



W6E, Random Pairing for CQP

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Cast Your Mind Back to Spring 2020



- CQP “SEQUOIA” challenge
- All about 1x1
 - w6S, w6E, w6Q....
 - Paul reserved W6E ages earlier
- Hello, I’m Dean N6DE
 - How much power you got?
 - How’s your CW?
 - You need a partner!!

Wilderness Operators: Scott and Paul



Scott N6MI



Paul W6PNG/MOSNA

CQP: Largest State QSO Party



- Since 1965
- 100s of participants
 - So popular even get out of state
- HF
 - Phone and CW only
- Constant evolution
 - New categories
 - Outreach

Three Things: Location, Location, Location

V47P at St Kitts and Nevis



- Great views, maybe
- Drop off, yes!

This could work



White Rim Trail, Canyonlands NP

This is what we got – Mojave Desert



AT&T LTE 2:00 PM 100%

Mojave

Unhealthy Air Quality for Sensitive Groups

93°

Saturday	TODAY					96	58
Now	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	6:32PM		
93°	95°	97°	95°	90°	Sunset		
Sunday						96	57
Monday						93	60
Tuesday						91	60
Wednesday						87	57
Thursday						85	53
Friday						82	55
Saturday						78	53

The Weather Channel



Antennas, Antennas and
Antennas

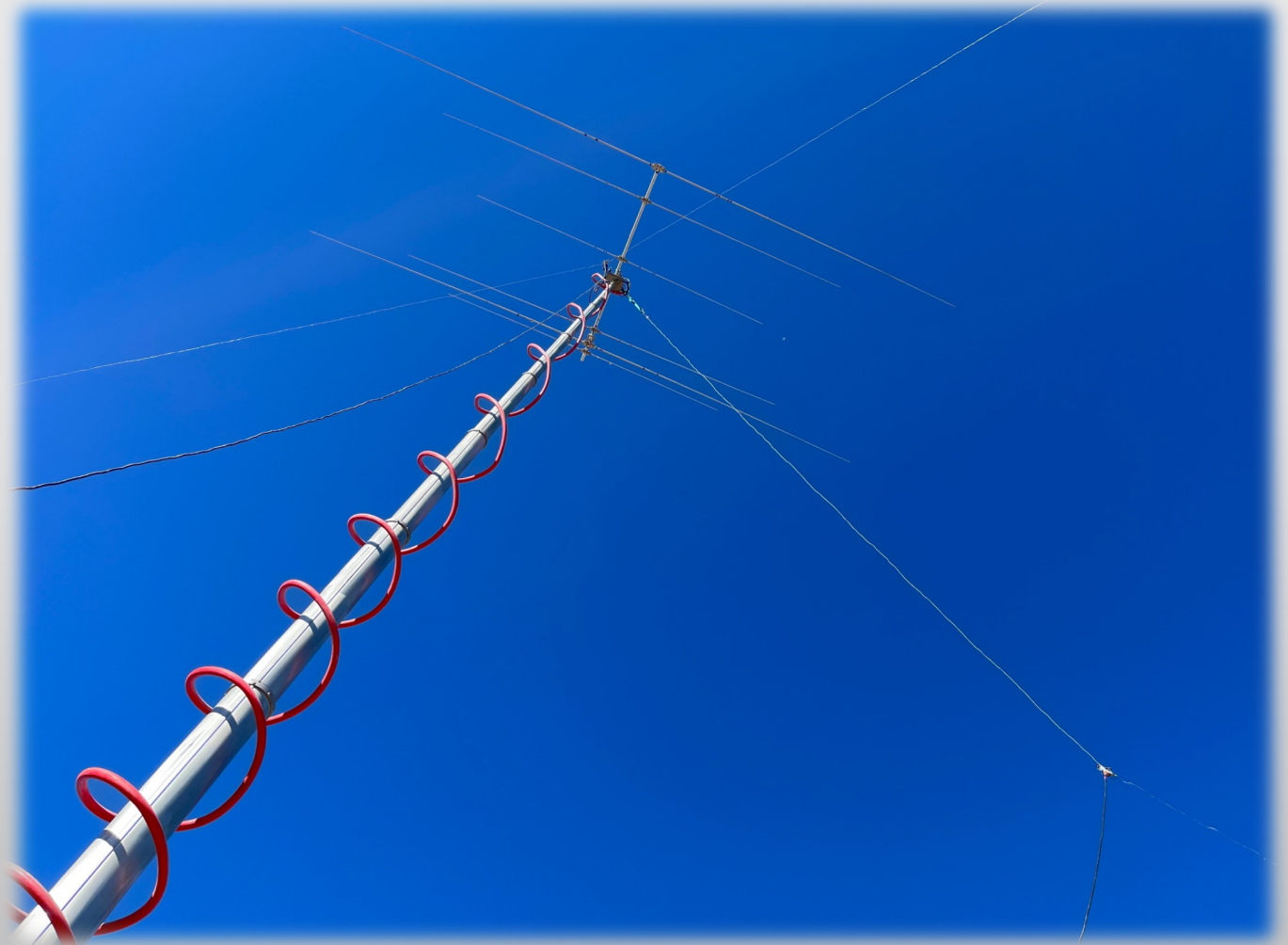
Scott's Tri-Bander and wires



Scott's Tri-Bander



Scott's 40/80m Dipoles



Paul's 10/15/20 HexBeam



Mating is Dangerous



80m, the Bane of Paul's Life





Power Counts

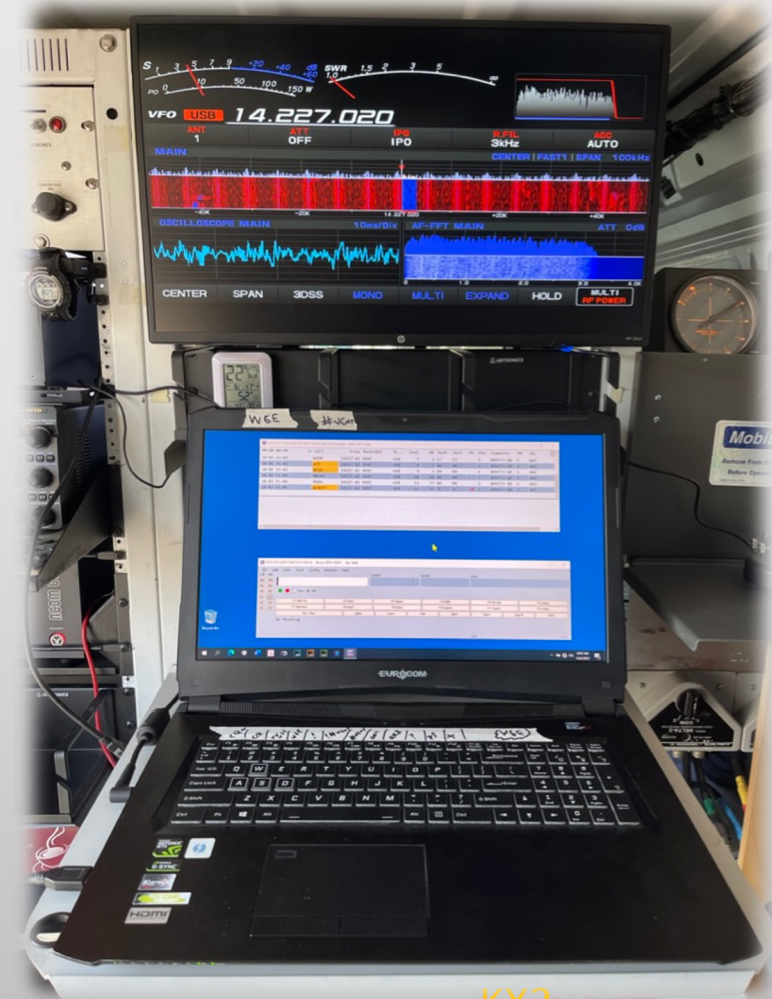
500w – bust any pile up in CW?



Nighttime paradise



K2/100



KX2

500w – minimum for SSB?



A black and white photograph of a gnarled, dead tree in a desert landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its twisted trunk and bare branches extending across the frame. The background shows a vast, rocky desert valley with distant mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall mood is desolate and stark.

Paul does not like generators

Lots of fuel



Lots of fuel



Lots of noise



Placed as far away as possible...



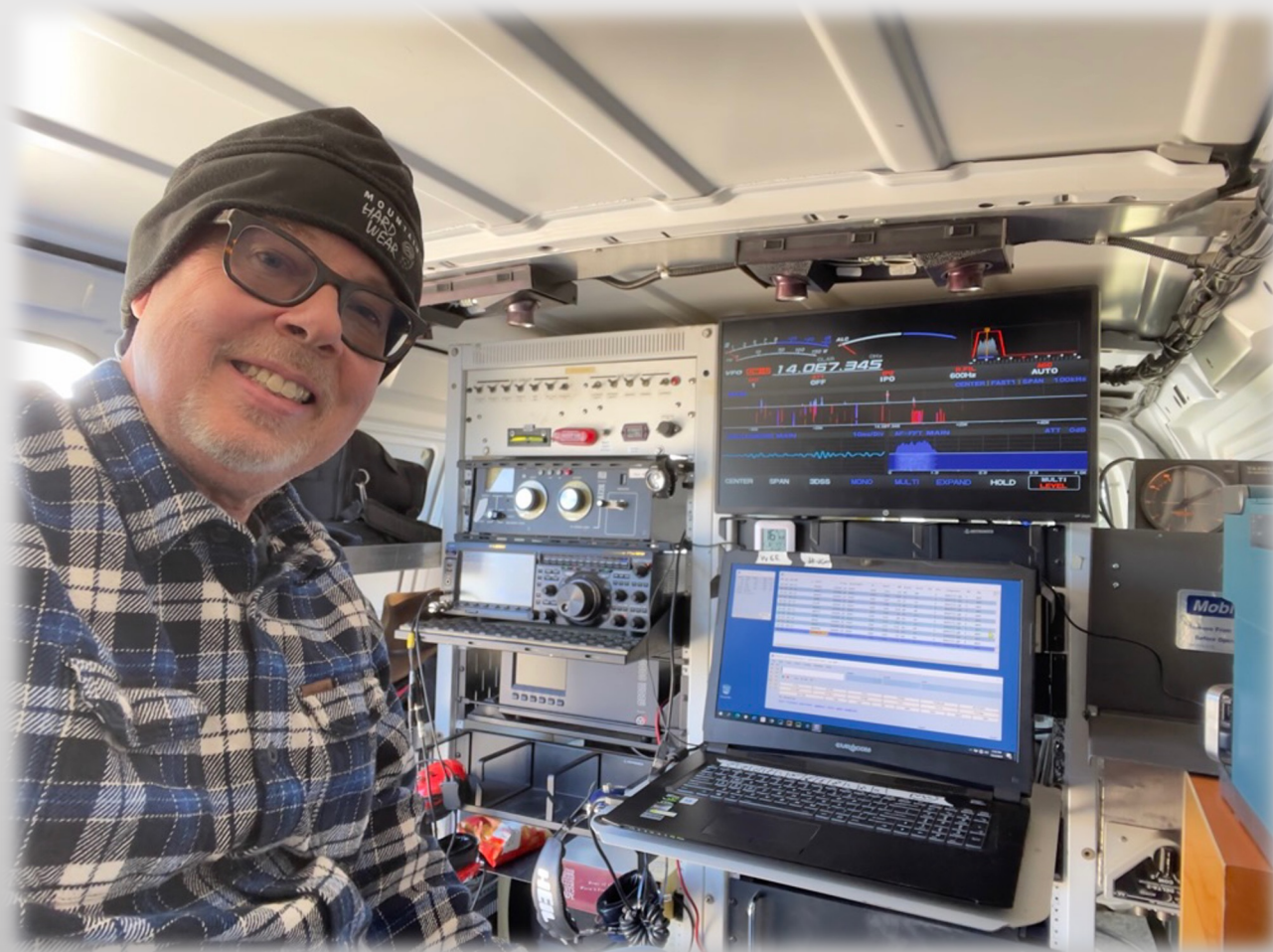
Honda 2200 – N6MI loves his 2000i





Deployment

Neat and tidy



Littering has benefits...



A mess, a Rubik's cube



Neat and tidy journey





“Homebrew” table, still a Rubik’s cube



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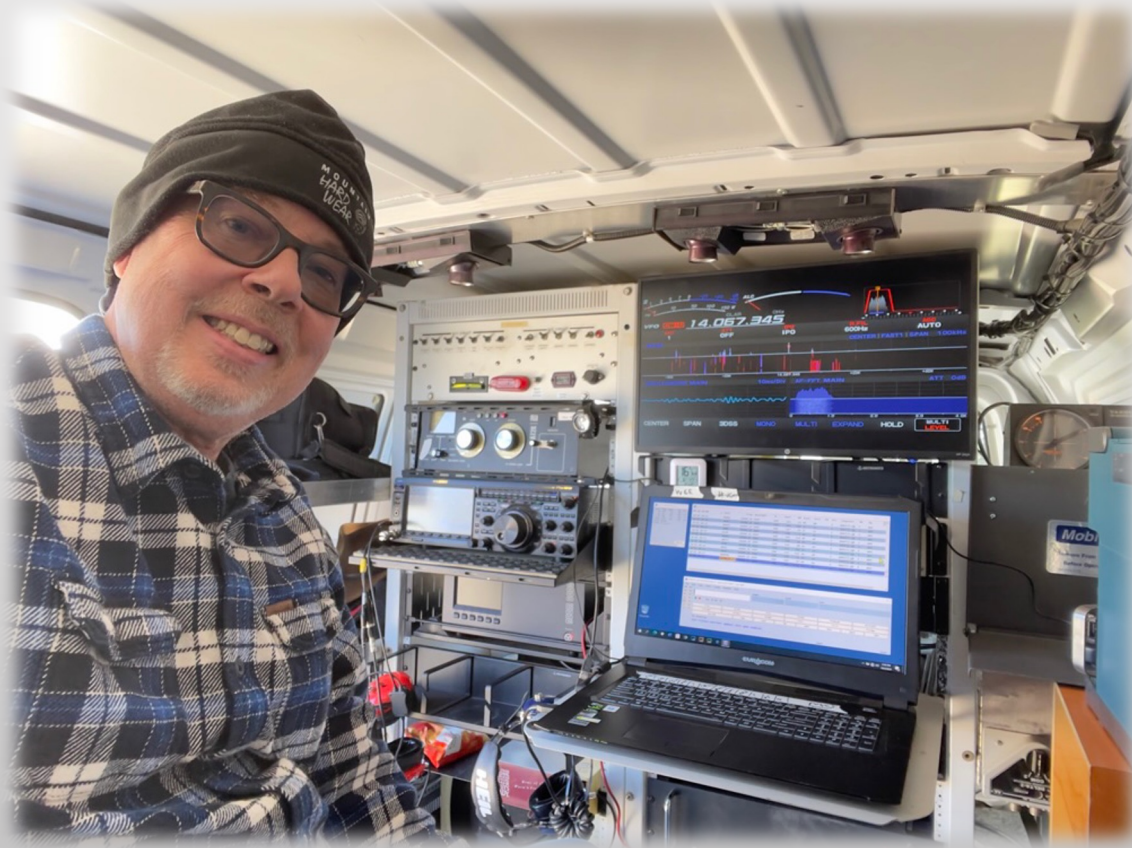


Comfort Counts

Shade ...the right way



Shade ...the right way



Shade ...improvised



Shade, the right way



Coffee



All the
food groups





From Super Serious to
Having Fun

1st Place - Made Dean N6DE Proud in 2020



Mixing it up; Solo station, adding Drew N7DA

California QSO Party

This Certificate of Achievement Is Awarded To

**W6PNG N6MI
W6E**

**Class: MS-H Rank: 1-Ventura 7-CA
Ventura County**

56th Running of The CQP - October 2-3, 2021

**1243 Contacts
57 Multipliers
179208 Total Points**

John Miller
K6MM, CQP Webmaster

Dean Wood
N6DE, CQP Chairman

Tom Epperly
NS6T, CQP Log Checking



2021 – M/S HP

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**N6MI W6PNG N7DA
W6E**

**Class: M-M-H Rank: 1-Ventura 4-CA New County Record: M/M HP Expedition
Ventura County**

57th Running Of The CQP - October 1-2, 2022

**2025 Contacts
58 Multipliers
298352 Total Points**

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2022 – M/S HP, Clean sweep, Ventura record



Why Activate in the
Wilderness?

It's fun, you learn, make friends



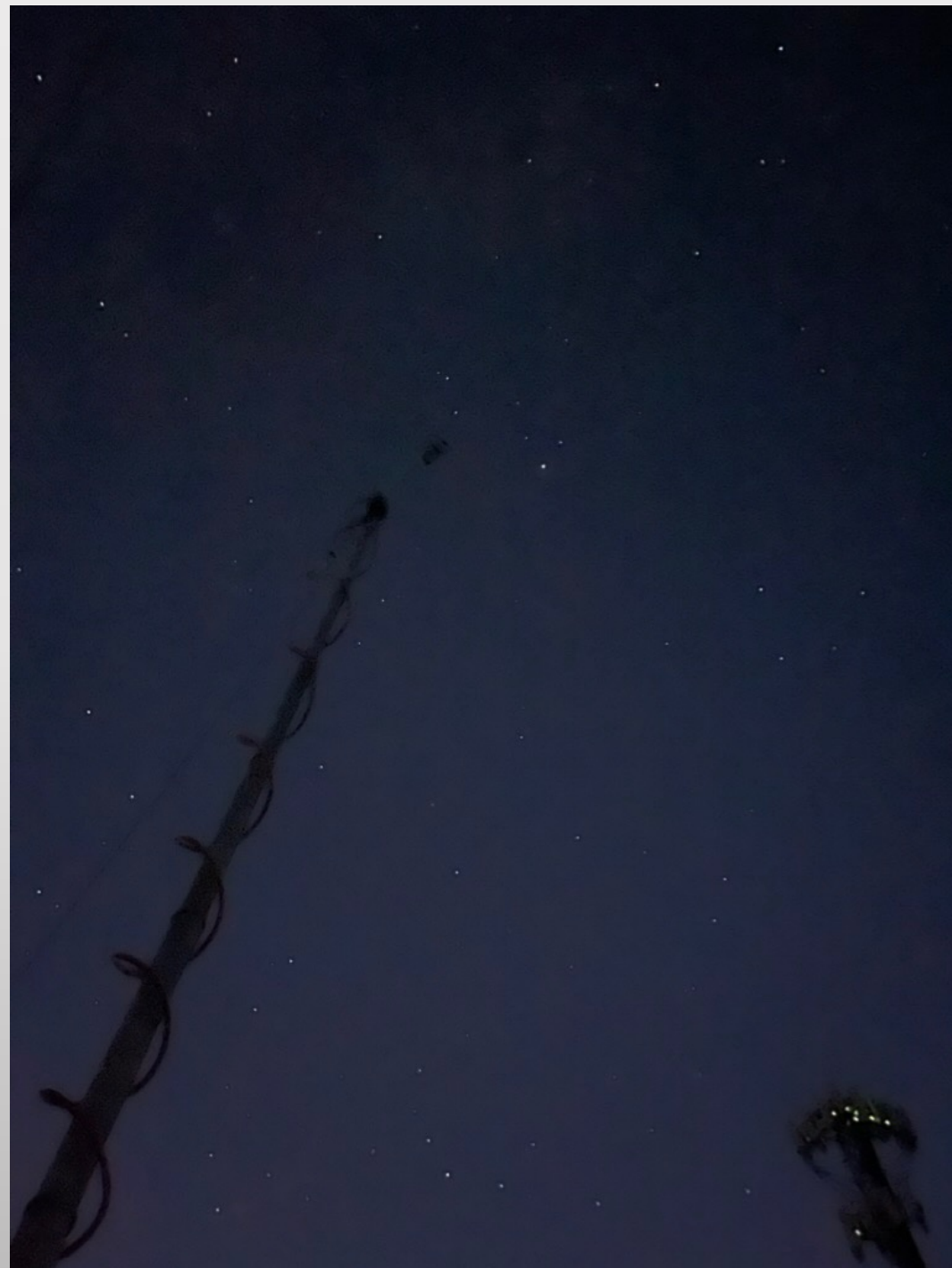
Joy of Sharing



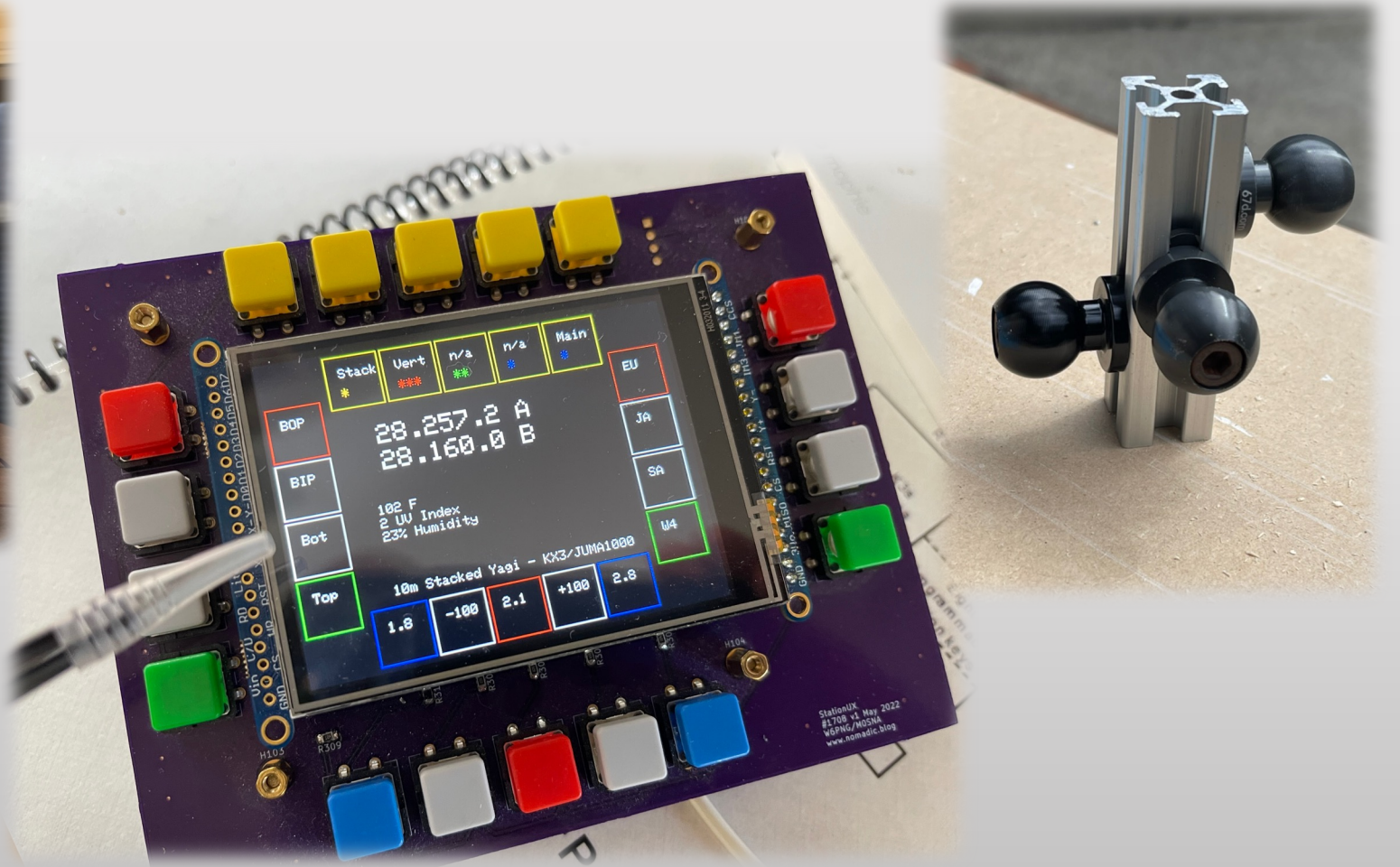
Day views



Night views



Past and Present Science experiment...



See you in 2023





Final thoughts