Contests from the N6MI van



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Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club v.3


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

RADIO SILENCE



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

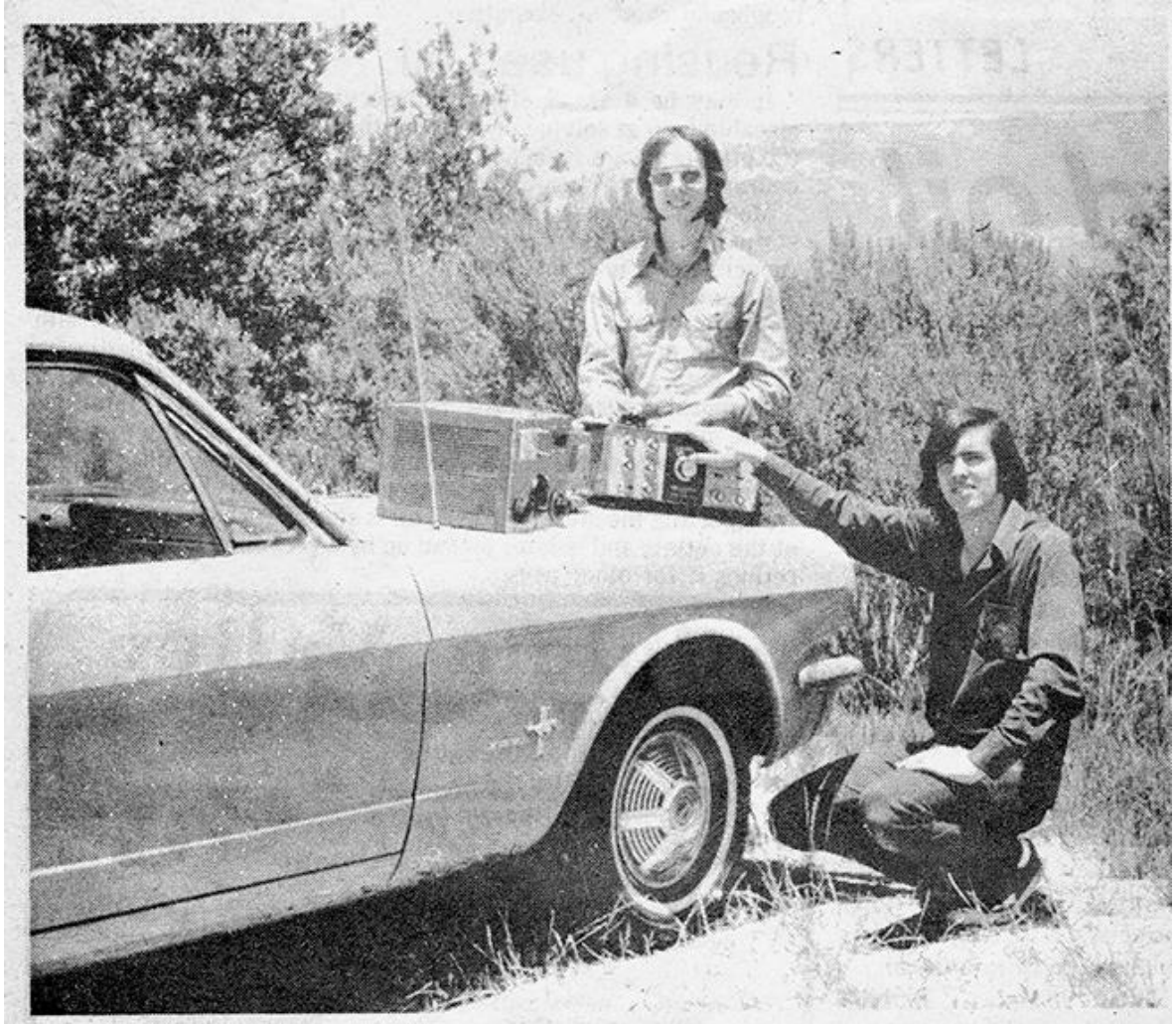
A NOVEL BY GREG LEWOLT


RADIO
SILENCE
HAM RADIO
H1

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)

1980



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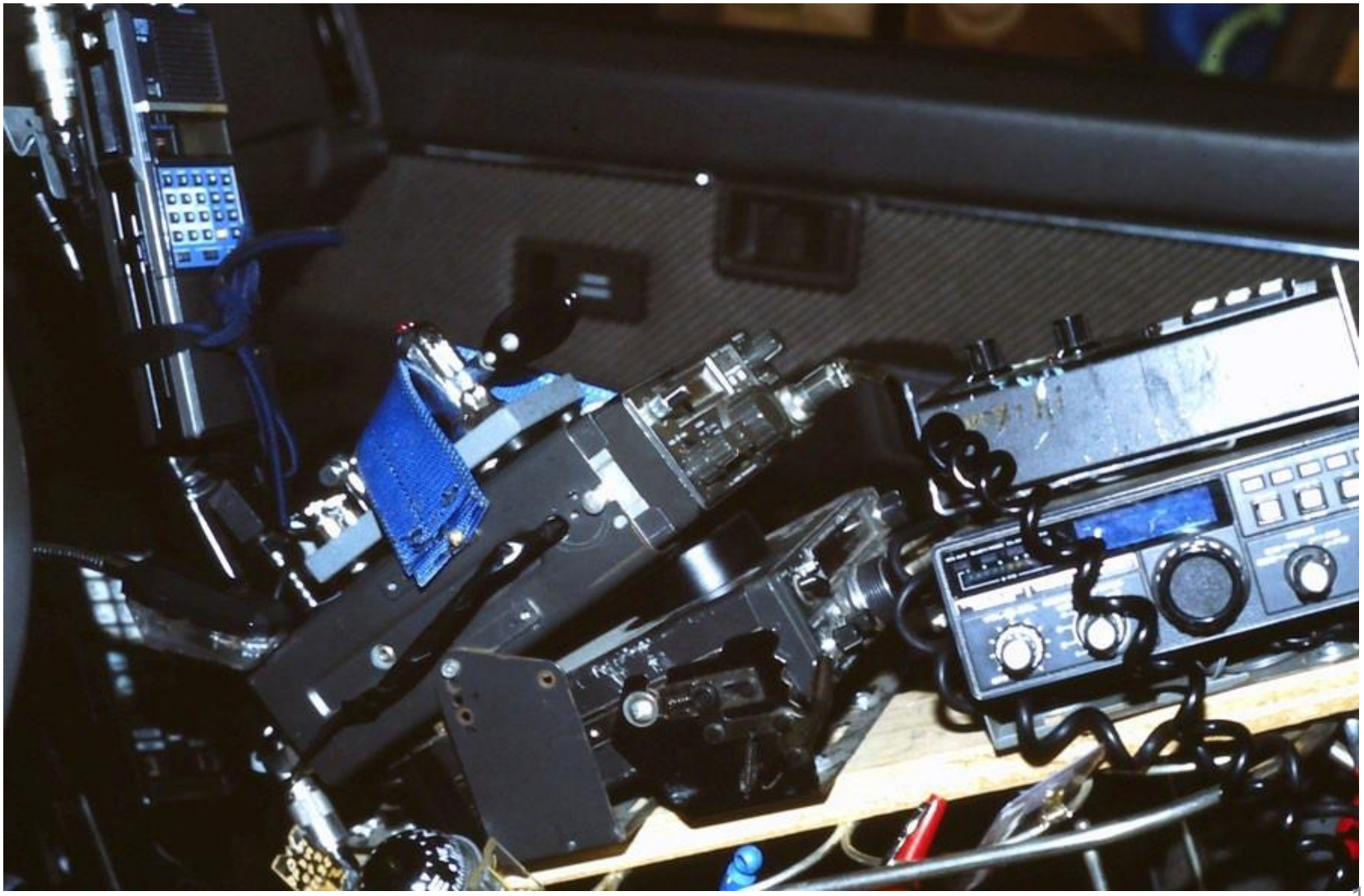
All-time overall record high score – a record that stood for 14 years

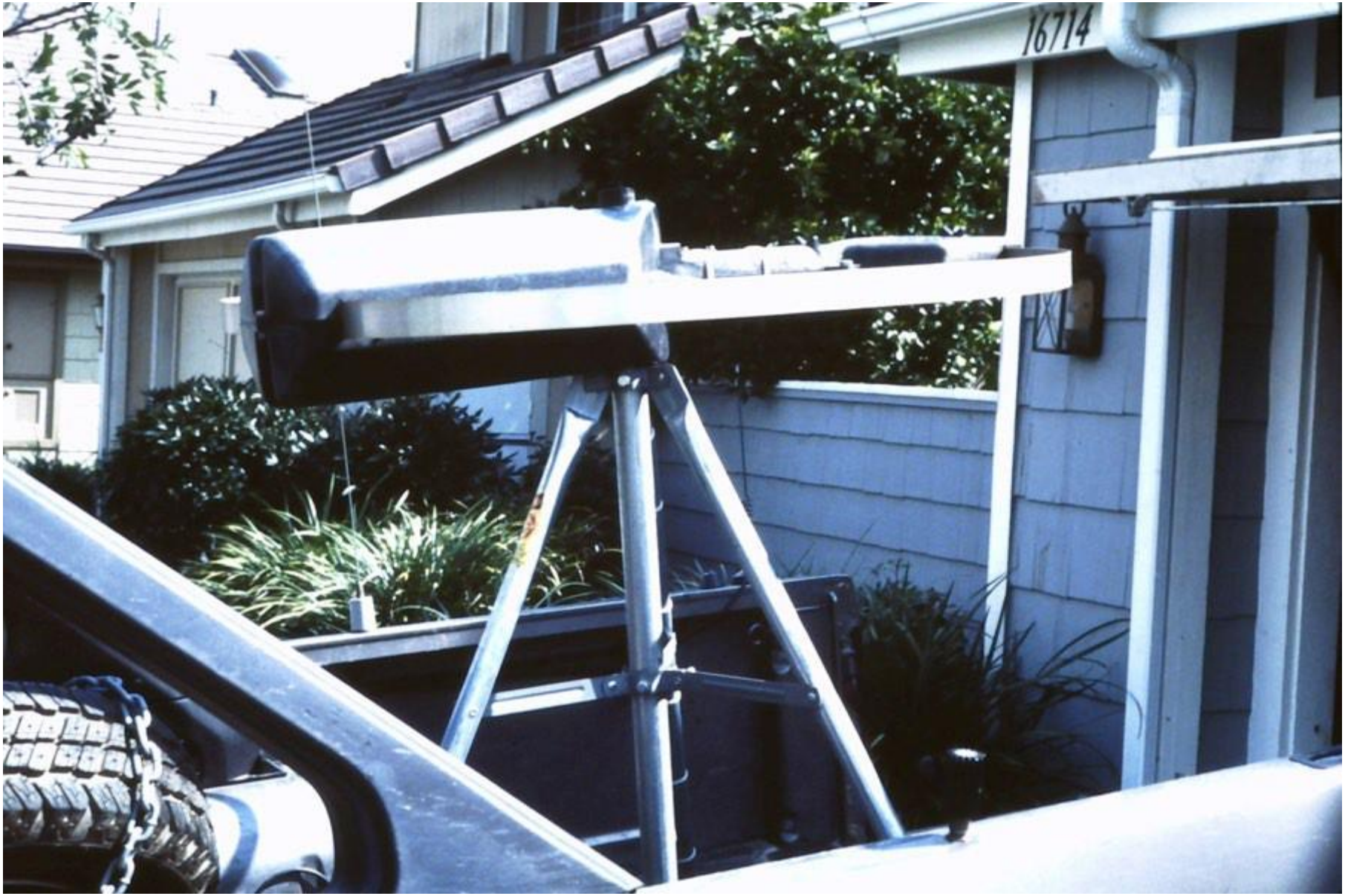
Temporary installation -- CQP 1980s





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



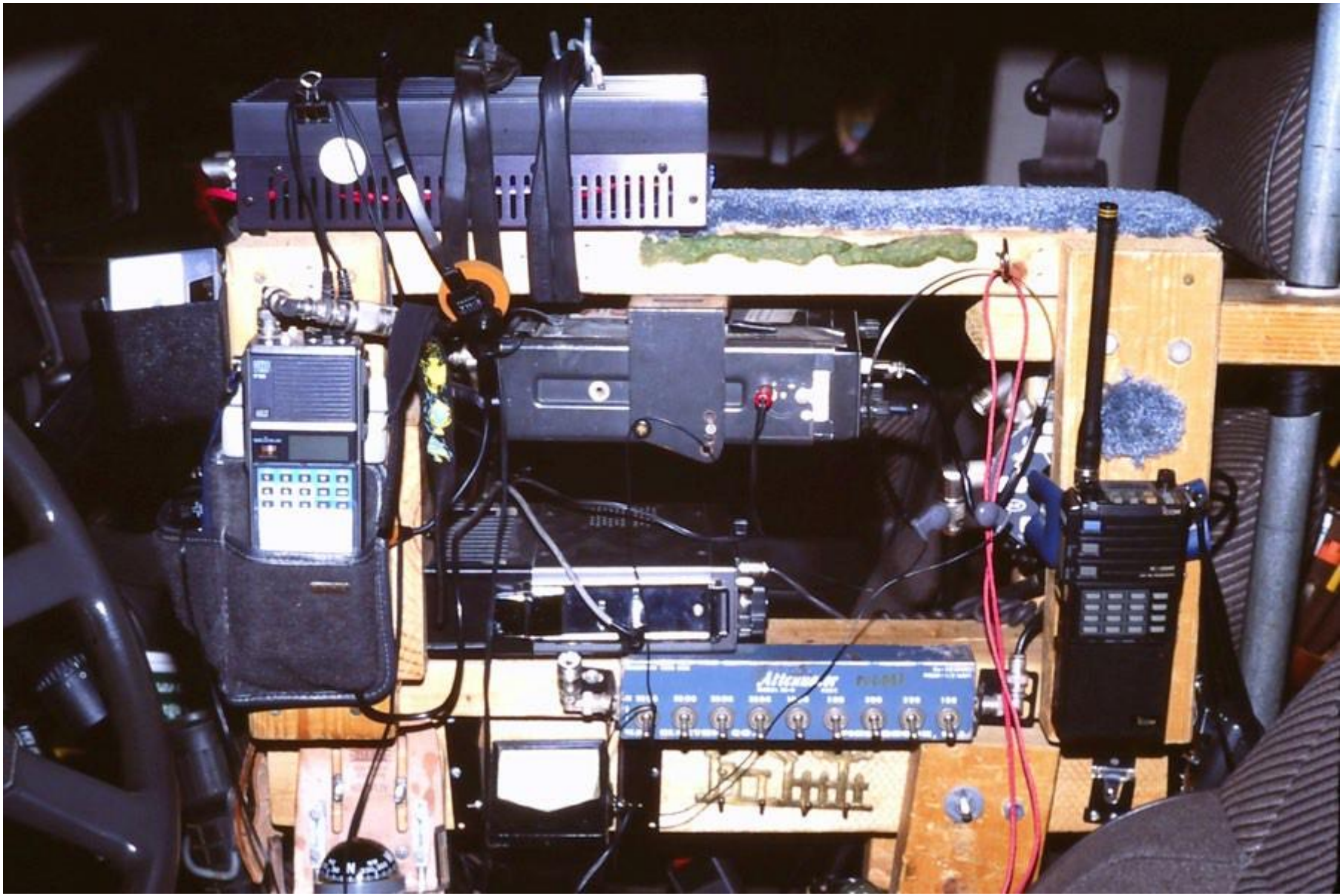

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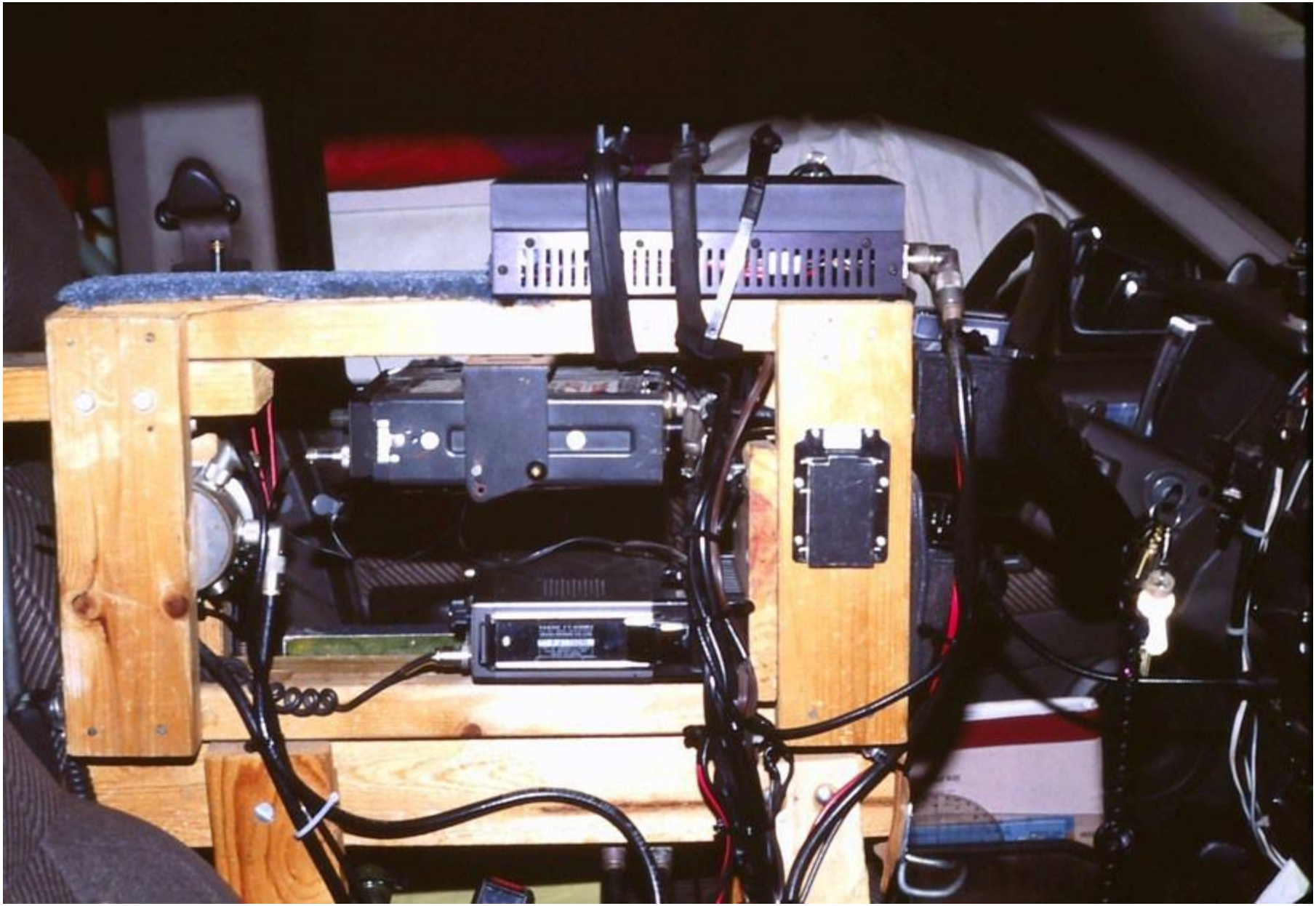




Third mobile installation (Nissan truck)











Fourth mobile installation (Nissan truck)



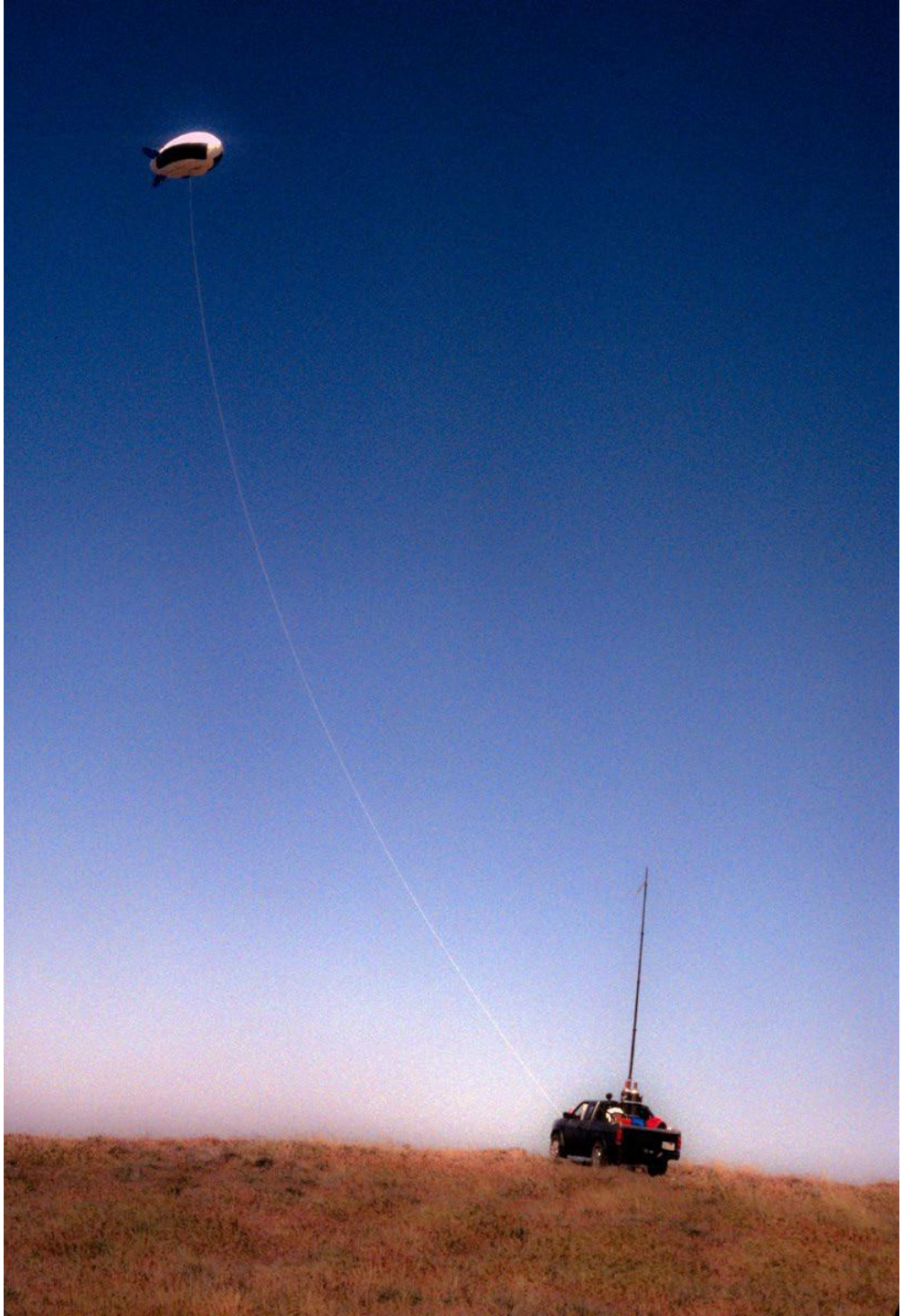



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OVERDRIVE
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HERCULES II
The MouseMachine
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N6NB, Tehachapi, 1994-2000s







Pack roving with N6NB



Fifth mobile installation (Nissan truck)





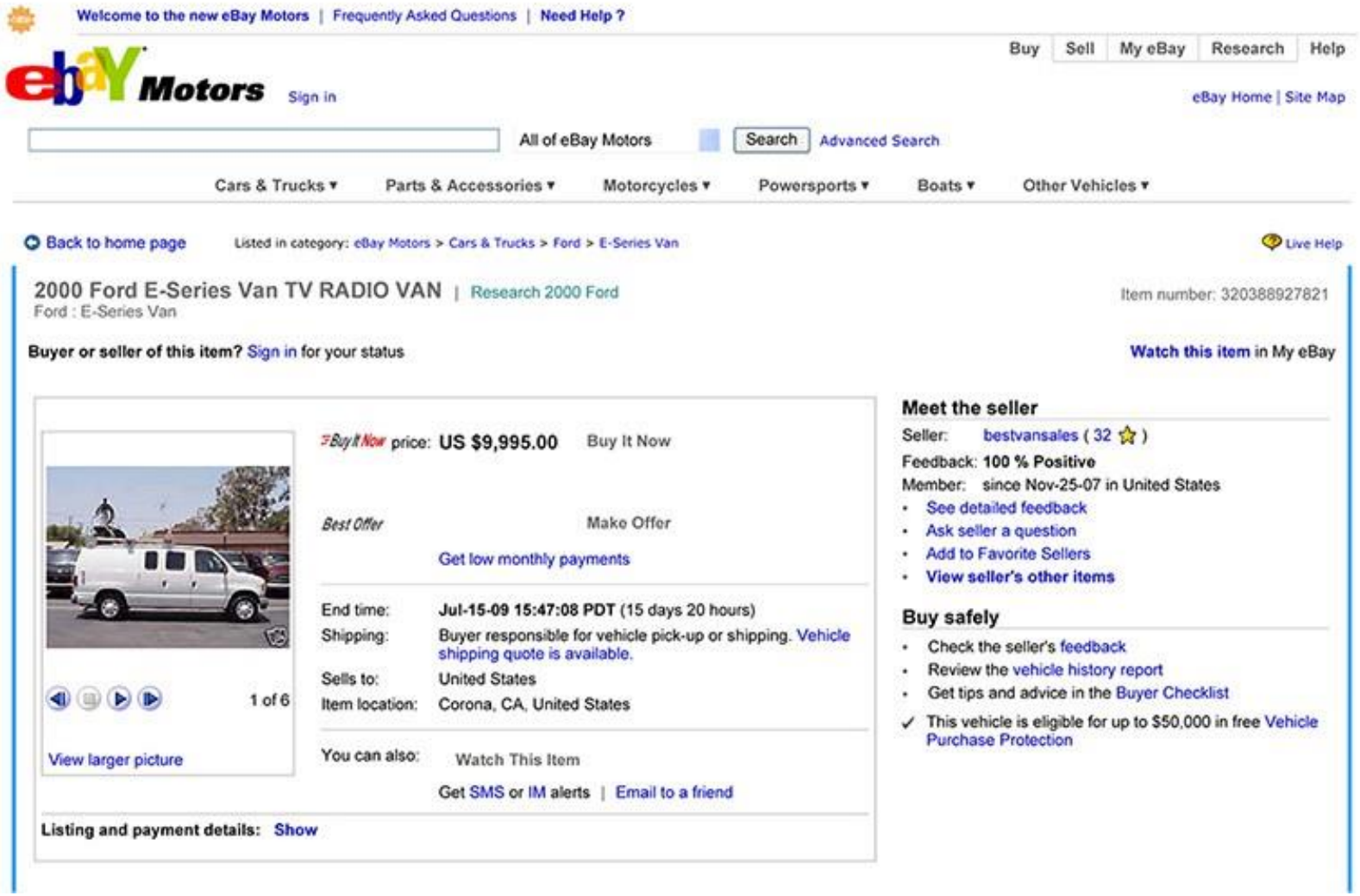

WASTE

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






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HF contesting











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K6JO, then KK6NON, a younger Levi



2023 Field Day



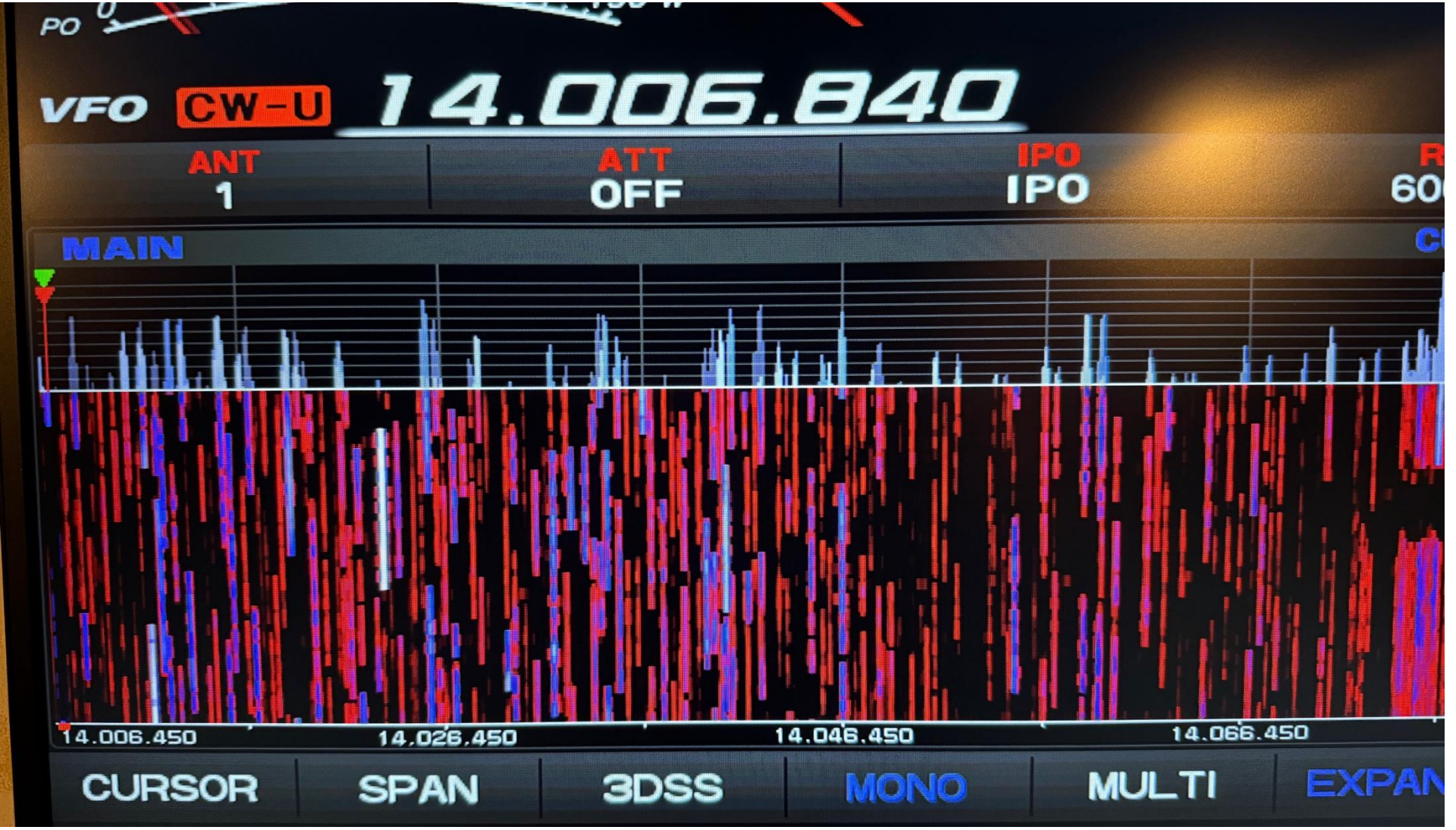

D/C CIRCUIT
RADIOS
SPARES
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ENGINE HOURS
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Pacific Antenna Active Antenna Kit


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2024 IARU contest



2024 10 GHz contest



2025 Field Day







2025 10 GHz contest



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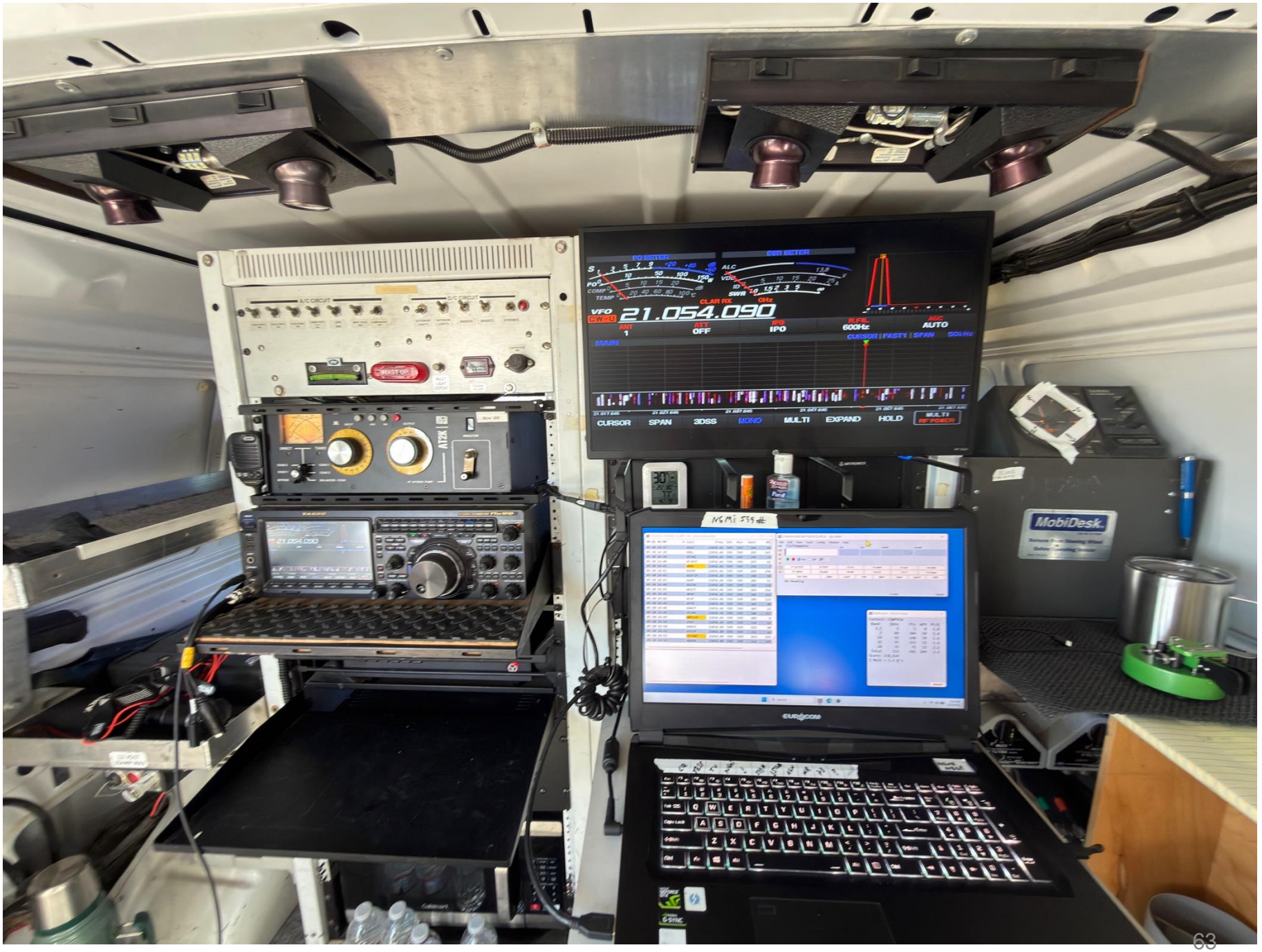



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RETURN VALVE TO NEUTRAL POSITION AFTER OPERATION
MAST/LOWER
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2026
CQ
CW
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Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Merit to
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World 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


RUBICON
Jeep








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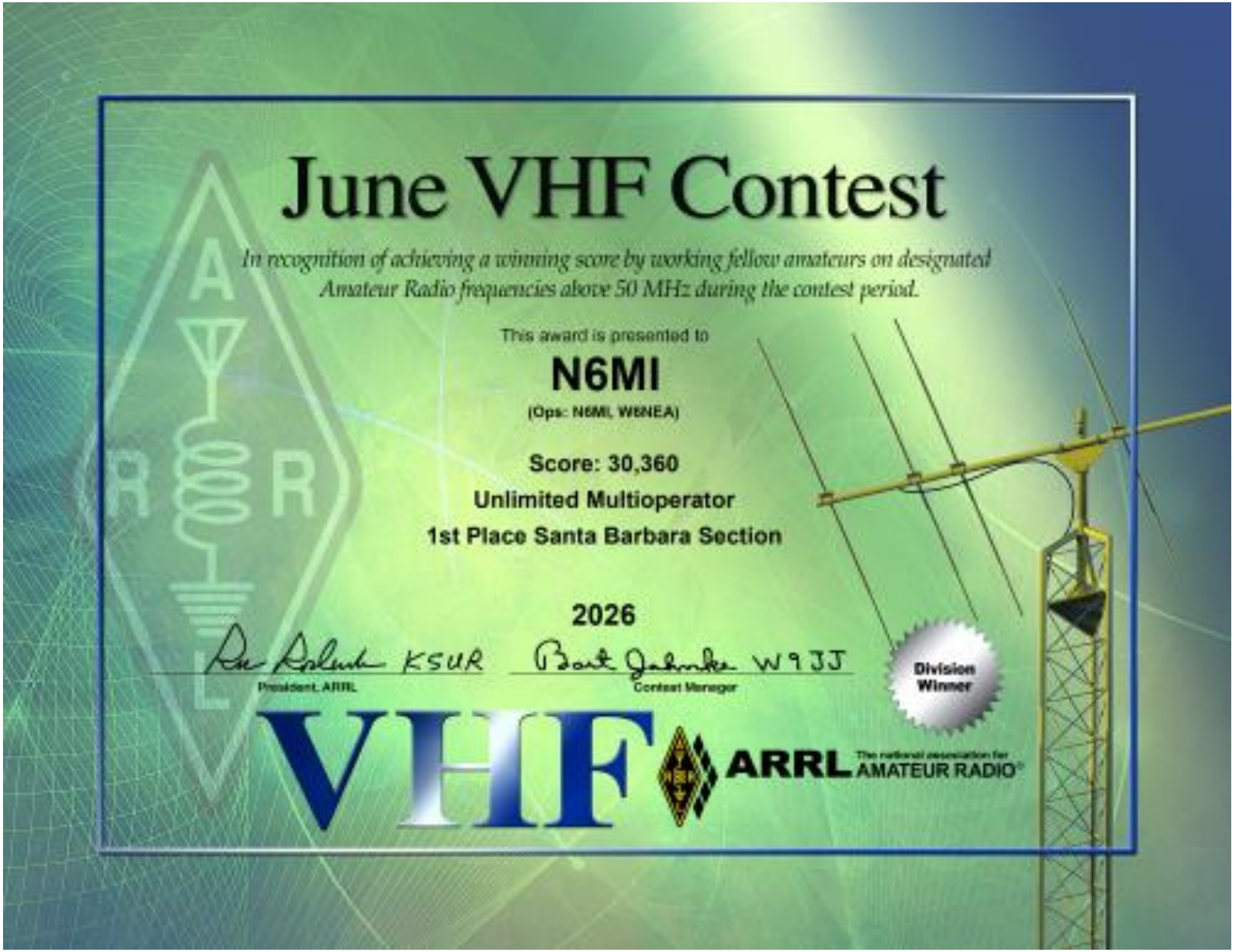

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June VHF Contest
In recognition of achieving a winning score by working fellow amateurs on designated Amateur Radio frequencies above 50 MHz during the contest period.
This award is presented to
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(Ops: N6MI, W6NEA)
Score: 30,360
Unlimited Multioperator
1st Place Santa Barbara Section
2026
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Division Winner
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EAST FRAZIER ROAD 8N24
ARRASTRA TRAIL 1½
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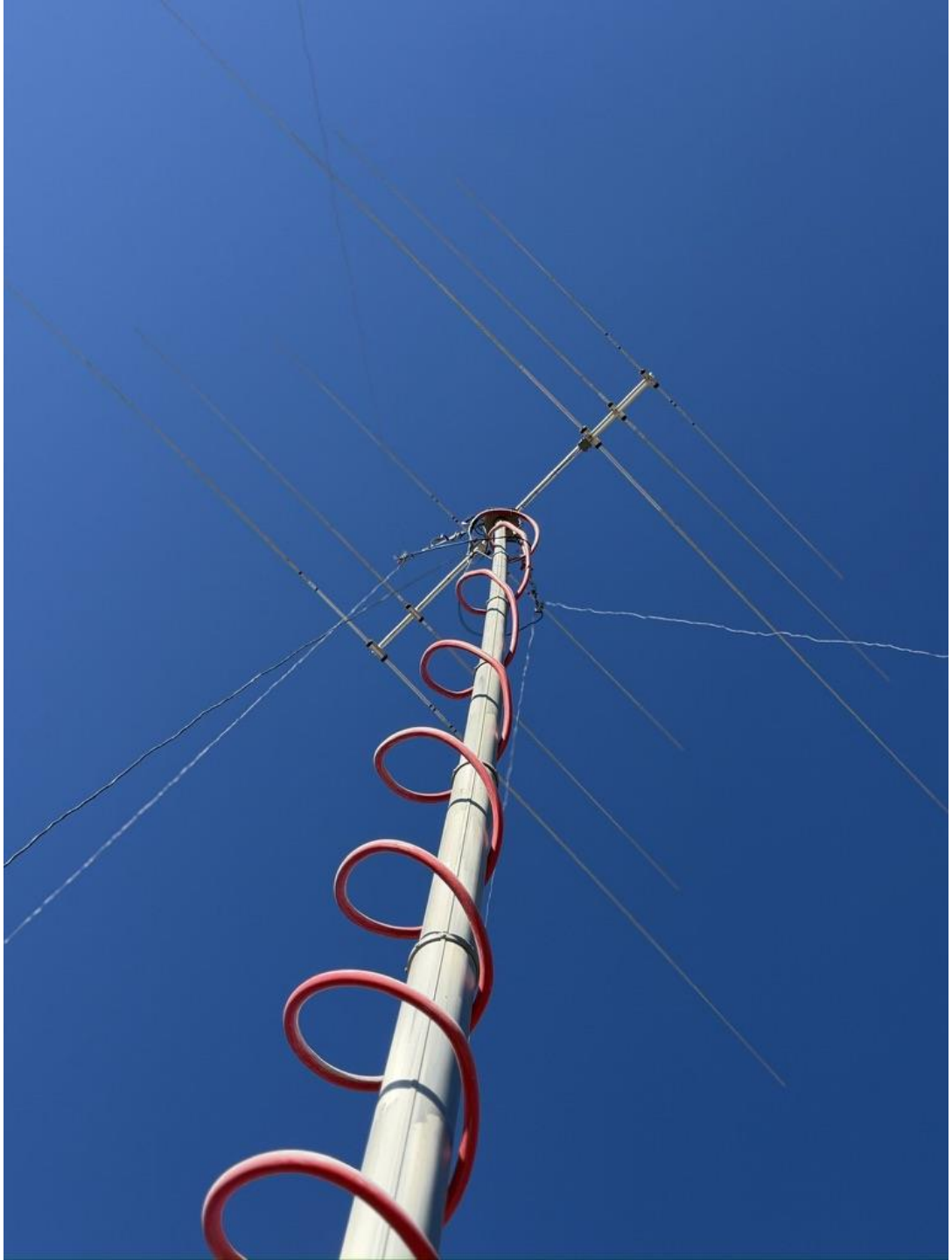
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K2BTW










ASCEND


TRD OFF ROAD
PACK OUT



KN6OGP


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ULTRA
SOUP & SALAD PAPER BOWLS
150
YELLOW
Nectarines
FROM CALIFORNIA


TACOMA
TRD


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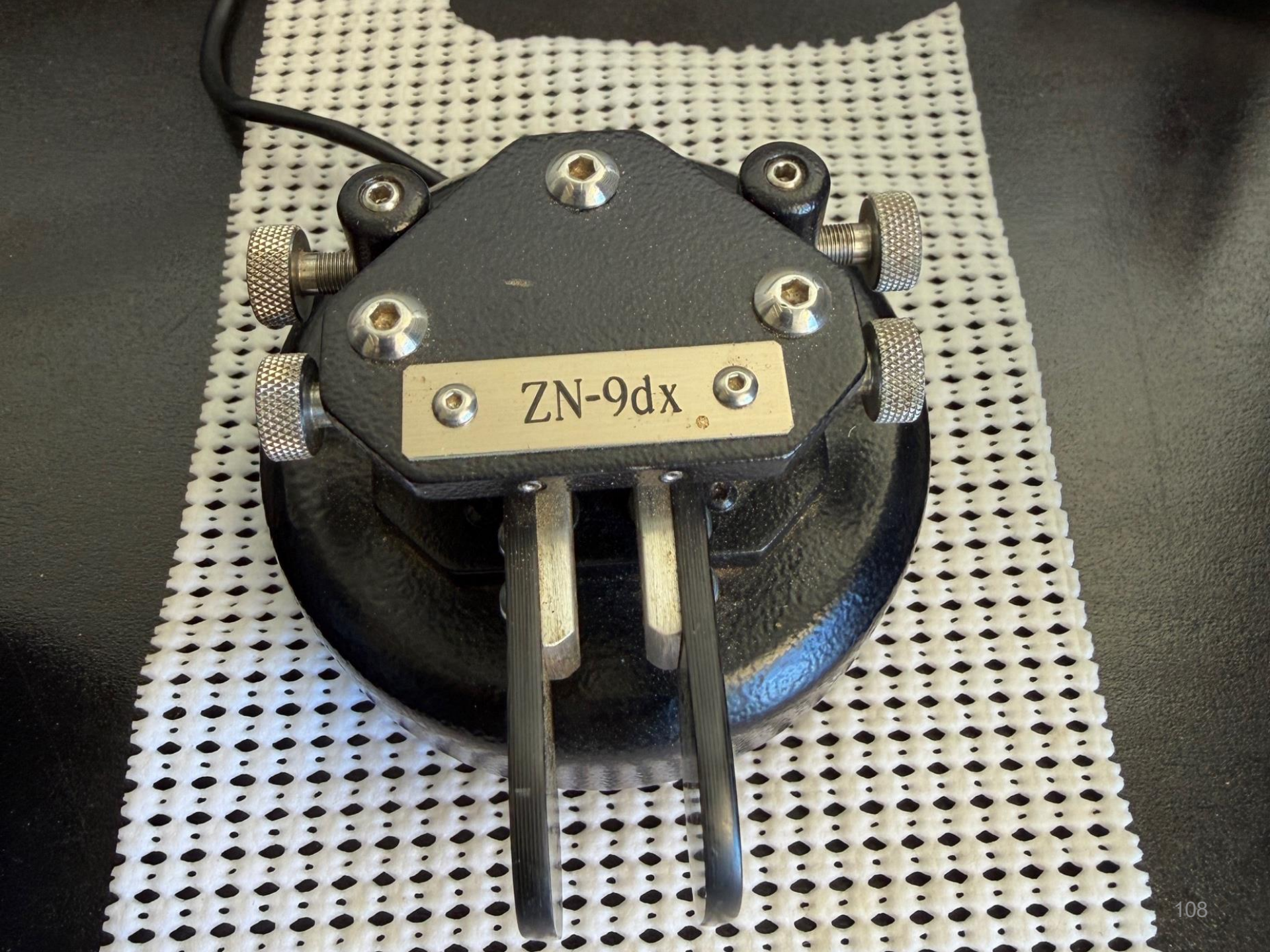



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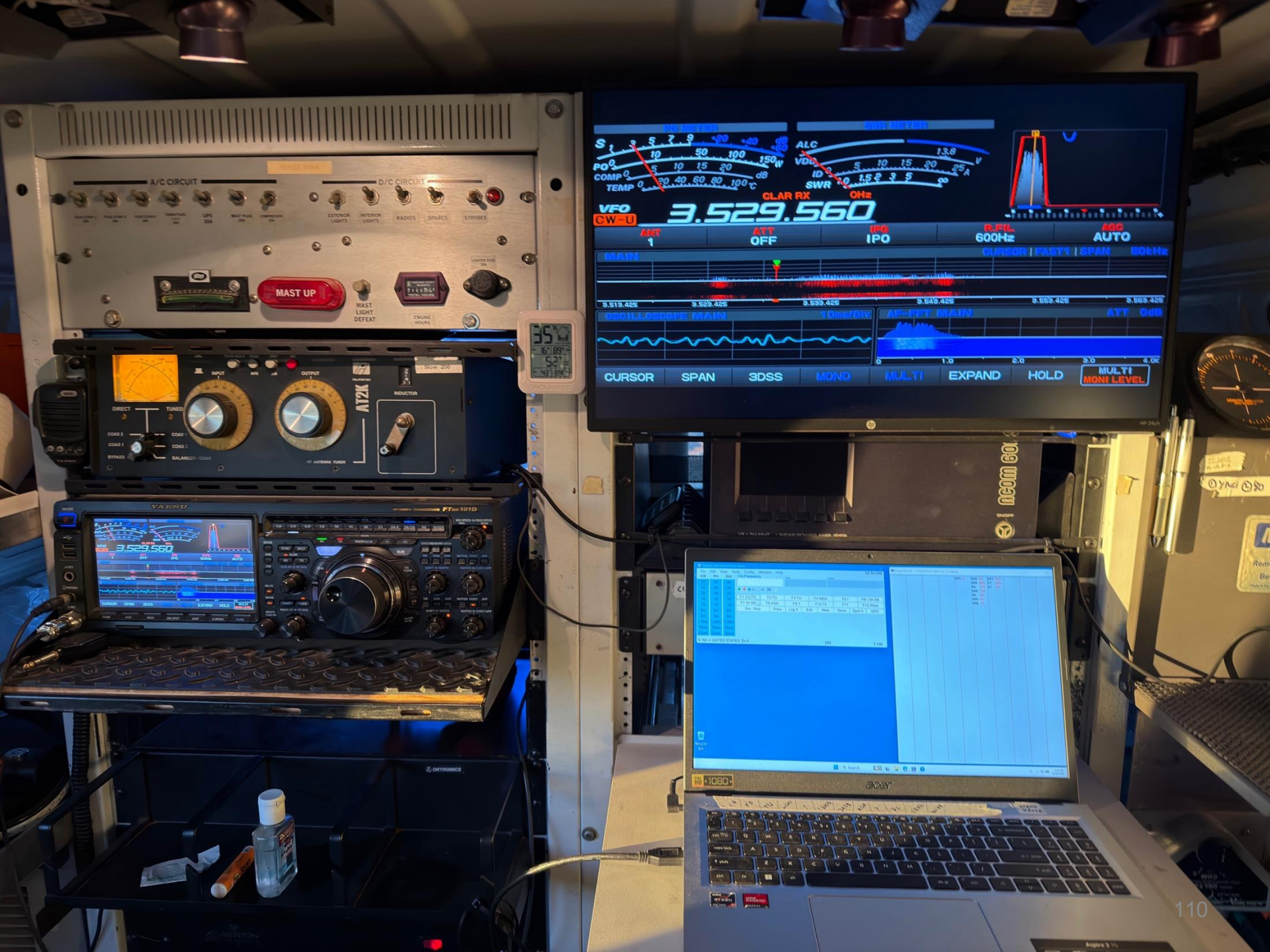

LOAD LINE
40%
60%
LOAD LINE
N6M
W6E in Co
DX
NS


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

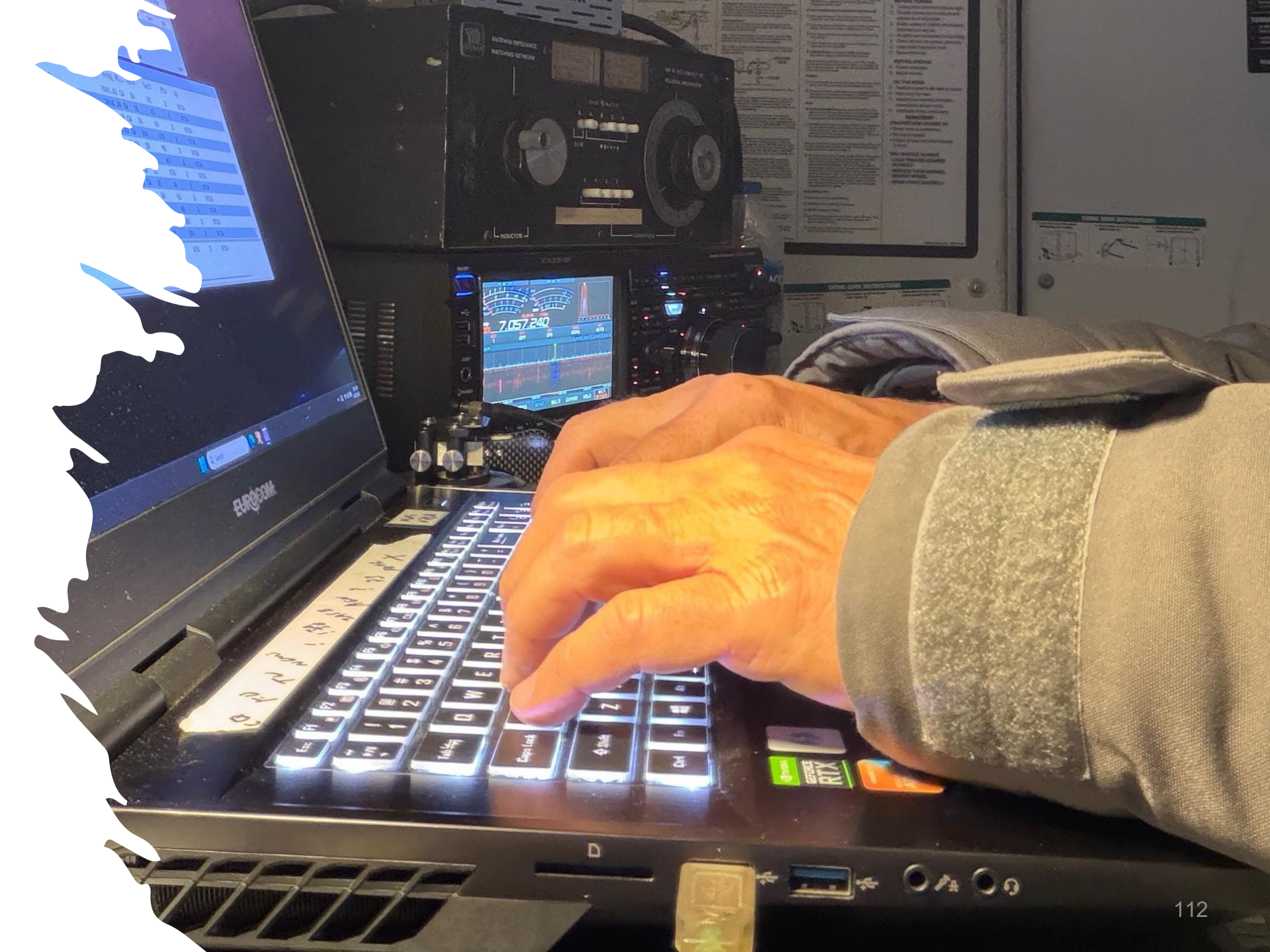

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BIRCH AQUARIUM
SAVE $15
21 MHz


A/C CIRCUIT
D/C CIRCUIT
MAST UP
MAST LIGHT DEFEAT
ENGINE HOURS
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INTERIOR LIGHTS
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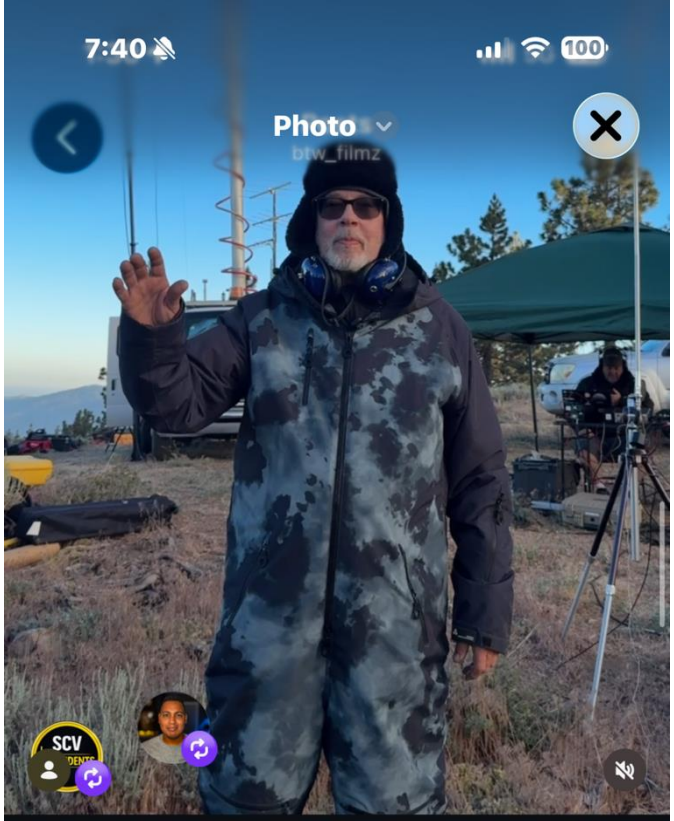
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btw_filmz Ham Radio Field Day brought amateur radio operators together to demonstrate how reliable communications can be established from almost anywhere, even when traditional systems fail. Throughout the event, operators set up portable stations, made real-world radio contacts across the country, and showcased equipment and techniques used during emergencies. Amateur radio plays a critical role during disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and other incidents when cell service and the internet may be unavailable, provi an independent communications network that can help keep communities connected.

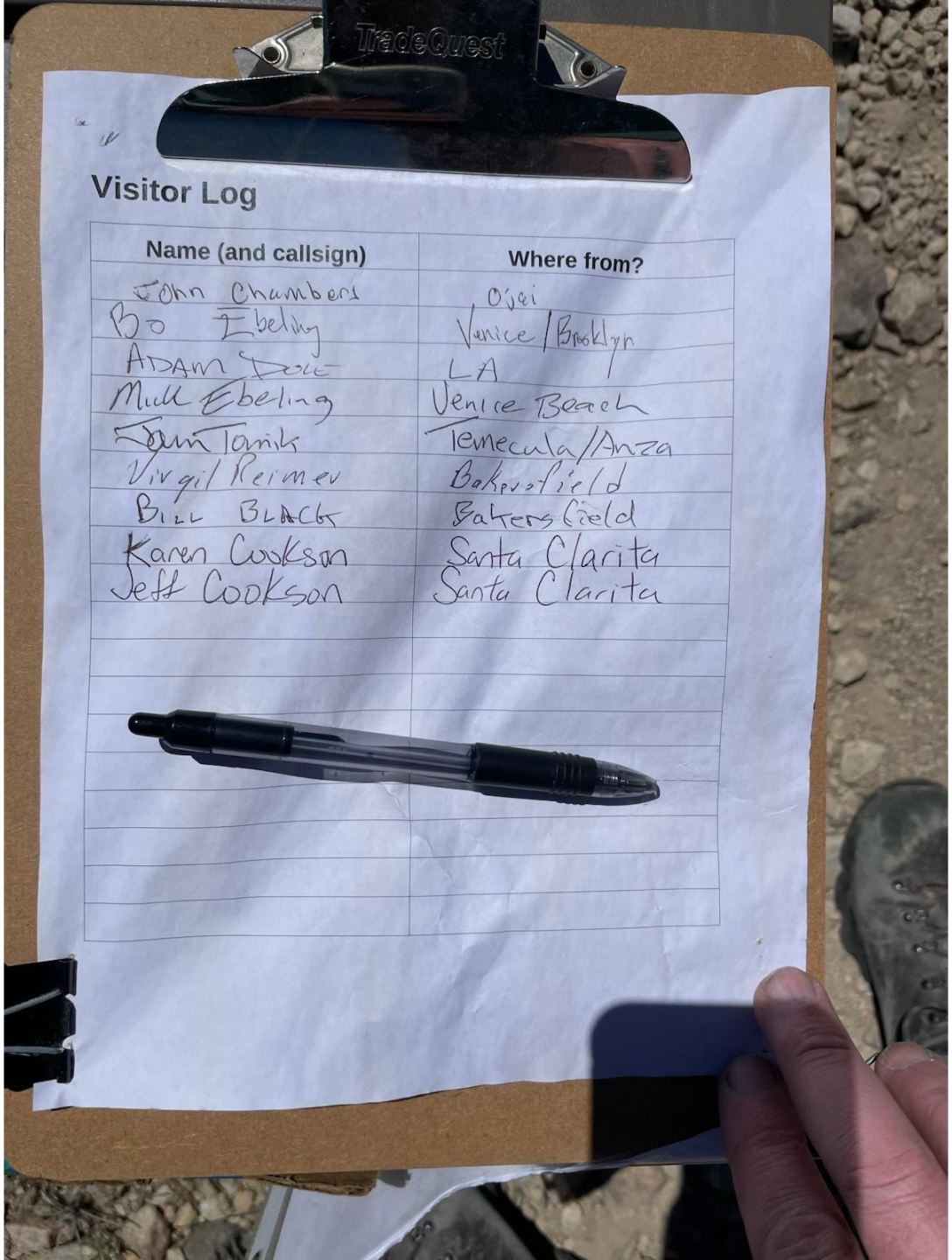
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Visitor Log
Name (and callsign)
Where from?
INFO


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TradeQuest
Visitor Log
Name (and callsign)
Where from?
John Chambers
Ojai
Bo Ebeling
Venice / Brooklyn
ADAM Doll
LA
Mull Ebeling
Venice Beach
Tom Tomik
Temecula / Anza
Virgil Reimer
Bakersfield
Bill Black
Bakersfield
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Santa Clarita
Jeff Cookson
Santa Clarita

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





Despite a weather system that brought heavy rain and flash flooding in the area, Terry Holman, AJ4A, of the Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, operated digitally during ARRL Field Day 2026. [Photo courtesy of Terry Holman, AJ4A]

Reading RC						
W3BN	321	2	32	1,096	EPA	
West Point CERT/Calaveras ARES						
W6WPT						
(+KI6UTW)	205	2	6	1,060	SJV	
Southwest Dallas Co. ARC						
W5WB	202	2	15	950	NTX	
Wolf River ARC						
KE9CJE	233	2	6	916	WI	
North Georgia VHF Soc.						
K4NGA	238	2	3	898	GA	
Fannin Co. ARC						
K5MJD	220	2	15	895	NTX	
Sierra ARC of the High Mojave						
WA6YBN	126	2	18	854	SJV	
Davenport RAC						
W0BXR	97	2	17	844	IA	
Merrymeeting ARA						
KS1R	21	2	12	792	ME	
Movimiento de Radioaficionados de Puerto Rico						
WP4MR	140	2	13	770	PR	
Wood Co. ARA						
WC5TX	166	2	12	732	NTX	
North Georgia ARC/Gateway ARC						
W4QQ	241	2	16	710	GA	
Mackenzie Regional RC						
VE6MRF	117	2	9	656	AB	
Nanticoke ARC						
W3TBG	78	2	10	596	DE	
Hawkins Hancock AR Team						
N2H	131	2	6	512	TN	
Spring Hill ARC						
K4S	66	2	14	482	NFL	
Moose Jaw ARC						
VE5MA	135	2	8	420	SK	
Old Times Ham RC						
KM4OT	75	2	4	350	NC	
Kilocycle Club of Ft. Worth						
W5SH						
(+KG5FPH)	35	2	3	220	NTX	

3A

Randallstown ARC						
N3IC (+K3MZ)	3,876	2	20	16,401	MDC	
North Fulton ARL						
K4JJ (+NF4GA)	3,671	2	118	14,120	GA	
North Shore (IL) RC						
K9SS (+K9RE)	3,180	2	110	13,809	IL	
Annapolis Valley ARC/Kings Co. ARC						
VE1LD						
(+VA1AVR)	2,607	2	47	12,183	NS	
Muscle Shoals ARC						
W4JNB						
(+AI4QC)	2,630	2	41	12,160	AL	
Providence Radio Assn.						
W1OP						
(+N1PRA)	3,284	2	40	11,109	RI	
Sun Parlour ARC						
VE3SPR	2,899	2	34	10,994	ONS	
Lynchburg ARC						
K4CQ						
(+W3CQ)	2,530	2	69	10,541	VA	
Ozaukee RC						
W9CQO						
(+AE9MY)	2,678	2	30	9,999	WI	
Prairie Dog ARC						
W0OJY						
(+W0EJ)	2,446	2	20	9,948	SD	
Fulton Co. (IL) ARC						
K9ILS (+NK9C)	2,191	2	22	9,649	IL	
Devanooga						
W3DEV						
(+AB3I)	1,832	2	5	9,565	TN	
Wireless Soc. of Southern Maine						
W1M						
(+KC1JMH)	2,320	2	40	9,565	ME	
Port City ARC						
K1R						
(+W1WQM)	2,638	2	25	9,422	NH	
ARES of Douglas and Elbert Co.						
N0KV						
(+N0IVN)	2,035	2	20	9,403	CO	
Tom's Garage ARC						
N6MI (+N7DA)	2,229	2	8	9,256	SB	
OH-KY-IN ARS						
K8SCH						
(+N3VQW)	2,108	2	30	8,663	OH	
Mountaineer ARA						
W8SP						
(+KD8FDD)	2,281	2	30	8,577	WV	
Johnson Co. RAC						
W0ERH						
(+W0AR)	2,790	2	75	8,567	KS	
Paducah ARA						
W4NJA						
(+KM4LDP)	2,076	2	22	8,410	KY	
North Shore Radio Assn.						
NS1RA	2,280	2	20	8,224	EMA	
Valley (VA) ARA/Massanutten ARA						
W4XD						
(+K4MRA)	1,648	2	45	8,044	VA	
Forx ARC						
N0GF	2,125	2	17	7,970	ND	
Old Barney ARC						
N2OB						
(+N2CW)	1,646	2	20	7,839	SNJ	
Oakland Co. ARS						
W8TNO						
(+W8KRS)	1,714	2	15	7,656	MI	
Williamsburg Area ARC						
K4RC						
(+AI4WU)	1,817	2	147	7,561	VA	
Virginia Beach ARC/Virginia DX Century Club						
W4UG	1,697	2	19	7,256	VA	
St. Louis ARC						
K0LIR	1,727	2	20	7,216	MO	
Tallahassee ARS						
K4TLH						
(+W9ARO)	1,679	2	40	7,212	NFL	
Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Assn.						
W1TU						
(+KB1NEB)	1,688	2	19	7,034	ME	
Central West Virginia Wireless Assn.						
K8DF						
(+WV8HC)	1,514	2	40	6,951	WV	
Dial Radio Club						
K8PI (+W8BLV)	1,312	2	19	6,949	OH	
Cedar Valley ARC/Collins ARC						
W0CXX						
(+W0GQ)	1,725	2	75	6,922	IA	
Columbus ARC						
W4CVY						
(+W4FIZ)	1,742	2	40	6,734	GA	
Utah Valley ARC						
K7UVA						
(+K7GSL)	1,556	2	39	6,643	UT	
Larkfield ARC						
W2LRC						
(+WA2PNU)	1,633	2	51	6,525	NLI	
Palos Verdes ARC						
K6PV	1,787	2	12	6,342	LAX	
Albemarle ARC						
W4DO						
(+WA4TFZ)	1,637	2	49	6,332	VA	
Barnstable ARC						
W1MA	1,478	2	25	6,278	EMA	
Ski Country ARC						
K0RV (+K3NI)	1,323	2	44	6,085	CO	
Surrey AR Comms.						
VE7SAR						
(+VE7HME)	1,174	2	24	6,012	BC	
Susquehanna Valley ARC						
W3VPJ						
(+N3IDR)	1,412	2	22	5,886	EPA	
Fayette Co. ARC						
W4JB						
(+KK4GQ)	1,180	2	30	5,785	GA	
Greater Rochester FD						
W2XRX						
(+WB2EOC)	1,065	2	39	5,777	WNY	
Sussex ARA						
W3LF	1,515	2	20	5,720	DE	
The 415 ARC						
N9WH						
(+W9GD)	1,112	2	15	5,559	IL	
Stanwood-Camano ARC						
W7PIG						
(+KJ7FGG)	1,133	2	31	5,556	WWA	
Alamance ARC						
K4EG						
(+W4VGZ)	1,026	2	13	5,458	NC	
Lake Area (TX) AR Klub						
K5LRK	1,206	2	35	5,380	NTX	
Holland ARC						
K8DAA	1,234	2	52	5,314	MI	
Lincoln ARC						
K0KKV						
(+N0PD)	1,153	2	53	5,277	NE	
San Mateo RC						
W6UQ						
(+AJ6VY)	1,135	2	30	5,244	SCV	
Cuyahoga Falls ARC						
W8VPV	1,459	2	17	5,184	OH	
Garden State ARA						
W2GSA						
(+W2FLK)	951	2	35	5,096	NNJ	
Mining ARC/St. Paul (MN) RC						
W0MR						
(+K0AGF)	1,078	2	65	5,003	MN	
Antietam Radio Assn.						
W3CWC	950	2	8	4,972	MDC	
Monkey Lovers Radio Consortium						
K6MMM						
(+N6OTA)	964	2	71	4,879	SCV	
Tennessee Valley DX Assn.						
N4LT	1,209	2	20	4,704	TN	
Morris RC/Hanover Township OEM						
W2YD	836	2	27	4,538	NNJ	
Martin Co. ARA/Martin Co. ARES/RACES						
K4ZK						
(+WX4MC)	1,035	2	19	4,530	SFL	
Frankford RC						
W8V	1,285	2	4	4,436	WV	
Dallas ARC						
W5FC	747	2	47	4,332	NTX	
Palo Alto ARA						
W6ARA						
(+W6OTA)	1,502	1	94	4,319	SCV	
Vienna Wireless Soc.						
K4XY						
(+K4HTA)	795	2	69	4,304	VA	
Eastern Michigan ARC						
K8EPV	866	2	31	4,300	MI	
Loudoun ARG						
K4LRG						
(+WA4KBM)	981	2	23	4,243	VA	
721st Mechanized Contest Battalion						
WC2FD	1,071	2	23	4,230	NNJ	
Arrowhead RAC						
W0GKP	1,002	2	35	4,152	MN	
Madison Co. (OH) ARC						
KE8RV	797	2	40	4,054	OH	
Hughes ARC						
W6HA						
(+KO6NHW)	799	2	26	4,048	LAX	
Tamiami ARC						
W4AC						
(+W2XYZ)	1,503	1	23	4,038	WCF	
Cherryland ARC						
W8TCM						
(+WX1J)	741	2	24	4,035	MI	
Coshocton Co. ARA						
W8CCA	699	2	18	3,984	OH	
Delaware Valley Radio Assn.						
W2ZQ	930	2	25	3,976	SNJ	
Milwaukee School of Engineering ARC						
W9HHX						
(+N9SOE)	667	2	24	3,959	WI	
Santa Fe Trail ARC						
KS0KS						
(+W9BSP)	685	2	31	3,954	KS	
Barrie ARC						
VE3GCB						
(+VE3WEX)	743	2	19	3,888	ONS	
Blossomland ARA						
W8MAI						
(+W8KIT)	538	2	32	3,885	MI	
Shelby Co. (AL) ARC						
W4SHL						
(+NR4J)	718	2	31	3,862	AL	
Utah ARC						
W7SP						
(+N7MFQ)	1,207	2	38	3,818	UT	
Ole Virginia Hams ARC						
W4OVH	595	2	20	3,804	VA	
Schuylkill Amateur Repeater Assn.						
W3SC	777	2	13	3,754	EPA	
Coquitlam ARC						
VE7SCC						
(+VA7CQT)	746	2	35	3,746	BC	
York Region ARC						
VE3YRA						
(+VE3YRK)	621	2	46	3,698	GH	
Suffolk Co. RC						
W2DQ						
(+W2TFJ)	866	2	25	3,679	NLI	
Lehigh Valley ARC						
W3OI	729	2	15	3,630	EPA	
Gold Coast ARA						
N4FL						
(+W4BUG)	630	2	71	3,621	SFL	
Cochise ARA						
K7RDG						
(+W7WIL)	594	2	29	3,599	AZ	
Michiana ARC						
W9AB	933	2	17	3,592	IN	
Puerto Rico AR Team						
KP3LH						
(+KP4FD)	792	2	8	3,558	PR	
Massillon ARC						
W8NP	750	2	66	3,550	OH	
Saratoga Co. ARA						
K2DLL						
(+KG2H)	692	2	20	3,542	ENY	
Utica ARC						
K2IQ	739	2	16	3,526	WNY	
Putnam Em. Amateur Repeater League						
K2PUT						
(+K2PC)	549	2	30	3,525	ENY	
Ft. Smith Area ARC						
W5ANR	903	2	7	3,492	AR	
Wireless Assn. of South Hills						
W3T	751	2	15	3,442	WPA	
Nixa ARC						
K0A (+K0NXA)	777	2	30	3,417	MO	
Henry Co. ARC						
W9OB						
(+K9UOK)	631	2	12	3,414	IN	
Heritage Hunt Hams						
WA4HH	741	2	15	3,396	VA	
QSY Soc.						
K2QS						
(+KD2VQP)	779	2	49	3,396	ENY	
Mt. Beacon ARC						
WR2ABB	891	2	5	3,376	ENY	
Orange Co. (IN) ARC						
KB9OHY	627	2	12	3,348	IN	
Baton Rouge ARC						
W5GIX						
(+K5LSU)	672	2	41	3,319	LA	
South Point ARC						
WH6FC	785	2	17	3,294	PAC	

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