Contests from the N6MI van



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Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club v.2


But first,
the door
prize

Seven years after the plague, amateur radio is the last communications system working in Los Angeles.

The power grid is dead. The cell towers are dark. But high on a fire road below the ruined Griffith Observatory, an old ham named Trevor still keys up his converted news van every morning at six — antennas up the mast, a net called into the empty air, a signal thrown at a world that stopped answering.

His partner Jack works the hillside, carrying berries to the blue-skinned woman who climbs out of the trees at dusk.

Then, on the cleanest bands any operator has ever heard, the silence breaks. A handful of self-taught kids across Europe. A young woman alone at the coast, transmitting under a dead man's call sign. And, bounced off a derelict relay on the far side of the moon, a signal that has waited seven years for someone down here to finally say ***" here I am."***

What answers at noon will force every survivor to choose: the world that's leaving, or the one clawing its way back.

Radio Silence is a post-apocalyptic story told in call signs and carrier waves — about grief, devotion, and the first rule of the air: that no one was ever built to reach far enough alone.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Greg Lewolt

Greg Lewolt is a working character actor. He first met J. Scott Bovitz — N6MI — in the high school theater department, where the two shared a stage and struck up a friendship that has lasted ever since. Greg wrote Radio Silence built around Scott's magic radio van.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

J. Scott Bovitz — N6MI



Licensed since 1969, N6MI has chased DX and run contests from the field for over five decades. He runs a converted ENG van — a former "cellular on wheels" — with a 56-foot pneumatic mast, a five-kilowatt generator, and a Yaesu FTdx101D driving an ACOM amplifier and a pair of ICOMs.

From that mobile station he has earned DXCC — mixed, CW, and phone — working 150+ countries from 160 meters up through the UHF bands, with contacts out to 10 GHz. Every frequency, band opening, rig, antenna, and net-control procedure in Radio Silence was checked against his real-world operating.

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RADIO SILENCE

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THE LAST STATION ON THE AIR – THE LAST HOPE ON EARTH.

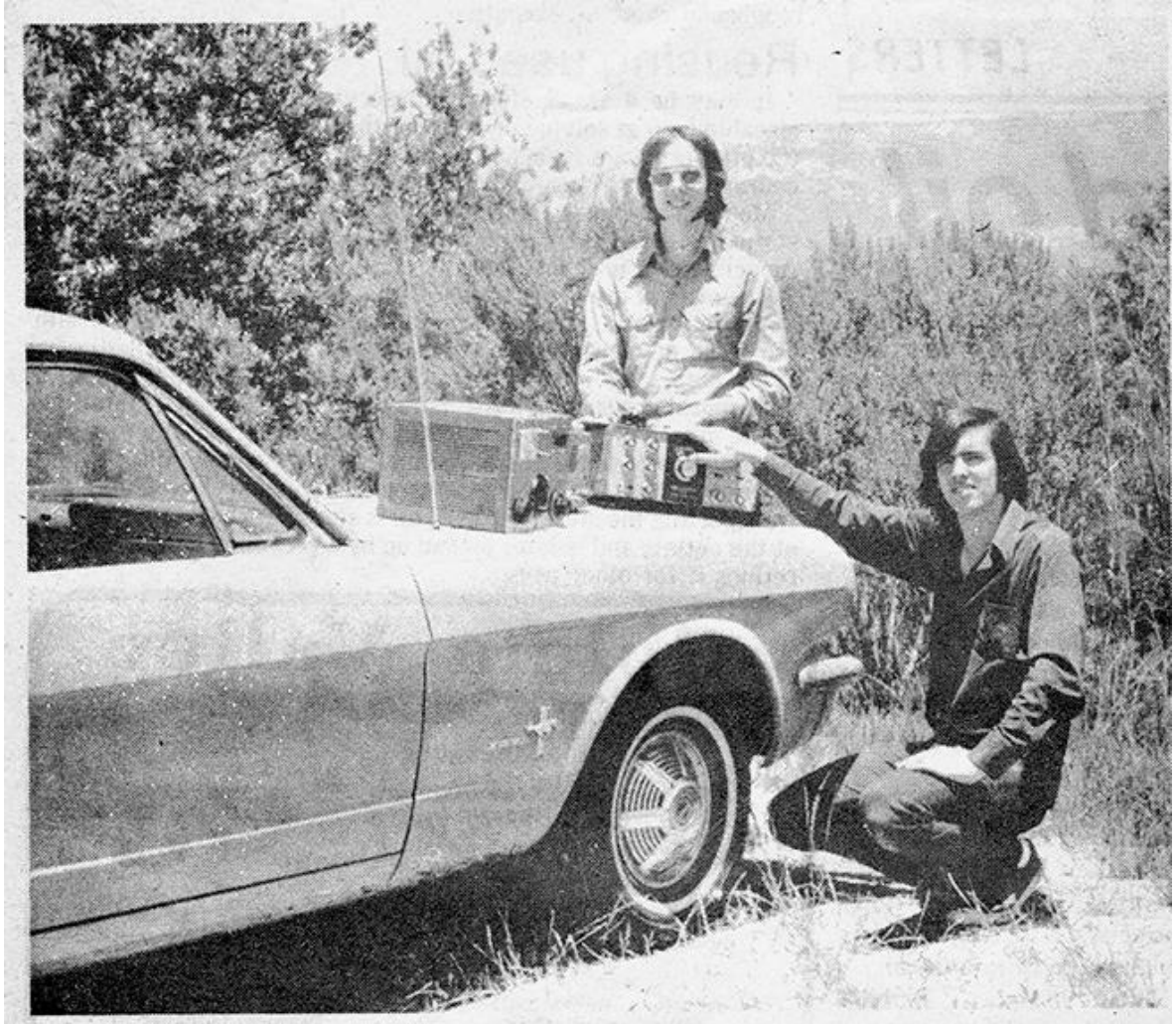
A NOVEL BY GREG LEWOLT


RADIO
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HAM RADIO
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1969



First mobile installation (1964½ Mustang)



WARMING UP—Preparing for the largest ham radio contest of the year are J.Scott Bovitz (left) and R.Larry Dean (right). During the contest, amateur radio operators try to pass emergency messages to the largest number of stations during the scheduled period. (TODAY photo by Dave Hardy)

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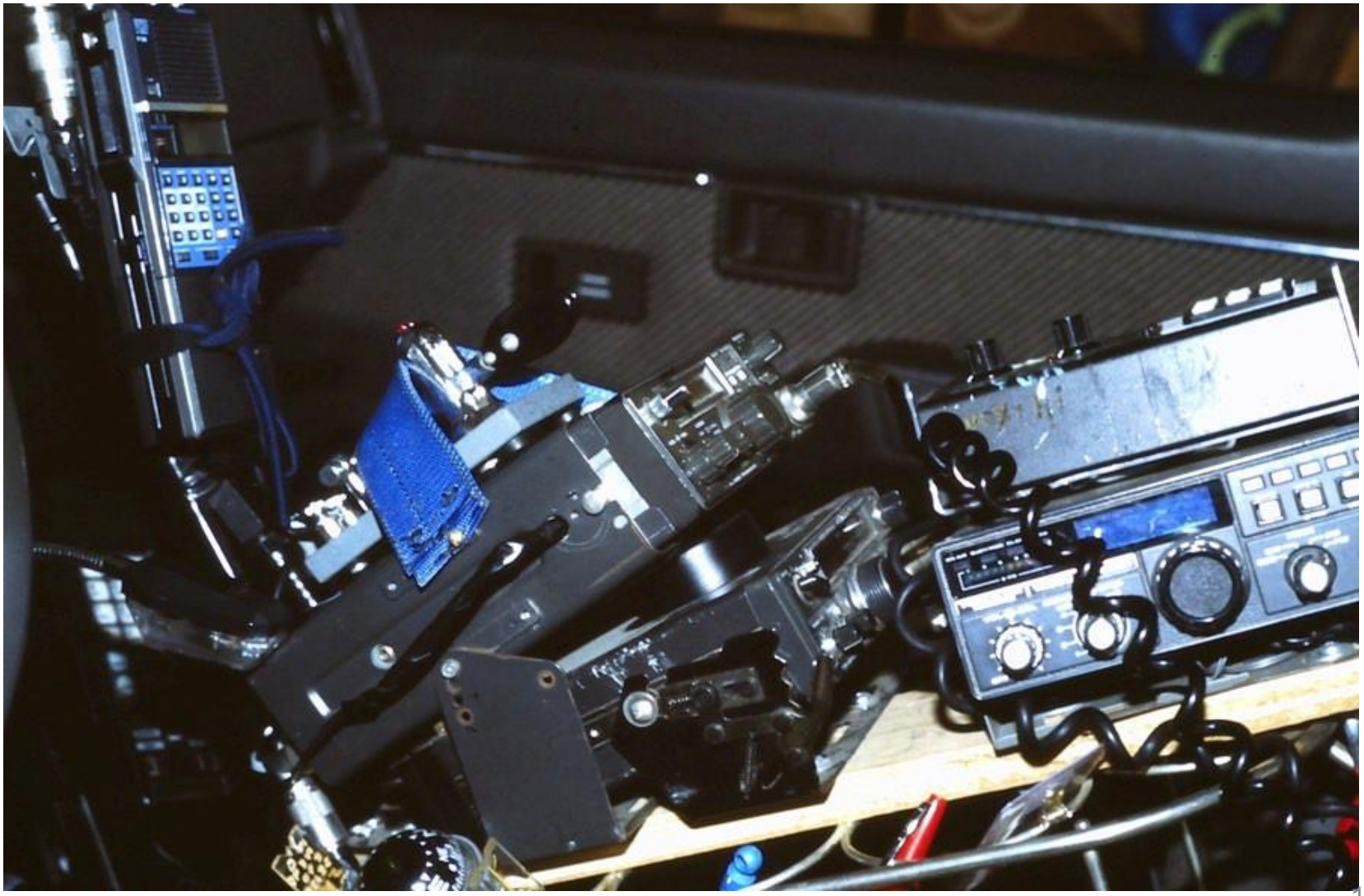
All-time overall record high score – a record that stood for 14 years

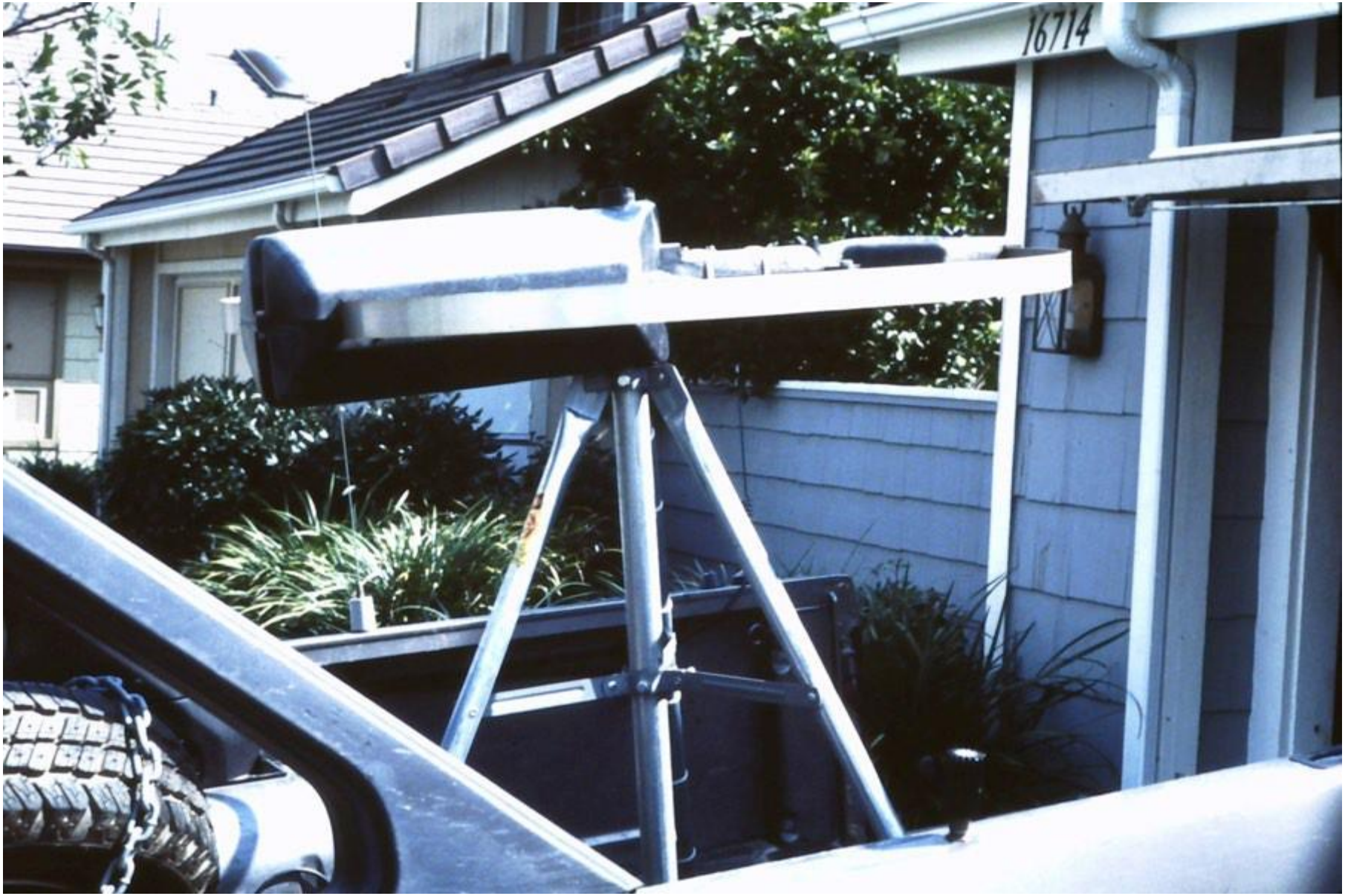
Temporary installation -- CQP 1980s





Second mobile installation for t-hunting and contests (wine rack in a Nissan truck)



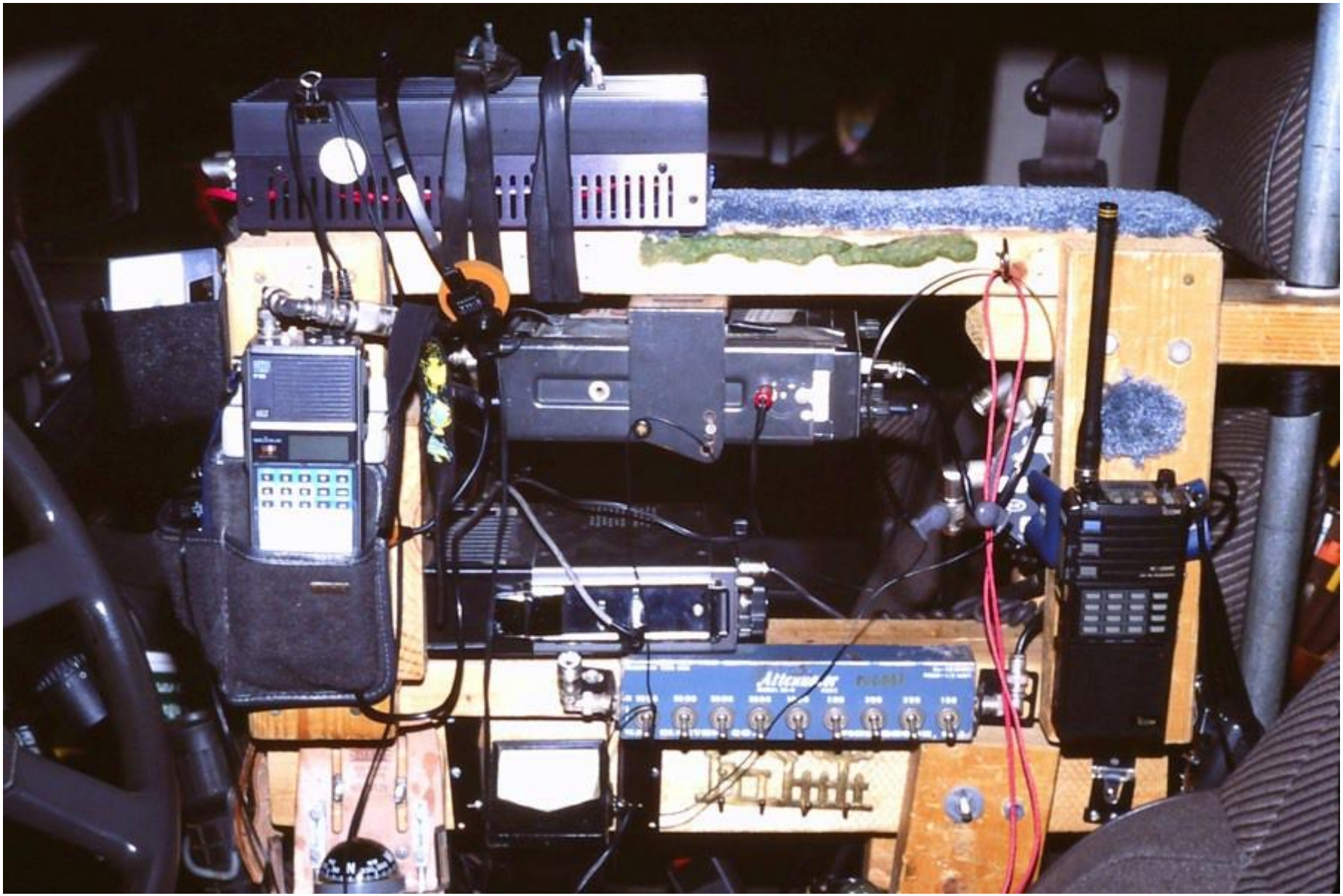

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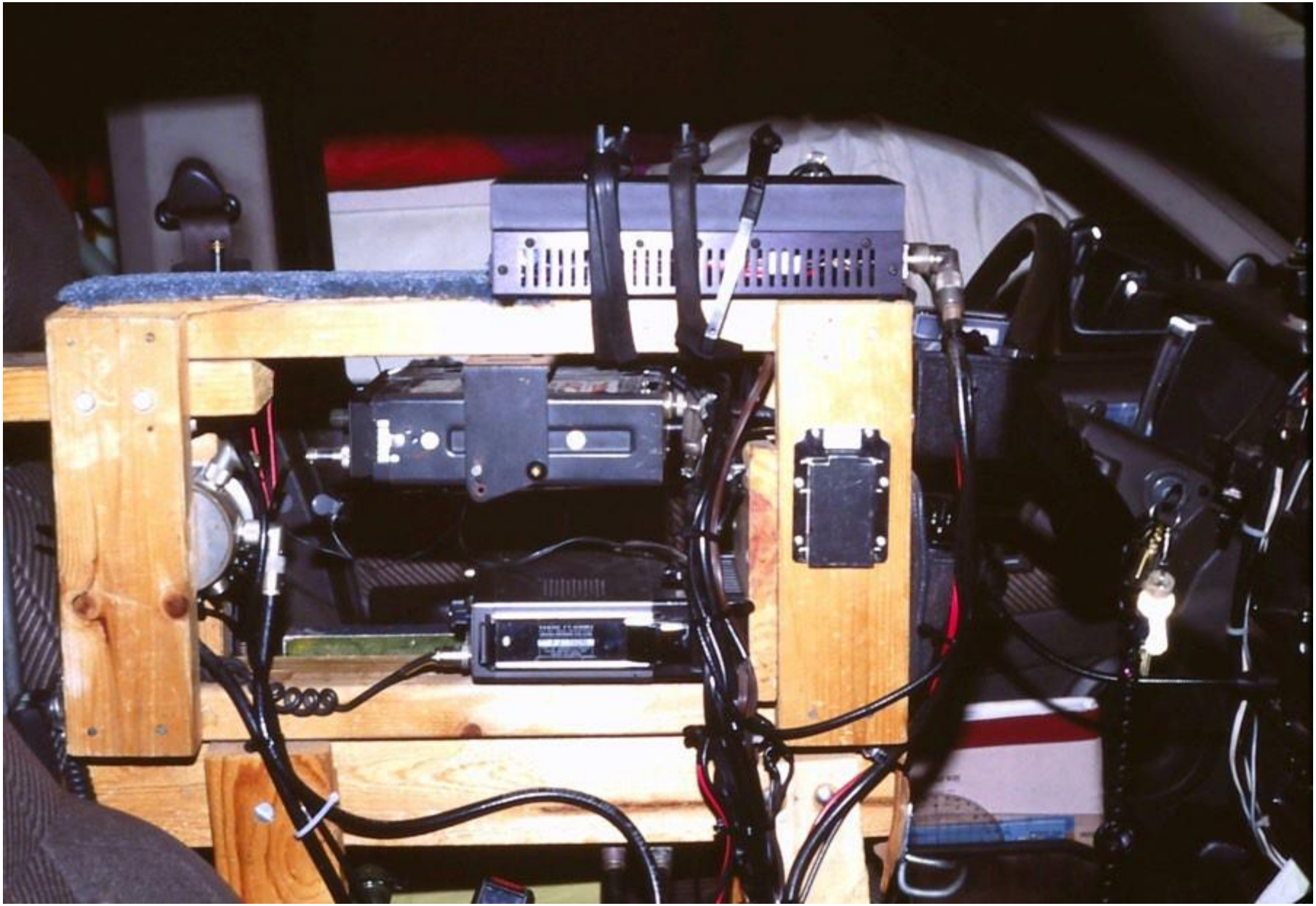




Third mobile installation (Nissan truck)











Fourth mobile installation (Nissan truck)



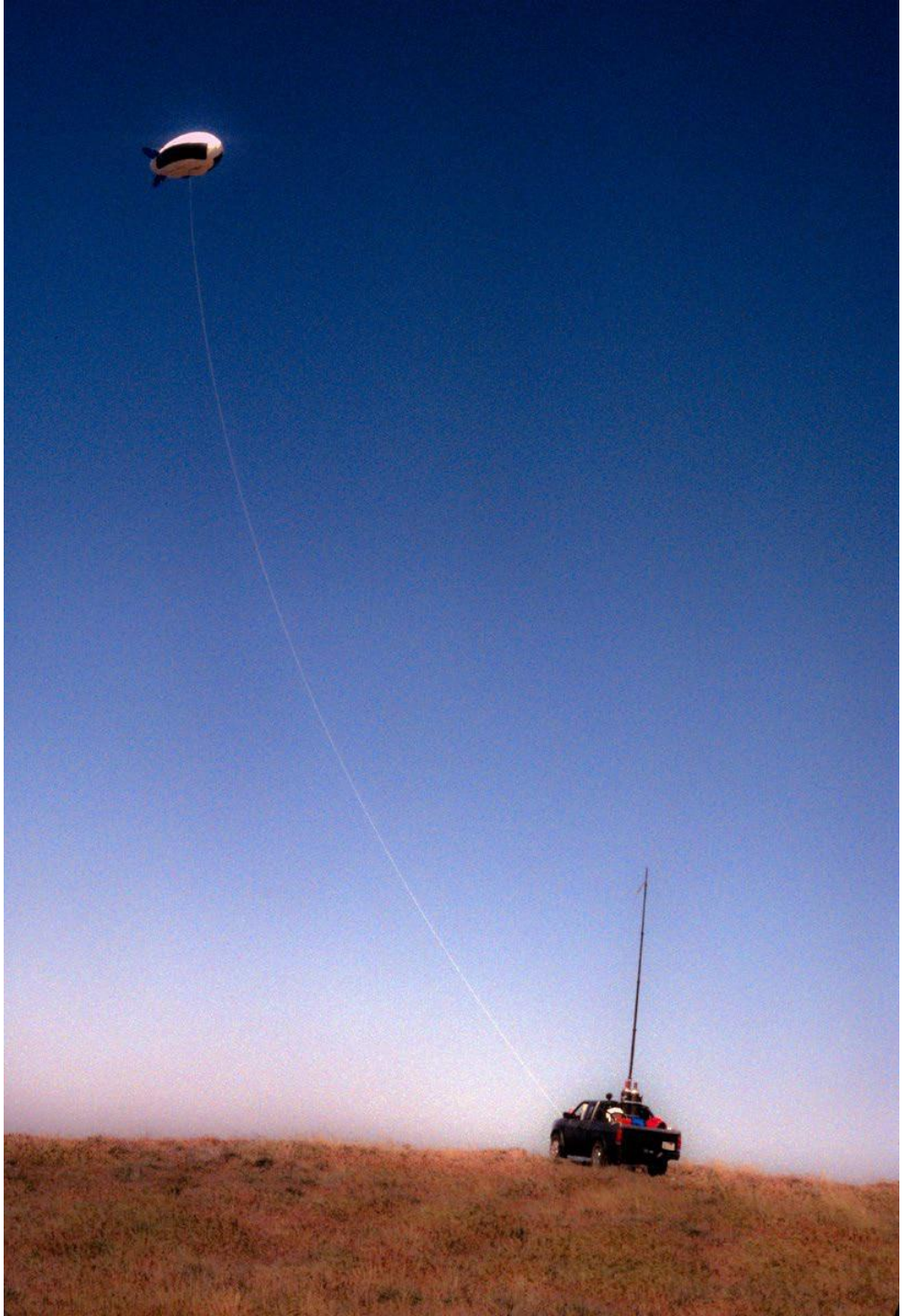



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The MouseMachine
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N6NB, Tehachapi, 1994-2000s







Pack roving with N6NB



Fifth mobile installation (Nissan truck)





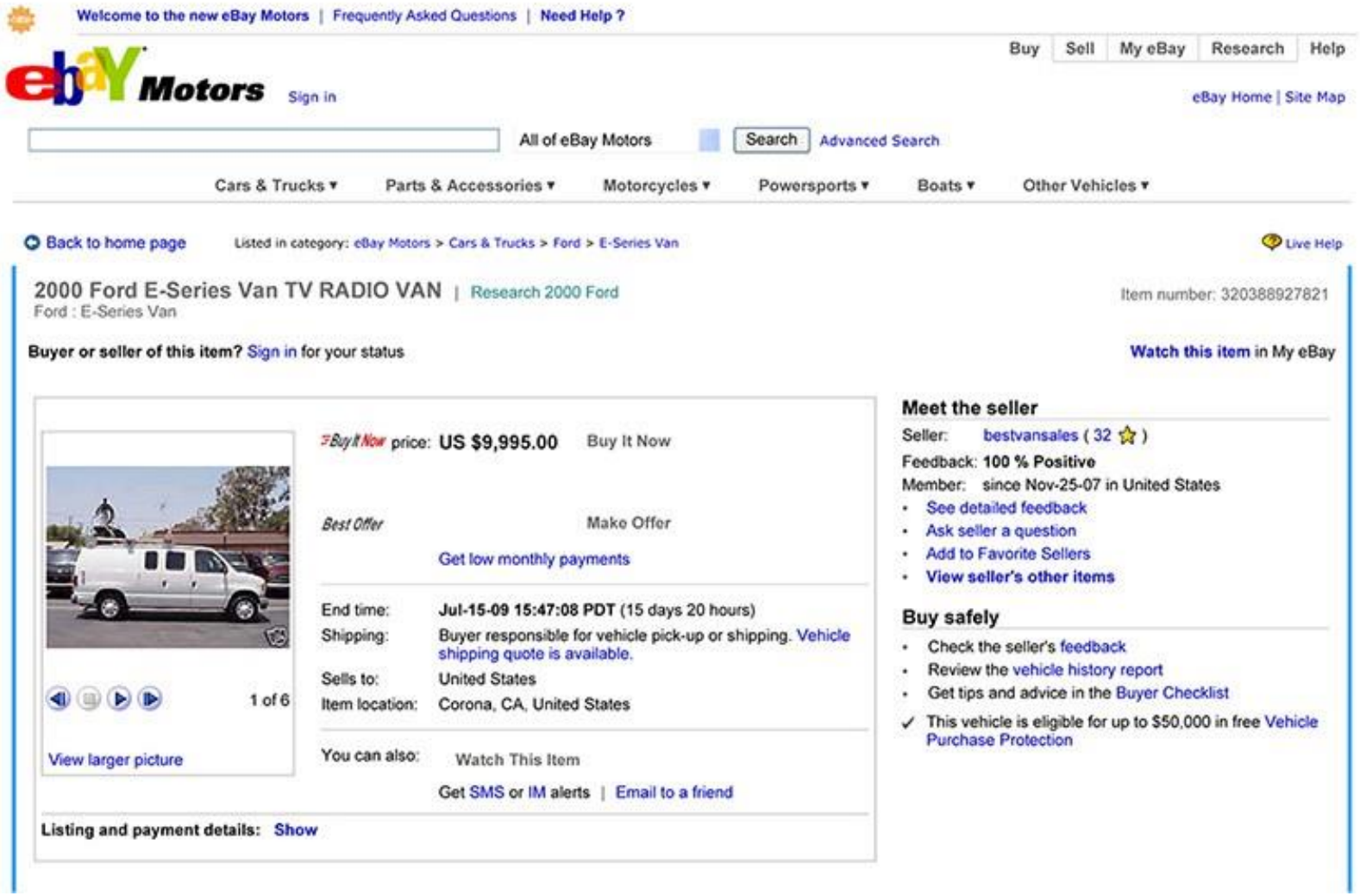

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Transmitter hunting: new.thunter.org; homingin.com (K0OV) 146.565 MHz



Sixth mobile installation (Ford van)




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EXIT

2012 and 2013 N6VI multiops on Frazier Peak






MFJ
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HF contesting











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K6JO, then KK6NON, a younger Levi



2023 Field Day



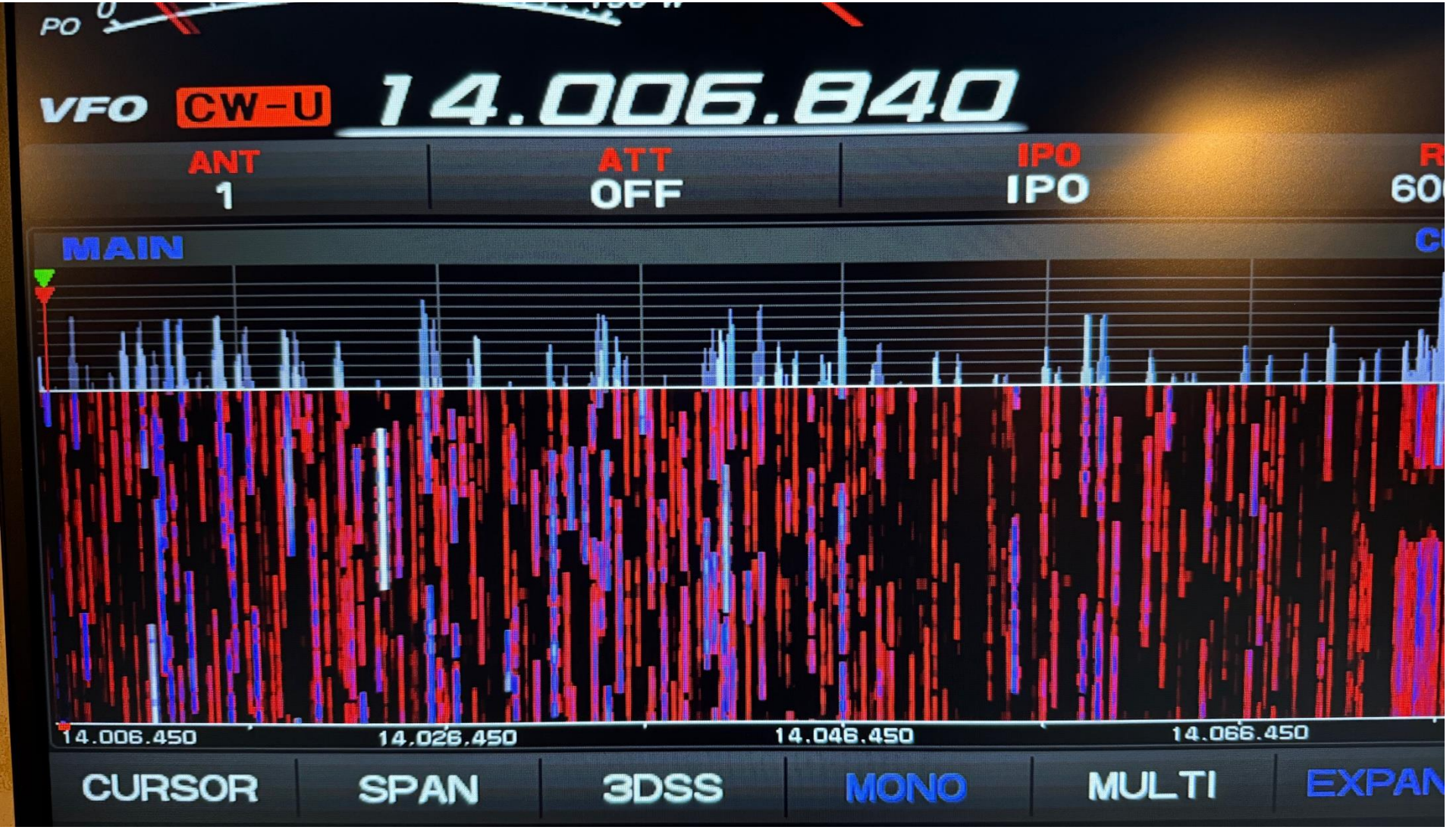

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2024 IARU contest



2024 10 GHz contest



2025 Field Day







2025 10 GHz contest



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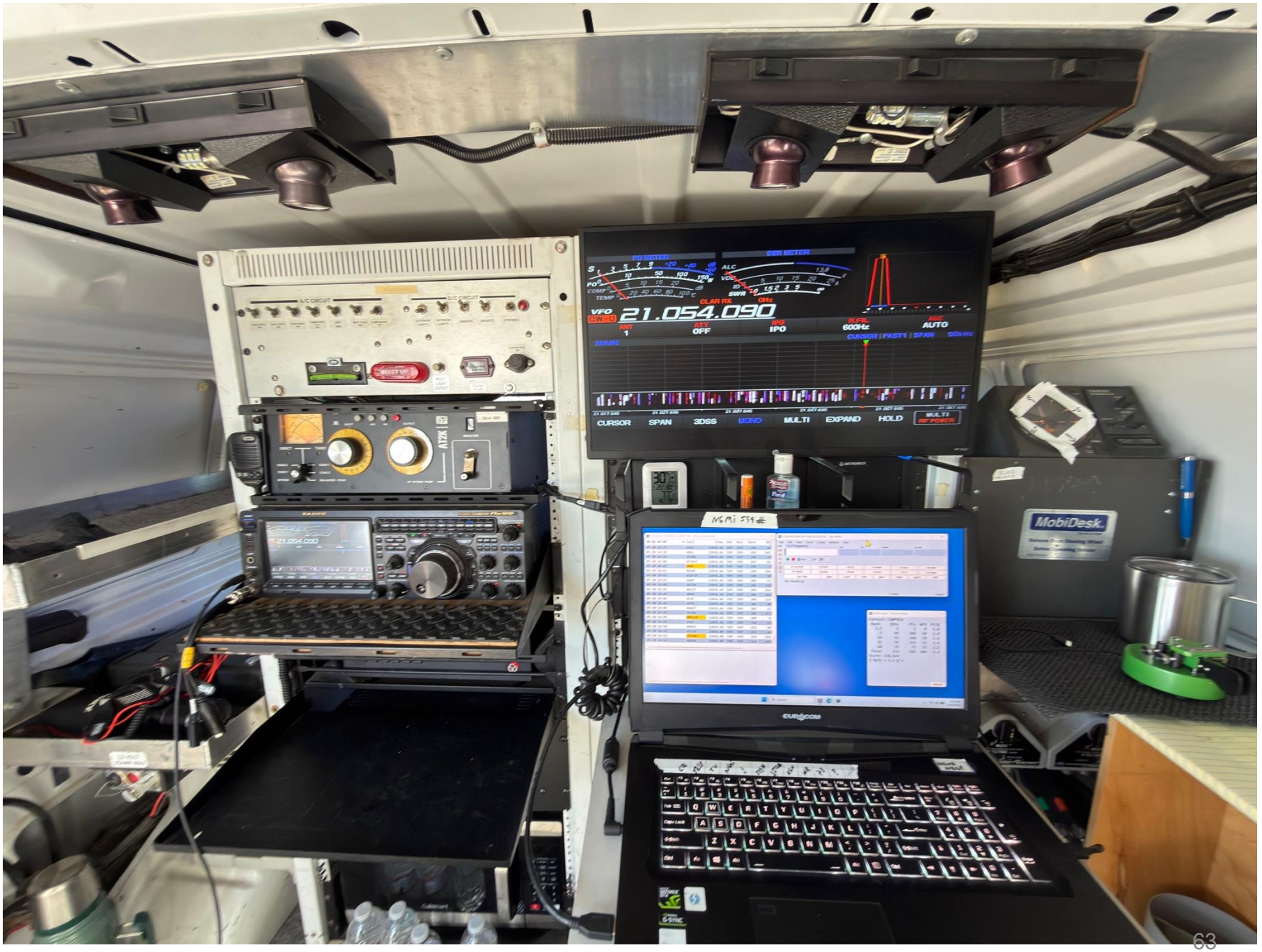



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2026
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Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Merit to
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World Wide WPX Contest
#1 United States 6th Call Area
TRIBANDER/SINGLE-ELEMENT OVERLAY
ALL Bands - High Power
A Total score of 818,874 points was computed on the basis of the number of stations worked and call sign prefixes contacted. In witness of this achievement, we hereby affix our signatures on this day.
Paul Traneh, AA3B
CQ WPX Contest Director
K3LR

2026 ARRL June VHF contest



ex W6PNG, now W6NEA


RUBICON


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Jeep








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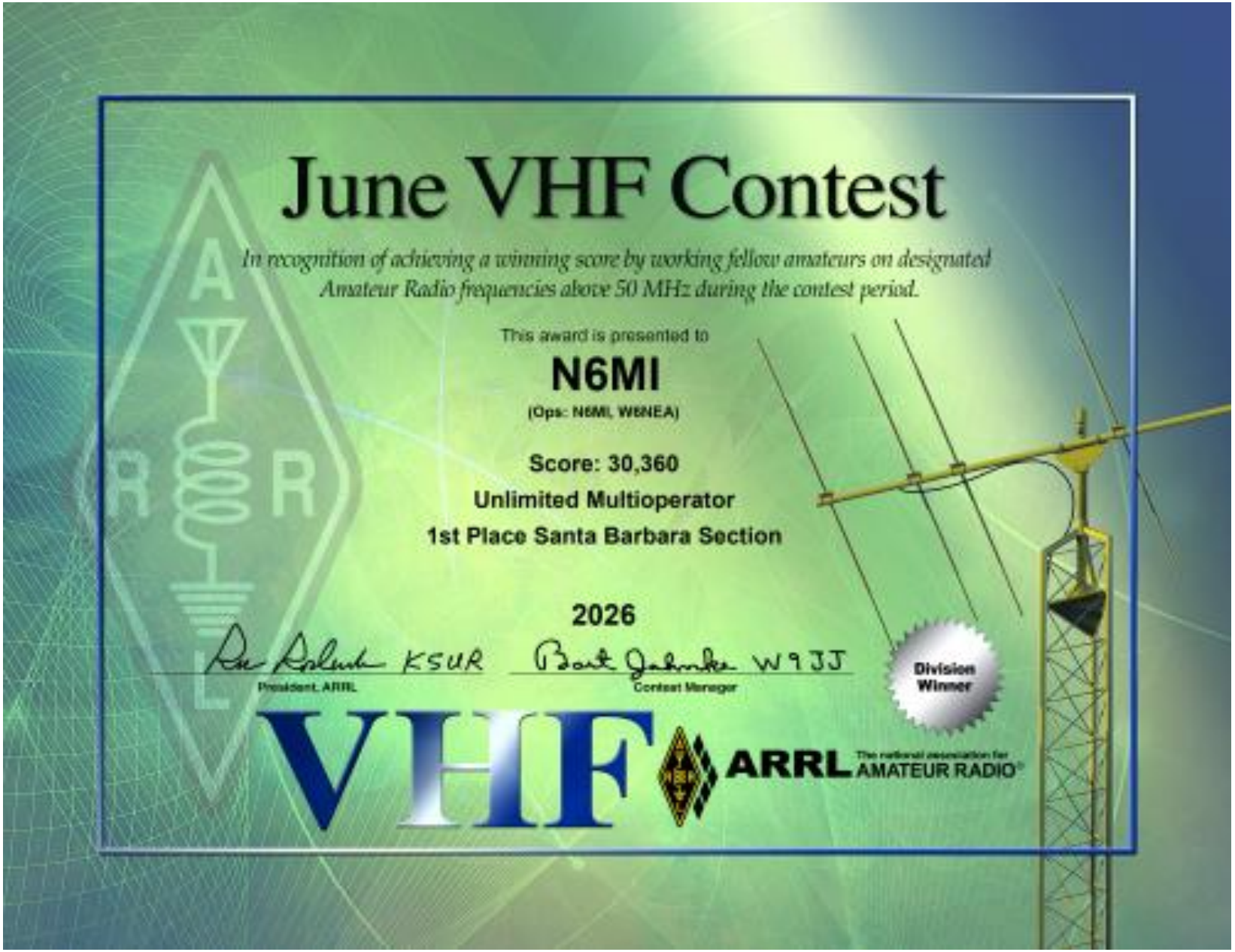

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This award is presented to
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Score: 30,360
Unlimited Multioperator
1st Place Santa Barbara Section
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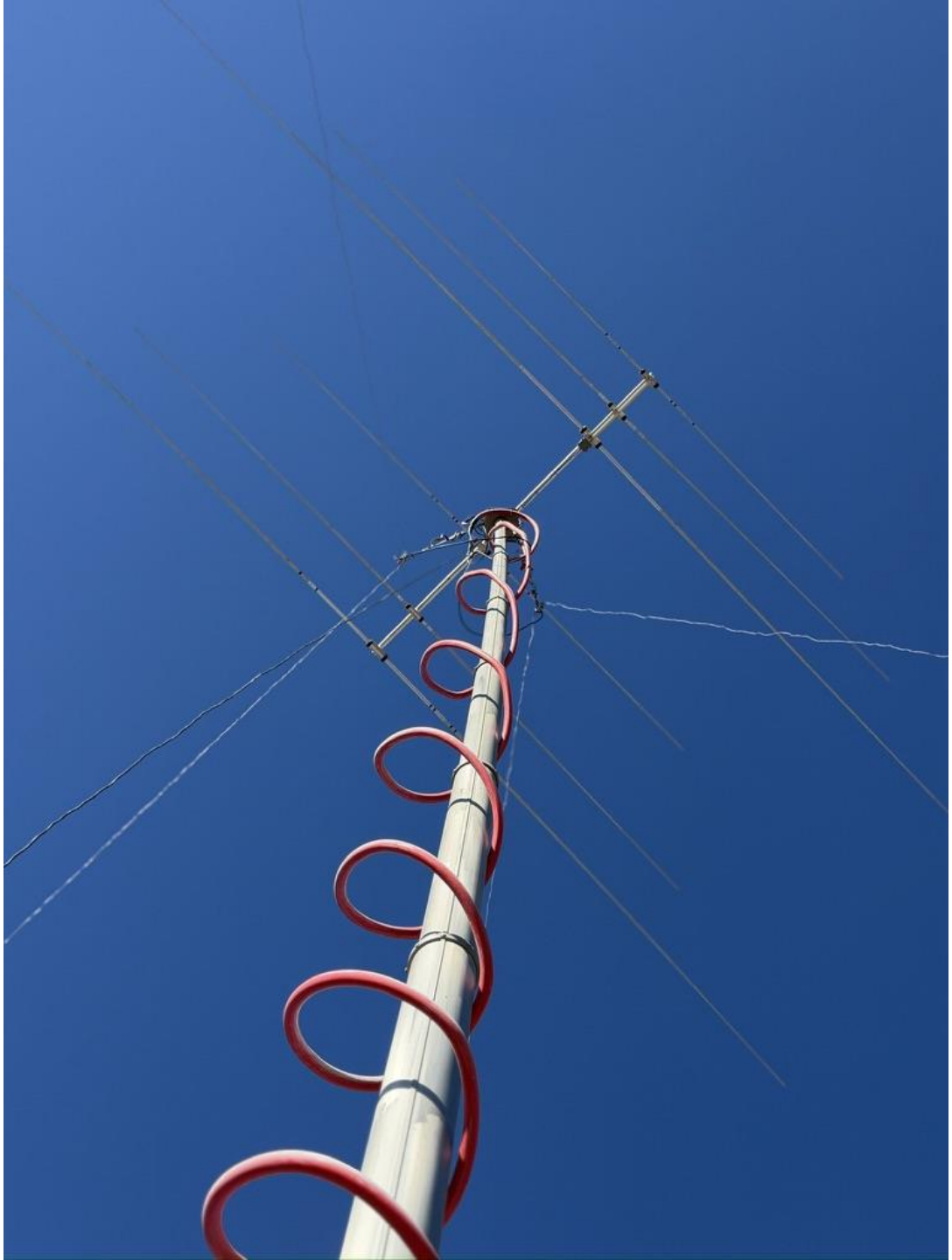
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ASCEND


TRD OFF ROAD
PACK OUT



KN6OGP


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ULTRA
SOUP & SALAD PAPER BOWLS
150
YELLOW
Nectarines
FROM CALIFORNIA


TACOMA
TRD


Southern California Amateur Radio
NO RULES
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NO COMPLAINTS
NO CLUES!
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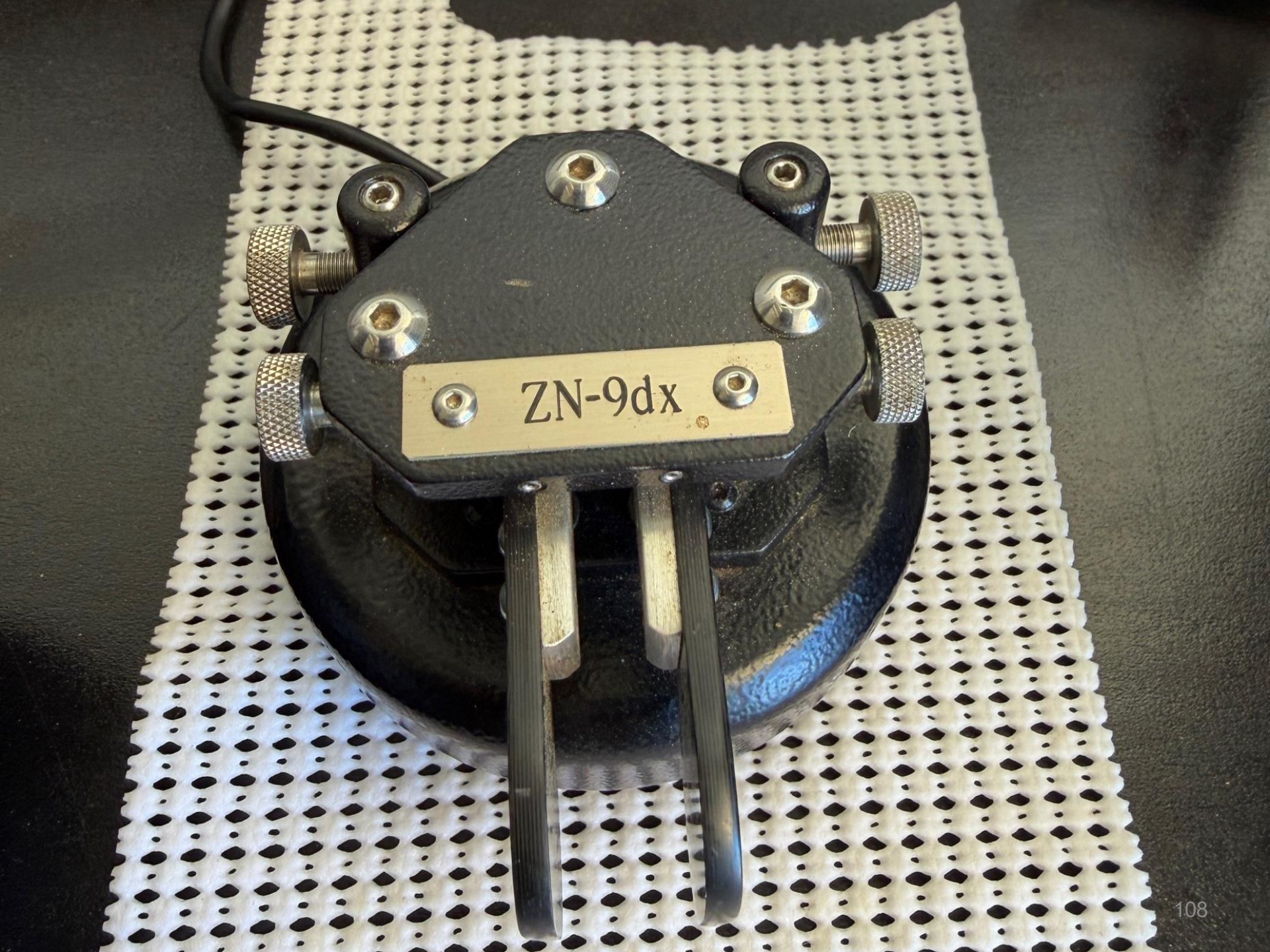



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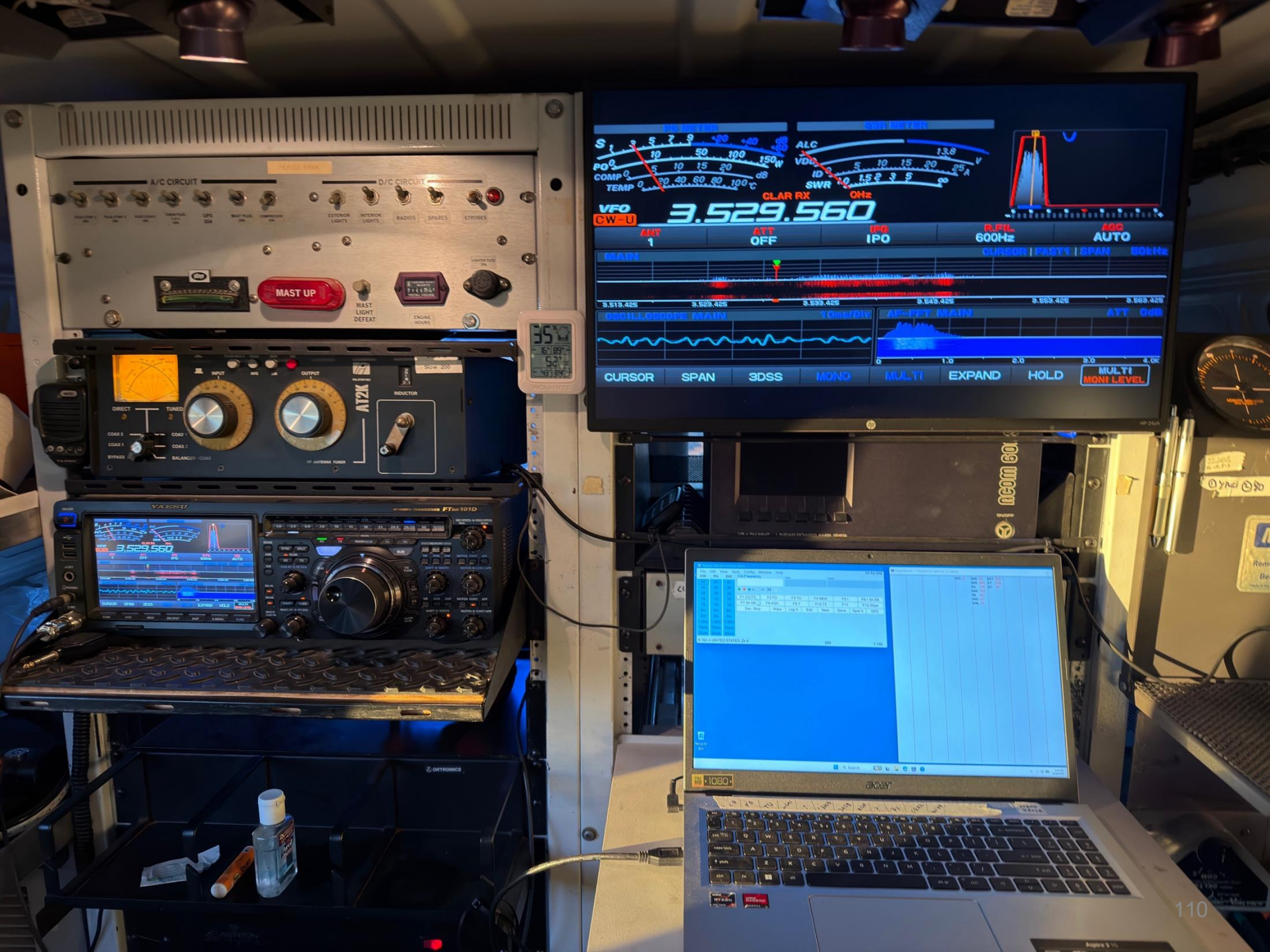

LOAD LINE
40%
60%
LOAD LINE
N6M
W6E in Co
DX
NS


10 Meters (28 MHz)
15 Meters (21 MHz)
20 Meters (14 MHz)
40 Meters (7 MHz)
NOTICE
DANGER
LOAD LINE


PerfoBox
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PROJECT FLUX

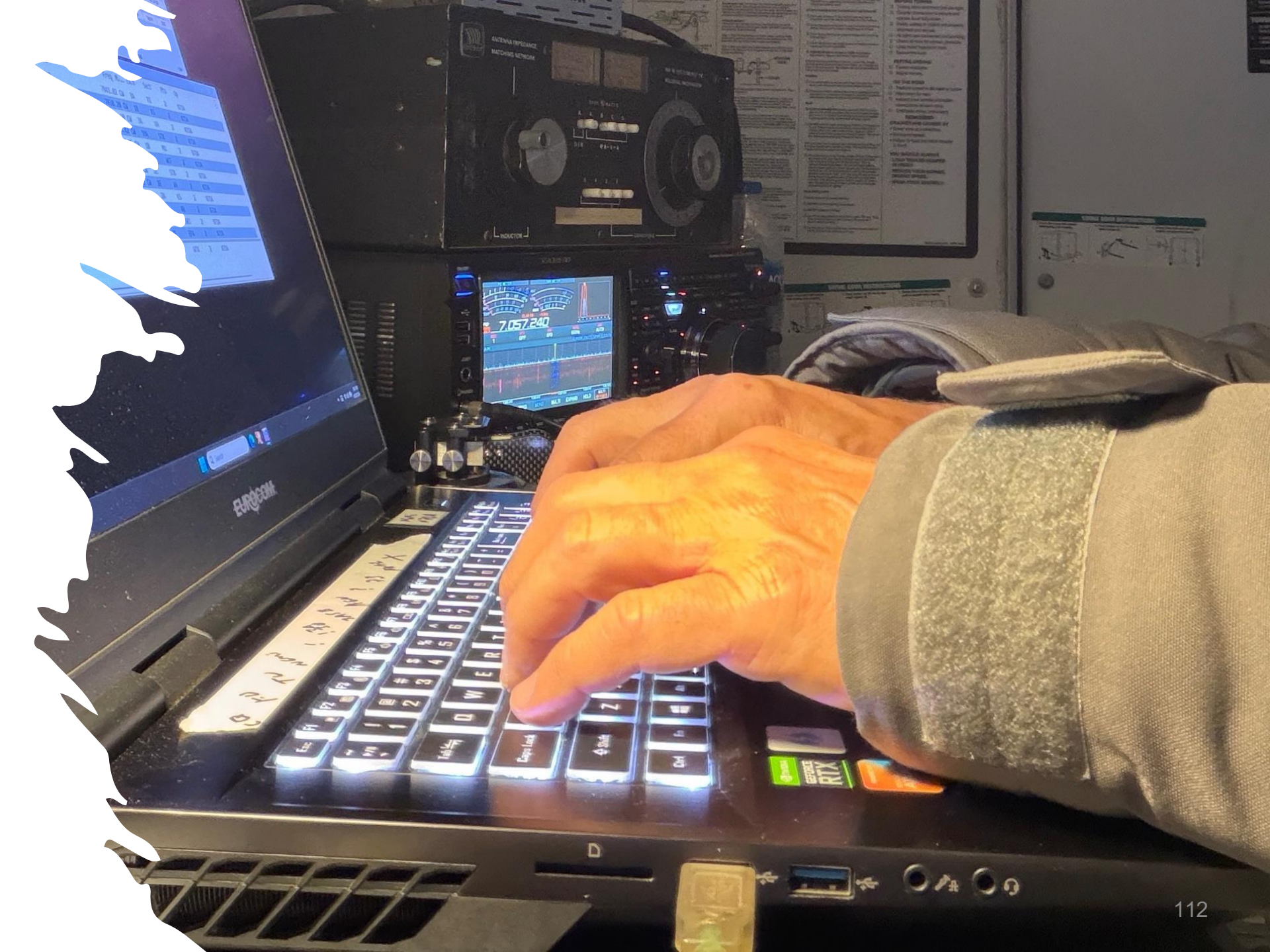

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BIRCH AQUARIUM
SAVE $15
21 MHz


A/C CIRCUIT
D/C CIRCUIT
MAST UP
MAST LIGHT DEFEAT
ENGINE HOURS
EXTERIOR LIGHTS
INTERIOR LIGHTS
RADIOS
SPARES
STROBES
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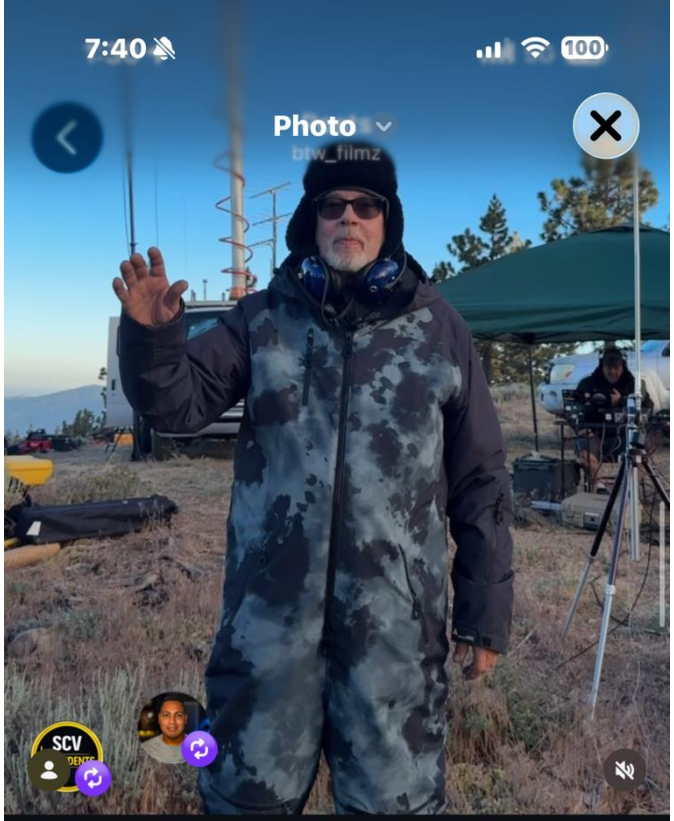
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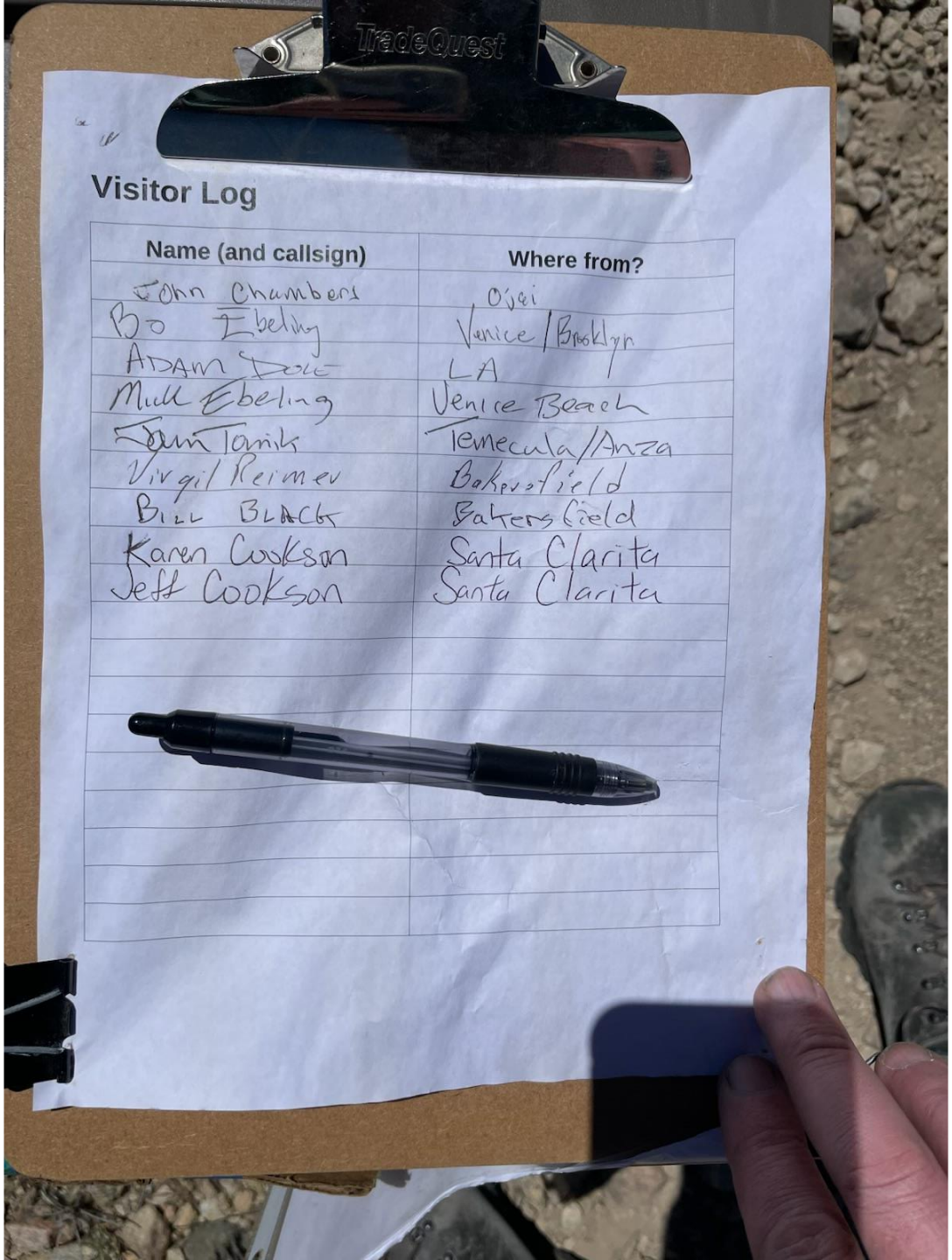
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Visitor Log
Name (and callsign)
Where from?
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Name (and callsign)
Where from?
John Chambers
Ojai
Bo Ebeling
Venice / Brooklyn
ADAM Doll
LA
Mull Ebeling
Venice Beach
Tom Tomik
Temecula / Anza
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80 meters -- CW (11), FT8 (81), LSB (10)
40 meters -- CW (93), LSB (250)
20 meters -- CW (374), USB (395)
15 meters -- CW (216), USB (230)
10 meters -- CW (15), FT8 (79), USB (17)
6 meters -- USB (43)
2 meters -- USB and FM (27)
70 centimeters -- FM (6)
GOTA -- mostly 40 meter LSB (382), an amazing result by K2BTW with the guidance of our GOTA coaches, open to the weather



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10 GHz and up




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