauk, Long Island DX Association event and a possible trip to The ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut were discussed.

Mitch N2RGA sold vacuum tubes and various radio parts from Tony WW2W's estate.

Mitch purchased \$78.40 in stamps and has mailed out 166 membership drive, welcome mailers to new local Hams in the area.

Howard K2IGJ gave the attending group a presentation on Short Wave Listening.

Thanks to Mitch, N2RGA for providing notes on this session's minutes

Introducing a new feature...

In light of the inability of ANY club member other than your humble Editor to volunteer ANY creative input into this club's Newsletter, I have decided to include an article from a non-club member, which for one reason or another is freely available for re-publication and is fully free a domain work. What follows is the first of a rather long series. I hope to continue it, to its finality, unless our readers find it lacking.

I hope the club membership finds it entertaining, and I thank the original author, although I doubt that he can be reached these days to be thanked...

Ιλιάδα του Ομήρου

μῆνιν ἄειδε θεὰ Πηληϊάδεω Ἀχιλῆος
οὐλομένην, ἣ μυρὶ Ἀχαιοῖς ἄλγε' ἔθηκε,
πολλὰς δ' ἰφθίμους ψυχὰς Ἄϊδι προΐαψεν
ἡρώων, αὐτοὺς δὲ ἐλώρια τεῦχε κύνεσσιν
οἰωνοῖσι τε πᾶσι, Διὸς δ' ἐτελείετο βουλή,
ἐξ οὗ δὴ τὰ πρῶτα διαστήτην ἐρίσαντε
Ἀτρεΐδης τε ἄναξ ἀνδρῶν καὶ δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς.
τίς τ' ἄρ' σφωε θεῶν ἔριδι ξυνέηκε μάχεσθαι;
Λητοῦς καὶ Διὸς υἱός: ὃ γὰρ βασιλῆϊ χολωθεὶς
νοῦσον ἀνὰ στρατὸν ὄρσε κακὴν, ὀλέκοντο δὲ λαοί,
οὐνεκα τὸν Χρῦσιν ἠτίμασεν ἀρητῆρα
Ἀτρεΐδης: ὃ γὰρ ἦλθε θοὰς ἐπὶ νῆας Ἀχαιῶν
λυσόμενός τε θύγατρα φέρων τ' ἀπερείσι' ἄποινα,
στέμματ' ἔχων ἐν χερσὶν ἐκηβόλου Ἀπόλλωνος
χρυσέῳ ἀνὰ σκήπτρῳ, καὶ λίσσετο πάντας Ἀχαιοῦς,
Ἀτρεΐδα δὲ μάλιστα δύω, κοσμήτορε λαῶν:
Ἀτρεΐδαι τε καὶ ἄλλοι εὐκνήμιδες Ἀχαιοί,
ὕμῖν μὲν θεοὶ δοῖεν Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχοντες
ἐκέρσαι Πριάμοιο πόλιν, εὖ δ' οἴκαδ' ἰκέσθαι:
παῖδα δ' ἐμοὶ λύσαιτε φίλην, τὰ δ' ἄποινα δέχεσθαι,
ἄζόμενοι Διὸς υἱὸν ἐκηβόλον Ἀπόλλωνα.

ἐνθ' ἄλλοι μὲν πάντες ἐπευφήμησαν Ἀχαιοὶ
αἰδεῖσθαι θ' ἱερῆα καὶ ἀγλαὰ δέχθαι ἄποινα:
ἄλλ' οὐκ Ἀτρεΐδῃ Ἀγαμέμνονι ἦνδανε θυμῷ,
ἀλλὰ κακῶς ἀφίει, κρατερὸν δ' ἐπὶ μῦθον ἔτελλε:
μή σε γέρον κοίλῃσιν ἐγὼ παρὰ νηυσὶ κηχεῖω
ἢ νῦν δηθύνοντ' ἢ ὕστερον αὐτίς ἰόντα,
μή νύ τοι οὐ χραίσμη σκῆπτρον καὶ στέμμα θεοῖο:
τὴν δ' ἐγὼ οὐ λύσω: πρὶν μιν καὶ γῆρας ἔπεισιν
ἡμετέρῳ ἐνὶ οἴκῳ ἐν Ἄργεϊ τηλόθι πάτρης
ἰστὸν ἐποιχομένην καὶ ἐμὸν λέχος ἀντιώωσαν:
ἀλλ' ἴθι μή μ' ἐρέθιζε σαώτερος ὥς κε νέηαι.

ὣς ἔφατ', ἔδεισεν δ' ὁ γέρον καὶ ἐπεΐθετο μῦθος:
βῆ δ' ἀκέων παρὰ θῖνα πολυφλοίσβοιο θαλάσσης:
πολλὰ δ' ἔπειτ' ἀπάνευθε κιῶν ἠρᾶθ' ὁ γεραῖος
Ἀπόλλωνι ἄνακτι, τὸν ἠὔκομος τέκε Λητώ:
κλυθὶ μευ ἀργυρότοξ', ὃς Χρῦσιν ἀμφιβέβηκας
Κίλλάν τε ζαθήην Τενέδοιό τε Ἴφι ἀνάσσεις,
Σμινθεῦ εἴ ποτέ τοι χαρίεντ' ἐπὶ νηὸν ἔρεψα,
ἢ εἰ δὴ ποτέ τοι κατὰ πῖονα μηρὶ ἔκηα
ταύρων ἠδ' αἰγῶν, τὸ δέ μοι κρήνην ἐέλδωρ:
τίσειαν Δαναοὶ ἐμὰ δάκρυα σοῖσι βέλεσσιν.

[I bet you can't wait until next month's episode—how will it all turn out? Wait and see! - The Editor]

2 Meters - Off The Beaten Path

(So, Now What? Part 4)

So, by now you have some radio capable of two meters (144-148MHz) operation and a tourist map of the sights (The Hitchhiker's Guide To New York City Repeaters). There comes a time when the most cautious tourists get tired of the path prepared for them by others and starts out on their own journeys.

Even the most self assured tourist can use a few helpful hints of where you might go and where you might not go, or at the very least, where and when you should go into these places, and what you should or shouldn't bring with you. This article is meant to be that cautionary guide to "the rest of two meters"!

Let's start with a generally agreed upon *Band Plan* for two meters, originated by *The Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs*:

Frequency (MHz)	Usage
144.000 - 144.050	CW/Earth-Moon-Earth (EME)" Moon Bounce"
144.050 - 144.100	CW Weak Signals
144.100 - 144.275	CW and SSB/AM* Weak Signals
145.275 - 144.300	Propagation Beacons
144.300 - 144.500	Satellite/OSCAR
144.500 - 144.900	FM Repeater Inputs
144.900 - 145.100	Weak Signal, FM Simplex, Digital Packet
145.100 - 145.500	FM Repeater Outputs
145.500 - 145.800	Miscellaneous Experimental Modes
145.800 - 146.000	Satellite/OSCAR
146.010 - 146.370	FM Repeater Inputs
146.400 - 146.580	FM Voice Simplex
146.610 - 147.390	FM Repeater Outputs
147.420 - 147.570	FM Voice Simplex
147.600 - 147.990	FM Repeater Inputs

(Frequencies in RED are NOT shared simplex channels)

*AM usage is NOT in the original *Band Plan* but has been inserted by this author.

All 26 FM Voice Simplex Frequencies (at 15KHz spacings) are:

146.400	146.415	146.430	146.445	146.460	146.475
146.490	146.505	146.520*	146.535	146.550	146.565
146.580	146.595	147.420	147.435	147.450	147.465
147.480	147.495	147.510	147.525	147.540	147.555
147.570	147.585				

(*Note - 144.520 MHz is the *National FM Voice Calling Frequency*)

That is the suggested *Band Plan*, in a nutshell! Please try and stay away from coordinated non-shared frequencies used for Repeaters (you know, the stuff in **RED**).

A few precautionary suggestions:

Keep in mind that your signal does NOT exist on an infinitely thin slice of the frequency band. By the nature of all kinds of modulation, it invariably extends either in one direction (in the case of SSB) to both directions in FM, or AM. Don't let the "tail" of your signal's frequency range, bleed into some other Ham's transmission!

If you contact someone using 146.520MHz, the courteous thing to do, is to agree upon a Simplex frequency that is NOT the National Calling Frequency and have your conversation (QSO) there (if you MUST use *Q-Codes*, such statements as "OK, this is W2XYZ, I'm QSY" will let people know that you've gone elsewhere on the band, but you can always say the same statement in actual English). It is NOT considered *Good Amateur Practice* to tie up the *National Calling Frequency* with casual *chit chat*. Once agreed upon, move OFF the *National Calling Frequency* for the next Amateurs to use!

Amplitude Modulation (AM) mode has had many resurgences and there is always a question of where AM belongs on the 2 Meter Band (since, as you may have noticed, AM is not mentioned anywhere in the Band Plan). People interested in operating AM on two meters would like an agreed upon AM National Calling Frequency - usually suggesting someplace in the 146.200 to 146.275MHz range with the belief that AM is *Phone* just like SSB, so there's no reason why AM can't share this frequency range.

If you've spent the big bucks on a heavy duty radio capable of a full 100 watts of two meter output power, congratulations! But with great Power, comes great Responsibility - remember that it is *Good Amateur Radio Practice* to only use sufficient power to have an understandable conversation with the guy on the other end of the aether!

...and *PLEASE* watch your language out there. Talking on the radio is like yelling in the middle of an occupied park. You never know who might be listening. Children learn all the obscenities rather early in their lives, there's no reason for you to help them further with that kind of conversation. It's not a private conversation and should never be considered one (except for the NSA, that's what phones are for). If you want people with a lot of free time and a room full of *scanners* to know how your hemorrhoids are doing, well that is YOUR business! If you need to share, the most appropriate person to share it with is your physician. Please, no singing, no battle cries, no string of obscenities or very personal details of past conquests. If you feel an uncontrollable desire to host your own Morning Zoo Radio Show (even the guys that CAN pull it off seem to be unemployed these days - take the hint), perhaps the CB band of 11 Meters would suit your talents better, or public access cable TV? We are Amateurs, but let us stride to be as Professional as Amateurs are can be...

And as always...

REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!

-The Editor-

Antenna Basics

A Personal Journey

Four years ago I decided to fulfill a childhood dream. I had been a Shortwave Listener at that time, and even though I knew no Hams personally I aspired to join their ranks. I devoured any ARRL book I could find in my neighborhood Library, and even scrimped and saved to buy some for myself as well as a subscription for QST as an associate (unlicensed) member of the American Radio Relay League. Those dreams didn't turn out well at the time and, as often as it does, the real world required that I put this particular dream on indefinite hold. Fast forward *many* years and I decided to finish what I started so many years ago. In a relatively short matter of time I was an Amateur Radio Operator, albeit one with no radio of any kind... But radios can be selected and easily purchased - what in the world would I do for an antenna!

ARRL publications should warn the unwary that this sounds simpler than it often is. Having read the *Public Relations* version of Amateur Radio from the pages of 1960's QST articles I believed that we were all one big fraternity, that with my FCC *ticket* in hand all I had to do was ask and a bunch of Hams would fall out of a little car like diminutive clowns do in circuses and we would have an almost "Amish" Barn Raising, albeit with an antenna instead. I had foolishly forgotten that I did not live in OZ, but good old Brooklyn, whose motto should be something along the lines of "What's In It For Me?". No, getting anything but the most compromising of antennas would be a journey over 3 ½ years and a heck of an education!

What I had to do, was learn antenna theory as well as I possibly could.

What I wanted was an antenna system capable of operating from 80 Meters to 70 centimeters. Something that was the least of a compromise as I could design. Something that would require little to no *tweaking* nor maintenance. Something with some decent elevation. Something durable, but not too heavy or requiring skilled installers. Something that didn't require a bottomless wallet too would be nice! I got dubious offers of help, but they always seemed to come with the requirement that I use specific types of antennas that did not strike me as the best for my needs. One specific antenna was a full size G5RV antenna that is 102 feet long and a Hex Beam that is very nice for the upper HF bands but rubbish below 20 Meters.

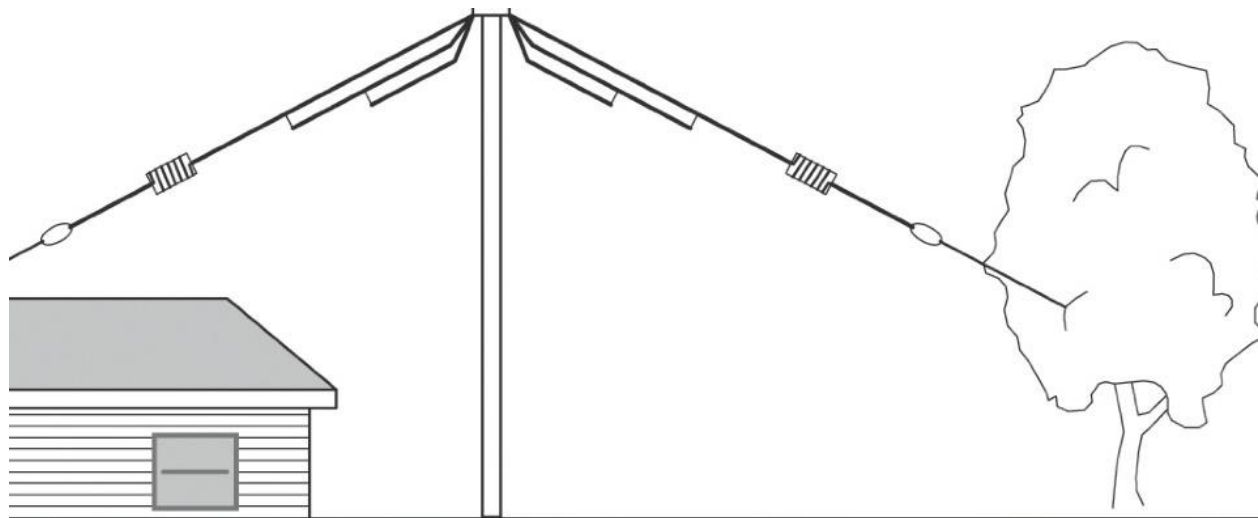
One of my personal pluses and minuses is that I own a two family attached house, so I don't have to ask anyone for permission to install anything on my own property. That was the big plus - the minuses are the limited space of urban lots and being wary of scaring the neighbors. The entire lot for the house is 100 x 20 feet. The front 25 feet are taken up with a stairway and a driveway and a basement entrance, with not even a tree in the front of my property, proper, so the front of the house can't be used. That leaves my flat roof approximately 25 feet above ground level, measuring 50 x 20 feet, as well as my backyard that's 25 x 20 feet. So I have 75 x 20 feet to *play with* - nothing more!

So, what did I come up with in the end?

For my UHF/VHF needs I decided upon a Comet GP-6 dual band antenna:



And for the 80 Meters to 10 meters of the HF Band I chose an Alpha-Delta DX-CC fan dipole:



Alpha Delta DX-CC

But where to put it exactly, how to get it up there and how to keep it up there - that's the question!

The only place to plant the center of all this is on my flat 50 x 20 foot roof. First, consider a sturdy base - an Easy Up 5 foot heavy duty tripod.



Easy Up EZ-48-5AW

Screwed down with six long lag bolts to the roof (into the rafters, or the joists). Then stick a 34 foot Rohn Telescopic Antenna Mast and secure it a foot or so above the base of the tripod using the two sets of three set bolts of the tripod (the mast is small enough to be shippable by UPS at a MUCH lower cost than freight costs).



Rohn 9H50

Clamp the Comet GP-6 at the top, with a coil of LMR400 as a strain relief so that the weight of the coaxial wire doesn't pull the cable from its connector, and then consider how to mount the fan dipole...

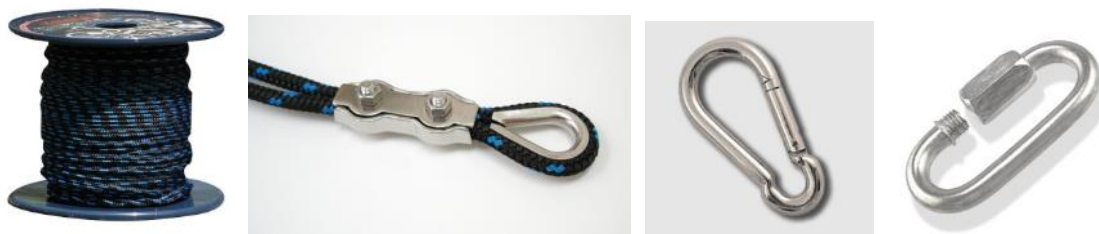
The simplest solution would be just to bolt it to the top of the mast, but simple is almost never the best solution. I chose to hang the center support for my fan dipole on my guy rope (we'll get to guy ropes shortly), using a maritime grade stainless steel pulley so that the fan dipole can be raised and lowered without bothering the Rohn collapsible mast. I anchored it near the base with a lead weight so that the

wind could “bob” it a little, but past a certain point of loose rope it is securely tied to the base of the mast. You don’t want coax to just hang down from the connector - you’ll just be asking for it to work itself loose over time. So I found a strain relief bracket from DX Engineering to relieve the weight of coaxial cable. I also made my own RF Choke with 5 Mix 31 ferrite clamps in a row and covered the group with heat shrink tubing which has made them pretty much waterproof (these kits can be found many places, I found mine at *Palomar Engineers*).

One inch wide copper strapping was bolted to the tripod and dropped down in the rear of the house where it was grounded to the cold water pipe feeding the backyard water hose (these are good old copper pipes, no plastic segments here!). So, my grounding was covered (although if you get two Hams together, you will invariably hear three different theories regarding what proper RF grounding should be)!

So, that was the plan for the antennas themselves, but how was I going to make sure that they *stayed* where I wanted them to? Why guy rope and mountaineering rigging, of course!

First guy rope - wire would just be too difficult to get untrained people to work with. Thankfully rope technology has advanced thru the years. I chose an Italian manufacturer of very durable guy rope - Mastrant. Their 5 mm (3/16th of an inch) rope has a tensile strength of more than 1,100 pounds (they sell stronger stuff and thicker stuff, but you can only over engineer so much!). No matter how strong, UV resistant and generally durable rope can be made, abrasion is its enemy. By using stainless steel parts at any point that the rope might otherwise have abrasion damage this can be remedied!



The tools of the trade...

I designed two pairs of guy ropes - one towards the top of the mast, the other in the middle of the mast, connected to the four corners of the roof. The rope was calculated thanks to my old high school trigonometry lessons, measured thrice, cut once (with more than enough “extra” length if some problem occurred - it is far easier to decrease a rope’s length than to increase a rope’s length!). Buckmaster Line Grip was utilized to keep the guy ropes reasonably taut and they were secured to the four corners of the roof with lag eye screws. The same method was used to secure the ends of the fan dipole, but only one end was secured to the front of the roof. The other end is secured at the backyard.

All the rope was folded to prevent kinking and cable ties kept them that way until the ropes were installed. All attachment points were clearly labeled and a short set of bullet points and diagrams were supplied to the roofers that were kind enough to do this after they installed my newest roof cover (some times it’s a good thing to be a bit overly focused on a design).



So, what does it all look like? Well, I'm glad that you asked:



There she is! In all her beauty!

How does *she* work? Well, better than some and worse than others. As you would expect.

So, the next time you ask for help and get told to throw a random wire out your back window, give 'em a Bronx cheer and dream for something finer!

Good luck with your dream!

Roy, AC2GS

I've Been In This Hobby For One Hundred and Twenty Years!

Age vs. Wisdom?

I'm sure you have heard it MANY MANY times (and perhaps you have used the phrase):

"I have been in this hobby for over fifty-six years!" (or some number in the 50's)

I never know how to interpret this common utterance. Is it a statement of the operators tenacity to continue with their beloved hobby? Is it a statement of their wisdom in selecting this hobby so many years ago? Is it a slap on the their own back for the good sense of not having died prematurely, to arrive at their present age? Or is it an indication of their accrued wisdom in the field?

I don't know.

Perhaps it means different things for different people.

First off, this is not going to be a screed against our incredibly experienced and learned elders. I have learned to value them and their hard earned wisdom above all else. Sometimes I wonder how long it took before they got so smart, and think that this might have been self evident fairly early in their pursuit of this hobby.

I tend to think this is a variation of what I call "my diploma is bigger than your diploma". I used to know some particularly pompous people that addressed their holiday season greeting to diverse family members as Dr. & Dr. Smithstein (names and call signs have been changed throughout this article, to protect the pompous). They indeed both had procured Doctorates in English Literature, so some might suggest that their Doctorate was based on a glorified book report.

You see more than a few "Yahoos" on the Yahoo Groups that do this very often. I have read messages from a guy that is self identified as "Dr. Howard W. Black", and if you didn't notice the title, the bottom tag line reads:

Howard W. Black Ph D. P. Eng., VE2WGF /K4 ex-AD6GP KY5PA Website:www.AintISmart.com

No doubt this all began a long long long time ago with cavemen boasting about the size of their own personal appendages - now their descendants use diplomas and years "practicing" instead (perhaps we should be thankful for that small favor).

Credentials are all well and good and an excellent starting point, but it should NEVER be your final destination. Is the fellow offering cogent, non-contradictory insight or is he babbling almost incoherently? Ultimately, it is what the individual "brings to the table" that is the most pertinent to me.

If three PhD.'s in Linguistics tells you that the Moon is made of Green Cheese are you going to fly up there to make a nice salad? Hell, if they had PhD.'s in Astro-Physics I still wouldn't believe them - I would think that they were either pranking me or got their degrees at some diploma mill! If an old timer tells you that the length of your 50 ohm coaxial cable determined the Standing Wave Ratio of your antenna, when there was no common mode transmission involved, is it any less a foolish statement if he had 50+ years as a hobbyist to back it up? Nope!

You want an award for surviving? Well, fellow survivors are more than happy to print one up for you and themselves. You still have to put in the time to learn this hobby well, and it isn't reflected in the date of your first license.

So, to all you wise and generous mentors out there, that spent all this time to good use and have learned much and offered that wisdom to those of us who came after, thank you so very much.

But to those dim bulbs that flash a date on a license around, the same way morons keep crowing that "at least they have common sense", go peddle it in the funny papers (that's what people used to say, way back then, right?).

- Your [Cranky] Editor -

Closing statements (from the Editor):

Another issue, another plea for a little help out there (this is getting redundant, even for me)!

Guys, this is YOUR Newsletter. It should reflect your areas of interest, not just your over worked Editor's. I am not asking that we rotate editorial responsibilities among the members (even though I would love to see what youz guyz come up with), but can't ANYONE EVER offer anything? Shack photos? Do it yourself tales? Amazing QSO stories? Do any of you have any proof that you even own a radio (I know you do, I hear the occasional member on the air)?

You just can't expect this to remain the self indulgent intellectual exercise of one guy. Eventually even I will grow tired of my own ramblings and then there will return the *radio silence* that afflicted the Club Newsletter for so long.

So, if no one gives a rat's arse about the Newsletter, so be it. Chances are, when it fades away some day, no one will even notice...

So, get off your collective asses and come up with something! I am always available to polish any unfinished work, or assist in any way that I can. I just need a sign that there is anyone else out there other than your increasingly weary Editor...

For your ideas, your thoughts, your dreams, your kind words or even your epithets, I can be contacted at TheEditor@KC2RC.com .

- The Editor -

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