K9CT Contest Station 2014 Dayton Hamvention Antenna Forum

Plan Execute Zoning/legal Technical Selection of Material Time schedule Assembly Testing Documentation **Issues/Corrections** Discoveries

Goal

Results

Things I learned...why do this?

- Tired of neighbors complaining
- Noise from close consumer electronics
- Wanted to be more effective in contests
- A new challenge
- Learning new things
- Getting harder to do 48 hour contests
- K9NW...'your rate will improve when you are louder"
- W9RE.."your antenna improvement should make a significant difference"

Project Goals

Winning Regional Station

- State of Art SO2R, M/S and M/2 Station
- 1.8 through 1296 mHz
- CW, SSB, RTTY and EME operation
- Shack setup for 48 hour team operation
- Opportunity to train future contesters
- At least 3 db better than home station
- Competitive DXing station on every bandFUN!!

Assessment of competition Who wins the contests?

ARRL SS, NAQP - domestic contest...we are in the middle of these contests. Winners are very good at SO2R operation and have multiple antennas switched in several key directions - E, SE, S and W (WB9Z, N9CK, W9RE, K9BGL)

CQ WW, WPX and ARRL DX - DX contest requiring high gain antennas with low angle takeoff. (K9NS, WB9Z, K9UWA, N0NI, W0AIH)

ARRL 160 - requires gain antenna and good rx antennas (K9DX, K9AY, WB9Z, W9RE, K9UWA, N0NI, W0AIH)

Assessment of competition continued

Who wins the contests?

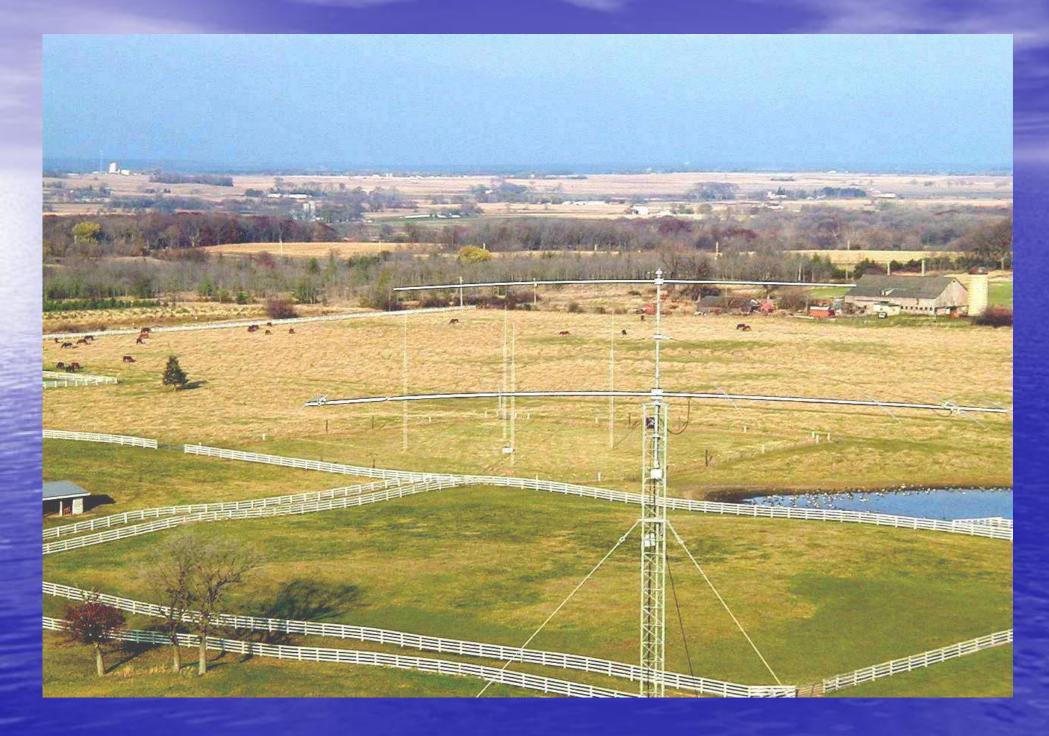
ARRL 10 - Multiple high gain yagis in multiple directions

VHF Contests – Multiple high gain yagis in multiple directions and vertically polarized for some FM contacts (K2DRH, K9NS, WB9Z)

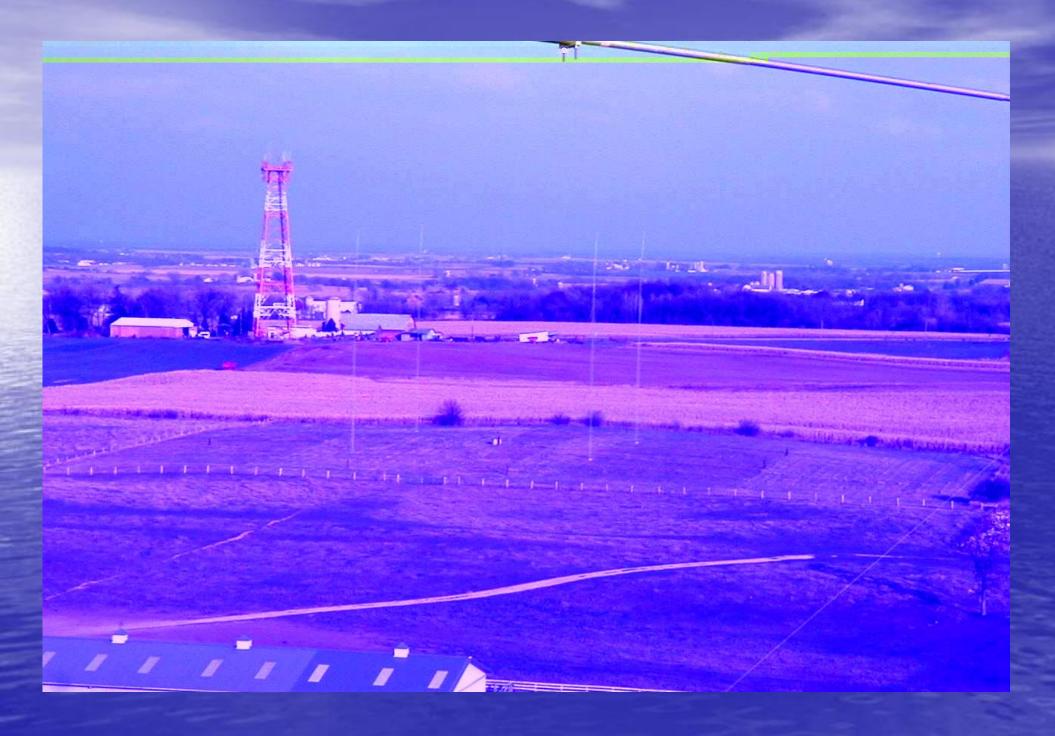
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W0AIH, Fall Creek, WI



K2DRH, Albany, IL



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Common denominator?

Each has multiple towers

Each has many choices of antennas

Antennas have gain and directivity

They are very competitive

Why have many antennas?

Different arrival angles vary by distance

Angles change during sunspot cycle

Angles change during the day

Reduce interference from sides and rear

Layout considerations

Reduce inter-station interference Dipoles for 160 and 80 Space for receiving antennas Minimize attenuation of signals between antenna and shack Antenna choice per band Multiplier station able to be close to run station

Property

Flat Rectangle • N/S • 10 to 20 acres • Away from residential areas Zoning

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Second Edition

FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR

CD included

Fred Hopengarten, Esq., K1VR

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For your convenience, I am providing a separate copy to the State's Attorney, should you wish to consult with that office. I realize that this material is somewhat more building permit, but it appears that there is some misinformation and confusion in the community, and we felt it appropriate to address all concerns. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you, or the State's Attorney, may have with respect to this application.

- A Needs Analysis that supports the application and supplement.

An application for a building permit for Mr. Thompson's personal, non-commercial, amateur radio antenna system.
 A supplement to the application that I hope addresses any questions you might have.
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l write to you on behalf of my client, K9CT, LLC and its manager, Craig A. Thompson. Accompanying this letter you will find:

Peoria County Planning and Zoning Ann: Mart Wahl, Director Peoria County Courthfouse, Room 301 324 Main Street Peoria, IL 61602-1313 T: 309/672-6915 F: 309/672-6075

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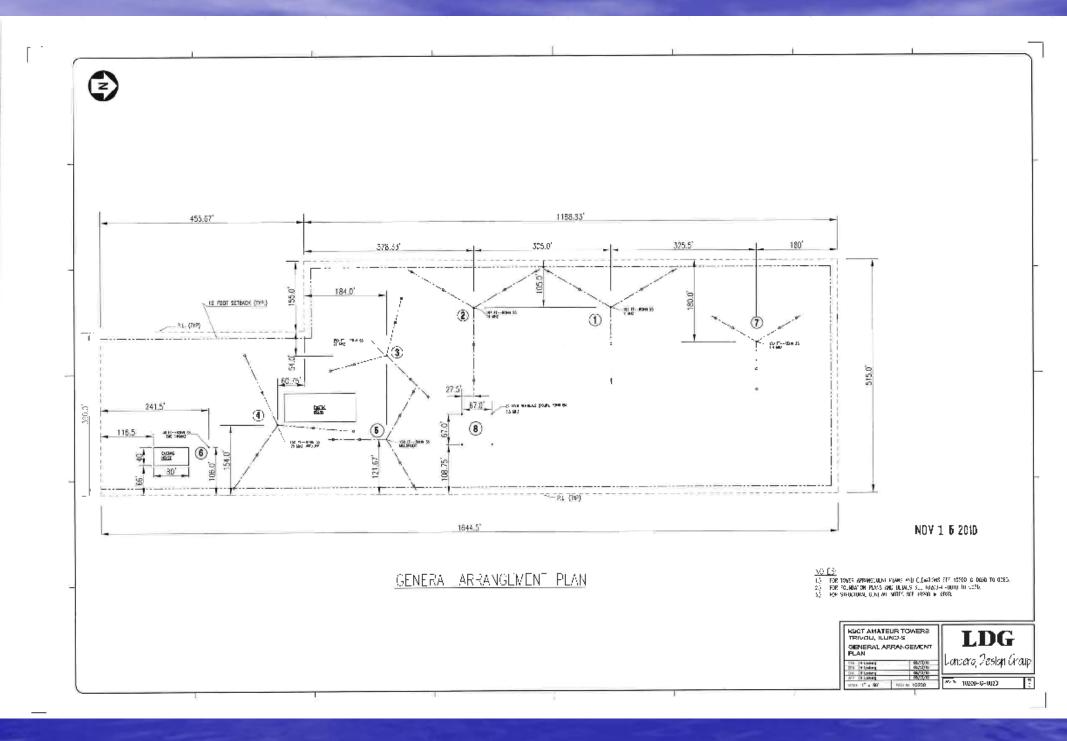












Tools used in selecting antennas and towers:

- EZNEC The is an antenna design software that can simulate antenna patterns.
- HFTA High Frequency Terrain Analysis is used to show the effect of local geography on the antenna pattern.

 VOAAREA and VOACAP - is a simulation software that shows the reliability of a path to any DX location using the selected antennas.

Antennas

- 160m 5 el vertical array
- 160m dipole
- 160m 8 circle rx array
- 80m 4 Square/Comtek controller
- 80m dipole
- 80m 8 circle rx array
- 80m 3 el yagi on 60' boom
- 40m two stack of 4 el OWA on 48' boom
- 20m three stack of 6 el OWA on 48' boom
- 15m three stack of 7 el OWA on 48' boom
- 10m three stack of 8 el OWA on 48' boom
- 40-6m 2 X SteppIR DB-42 yagi

Electrical design by WA3FET: Jim Breakal WA3FET is one of the world's top Yagi antenna design experts. Jim engineered this Yagi's esoteric electrical performance specifically for the battleground conditions of international DX contesting and expedition pile-up busting honor-roll DXing. WA3FET's OWA design provides sustained optimal performance across the entire monoband...high forward gain, high front to back, and low VSWR, with all being nearly flat across the band. When you need to hear weak signal DX in the noise floor this Yagi's exceptionally clean pattern with focus on your target while discriminating against QRM/QRN coming from undesired azimuths.

Mechanical design by K3LR: Tim Duffy K3LR engineers, operates and constantly improves his winning DX contest superstation in WPA. There are no compromises at K3LR...Tim uses only the best! Working with WA3FET, Tim has mechanically designed and built the best OWA yagi available. K3LR uses OWA Yagis to compete in contests and in DX pileups. K3LR's performance in the battleground of international DX contesting proves over and over again that Ultimate OWA yagis are the best of the best: There is nothing better!

- All aluminum boom and elements with all stainless hardware
- □ Boom is 48 ft

- □ Two boom pieces are 24 ft long
- □ Boom center splice designed for optimum strength
- Supplied boom truss is Phillystran
- Direct 50 ohm feed via buyer provided 1:1 W0IYH current (bead) balun

VSWR better than 1.4 to 1 across the ENTIRE SSB, CW, RTTY, and DIGITAL passbands:

□ VSWR is less than 1.4:1 from 28.000 to 29.000 MHz including the SSB, CW, RTTY, and DIGITAL passbands.

Pattern and gain are the BEST available on the market: For a single 10M8OWA-48 mounted 1wl above ground forward gain is greater than 16dB across the entire 10m band, F/B is greater than 25 dB across the entire 10m band, clean pattern expertly and painstakingly optimized by WA3FET and used by K3LR. For a stack of 10M8OWA-483 stacking distance is optimized at 36ft between Yagis, forward gain is greater than 19.0dB across the entire 10m band, F/B is greater than 21.7dB across the entire 10m band.

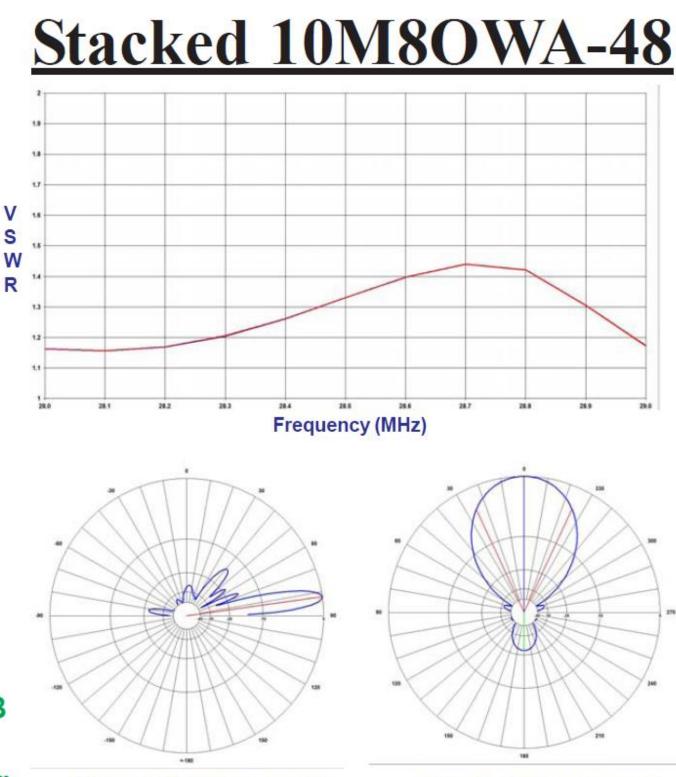
Vital statistics 10M8OWA-48-UHD:



Stacked 10M8OWA-48 at 73ft and 37ft Above Real Ground

28.000 MHz

Forward Gain 19.02 dB Front/Back 21.79 dB 3dB Beamwidth 50 Deg



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Azimuth 73/37 shove ground

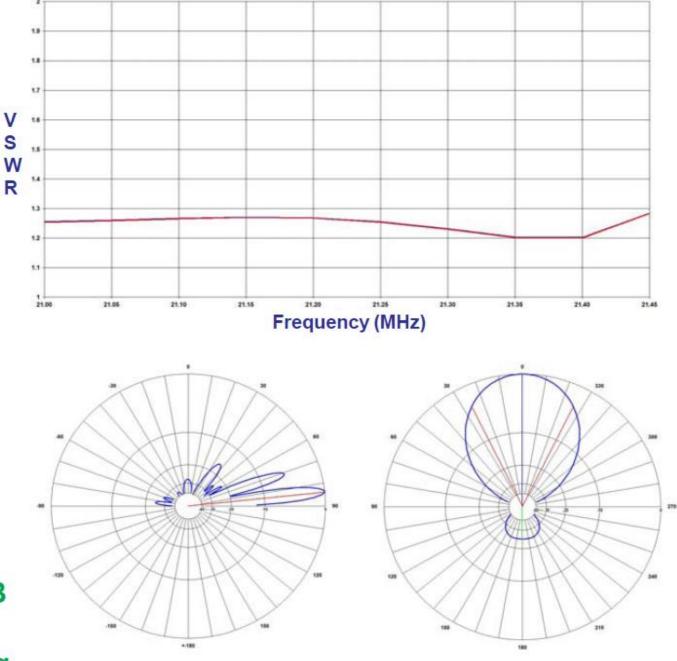


Stacked 15M7OWA-48 at 120ft and 80ft Above Real Ground

21.000 MHz

Forward Gain 18.93 dB Front/Back 24.51 dB 3dB Beamwidth 52 Deg

Stacked 15M7OWA-48



Elevation 120/80 above ground

Azimuth 120/80 above ground



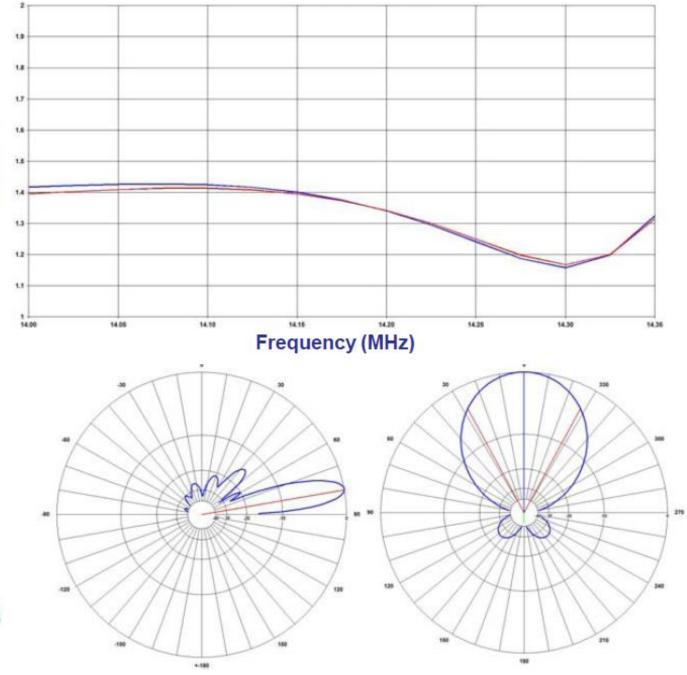
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Stacked 20M6OWA-48 at 110ft and 50ft Above Real Ground

14.000 MHz

Forward Gain 17.25 dB Front/Back 45.26 dB 3dB Beamwidth 56 Deg

Stacked 20M6OWA-48



Elevation 110/50 above ground

Azimuth 110/50 above ground

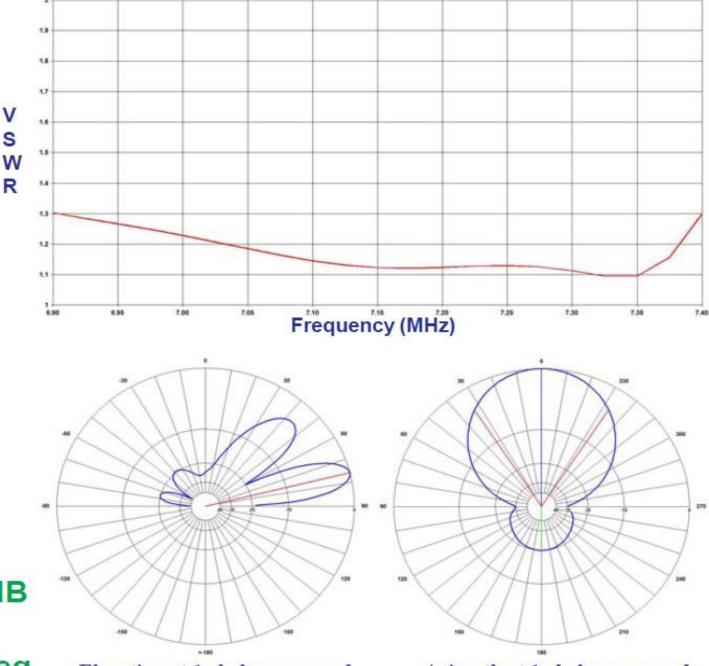


40M4OWA-48 at One (1) Wavelength Above Real Ground

7.000 MHz

Forward Gain 13.13 dB Front/Back 19.83 dB 3dB Beamwidth 66 Deg

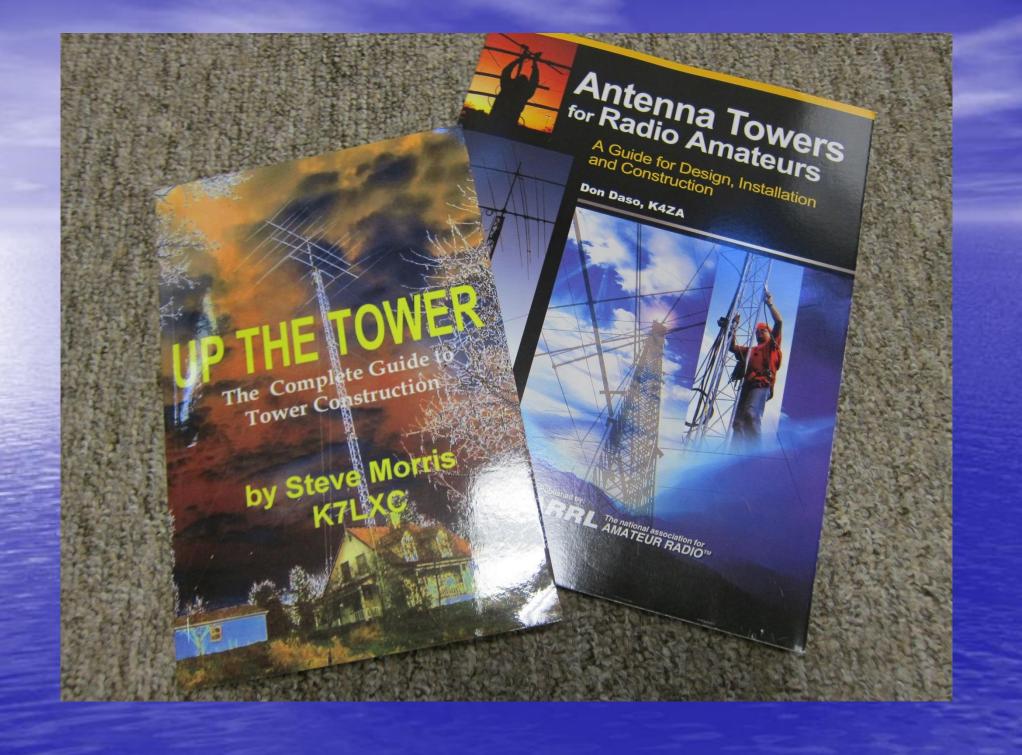
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Elevation at 1wl above ground

Azimuth at 1wl above ground

Performance for Ham Bands	DB42 Forward Dir Gain DBi	DB42 Forward Dir Front to Rear, DB	DB42 Reverse Dir Gain DBi	DB42 Reverse Dir Front to Rear, DB
80M (option)	1.7	n/a	1.7	NA
40M	8.0	25.5	8.0	23.2
30M	9.0	12.4	9.0	12.3
20M	10.1	22.0	10.0	23.2
17M	10.8	22.2	10.7	21.9
15M	11.0	25.7	10.6	20.0
12M	11.9	24.1	10.4	8.9
10M	12.2	20.0	10.5	11.7
6M – 4 elements	5.0	2	5	2.0
6M – with optional passive element 50.0 – 53.3 MHz	14.0	25	NA	NA



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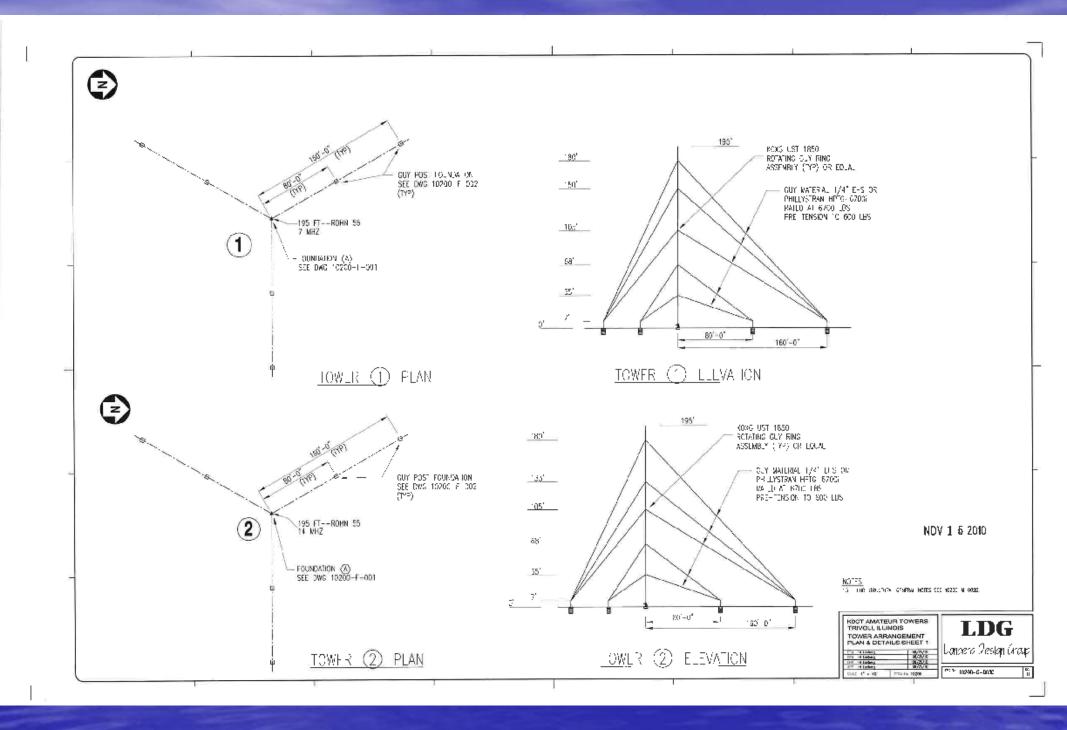
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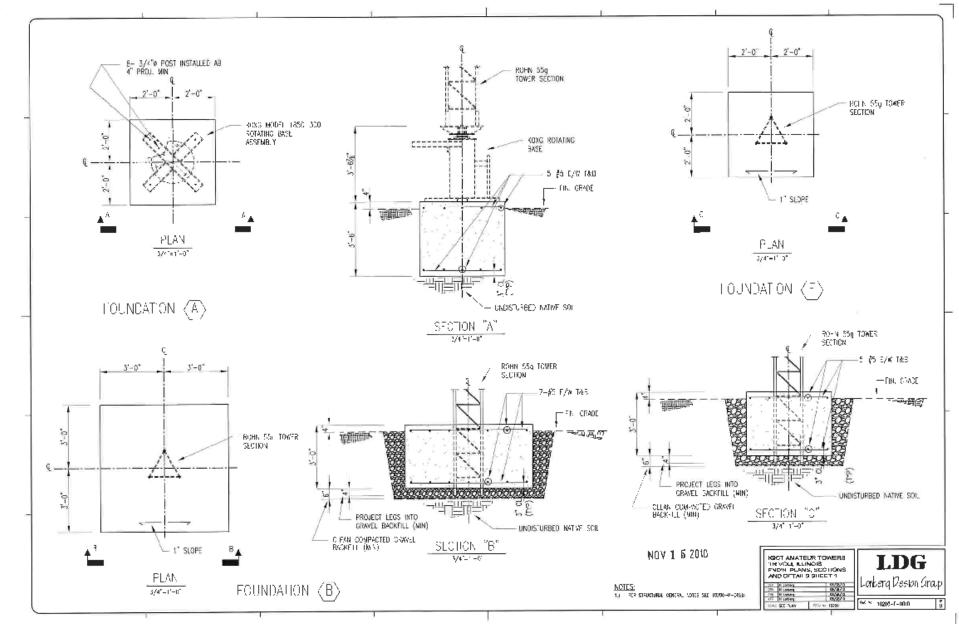
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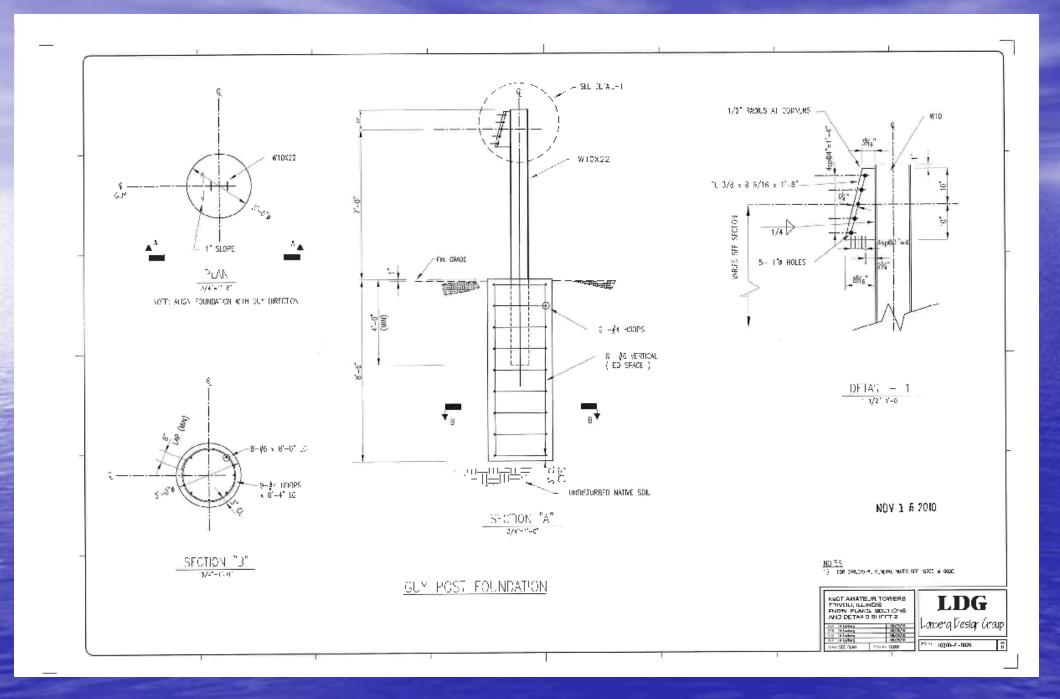








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Equipment list

 Gathered input from John, W2GD and Don, K4ZA

K9CT Bill of Materials – Tower Construction- Rev2 (Based on KR7X Preliminary Plans/Drawings Sept, 2010) Rohn Material Summary 55G for Hill Order

Quantity	Rohn Part	Description	Comments
86	55G	Straight Sections	
2	SB55G	Short 5' Base Section	
6	BPL55G	Bearing Plate	All six s/b 2 inch openings
4	GA55GD	Guy Brackets	
3 or 0	AS455G	Accessory Shelf	Array Solutions Alternative Design is better and recommended. For Mult tower (2) and EME (1)

Rohn Material Summary 25G for Hill Order

	Quantity	Rohn Part	Description	Comments
	2,900 ft	EHS cable	¼ inch EHS cable	Six 500' rolls - Hill item
	1	25AG2	2 in. cone top section	
	12	25G	Straight Sections	
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11111	1	BPC25G	Base Plate	
19.12	4	GA25GD	Guy Brackets	
	0	AS25G	Accessory / Rotator Shelf	For aluminum stinger attachment – PURCHASE THIS ITEM FROM Array Solutions, Rohn shelf will not work

Bulk Tower Material Summary

Quantity	Mfr / Model	Description	Comments
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?	Rohn TB3	2 inch thrust bearing	3 in = TB4 - Amts TBD
252	PLP	¼ inch Preforms EHS	Buy by the box direct from PLP.
150	PLP DER- 2169	3/8 Glas-Grips	Buy by the box direct from PLP for 3/8 Polygon Rod
9,700 ft	Polygon	3/8 in. guy rod	5000' min order? Color? Order 10,000 feet.
252	3/8 in. thimble	For ¼ EHS ends	Rohn, others, see http://www.uscargocontrol.com/Search?se arch=thimble&x=25&y=8 Part #: HDTGV3/8 \$.62/each
150	½ in. thimble	For 3/8 Polygon ends	Rohn, others, see above URL Part #: HDTGV1/2 \$1.42/each
150	3/8 in. anchor shackle	Screw pin type	Rohn, others see http://www.uscargocontrol.com/Rigging- Supplies-Hardware/Screw-Pin-Anchor- Shackles-Galvanized \$1.39 each Part #: SPAS3/8
150	½ in. anchor shackle	Screw Pin type	Rohn, others, see above URL \$2.35 each Part #: SPAS1/2
75	turnbuckle	½ in x 12 in Eye/Eye	Rohn, others see <u>http://www.uscargocontrol.com/Rigging-</u> <u>Supplies-Hardware/Eye-Eye-Galvanized-</u> <u>Turnbuckles/Galvanized-Turnbuckle-Eye-</u> <u>Eye-1-2-x-12</u> \$8.60 each Part #: EETBGV1/2X12

Tools

Ladders
Ropes
Lug All
Klein Grip
Drift pins
Crane!

Team

 Dave Arrenholz Contractor John Crovelli, W2GD Don Daso, K4ZA P&K Antenna, Dixon, Brian and Matt N7MB, WB9UWA, N9DOA H3 Fabricating Rebar material and assembly

Time and Construction

Site prep - year Plan – several months Permit – one year Material acquisition – 6 - 12 months Weather delays Construction Testing Repairs



















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2147' – 1 ¼" Heliax

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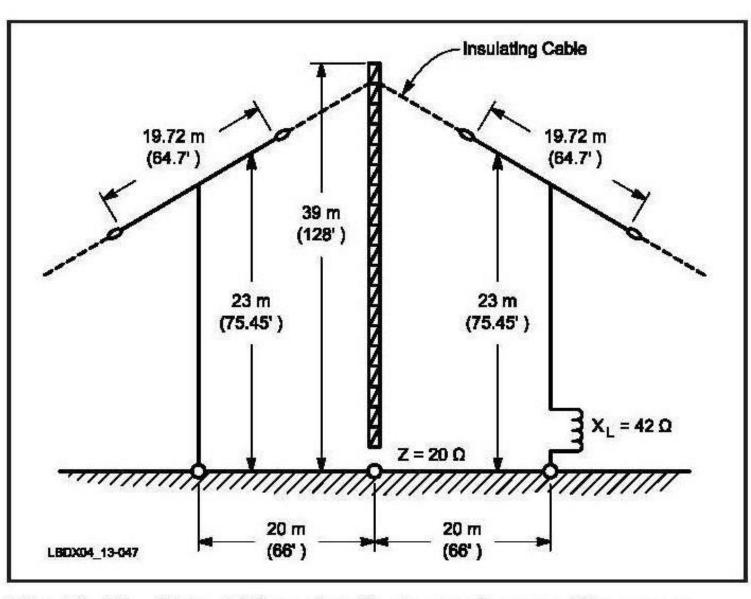


Fig 13-47—This 160-meter 3-element parasitic array produces 4.8 dB gain over a single vertical, and better than 25 dB F/B over 30 kHz of the band. With such an array there is no need for Beverage receiving antennas! The drawing shows only two of the four parasitic elements. The two other elements are left floating.























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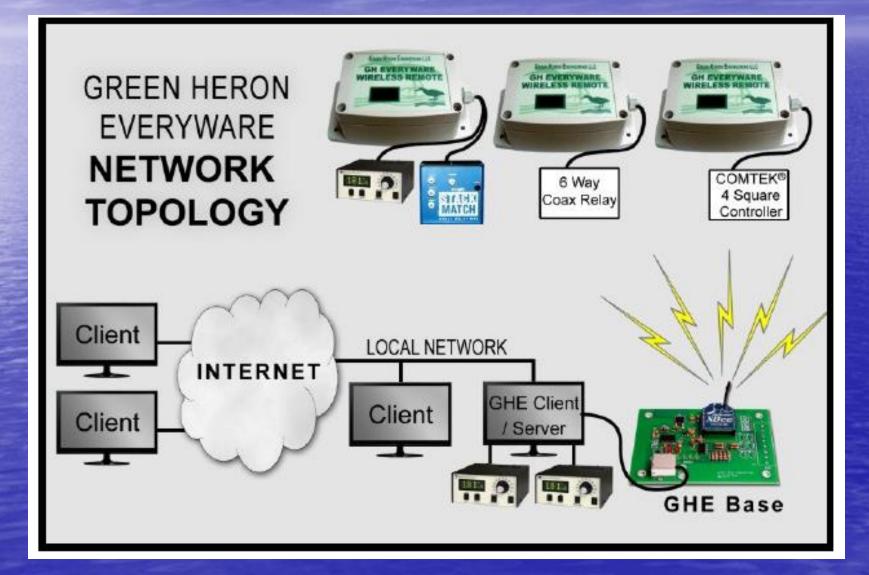


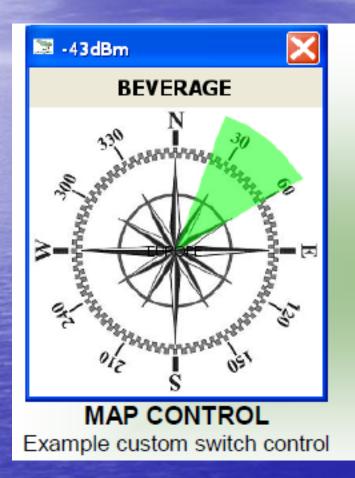




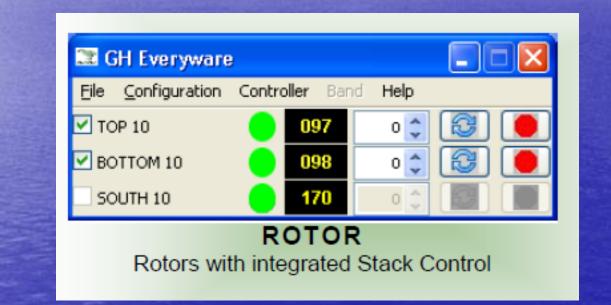


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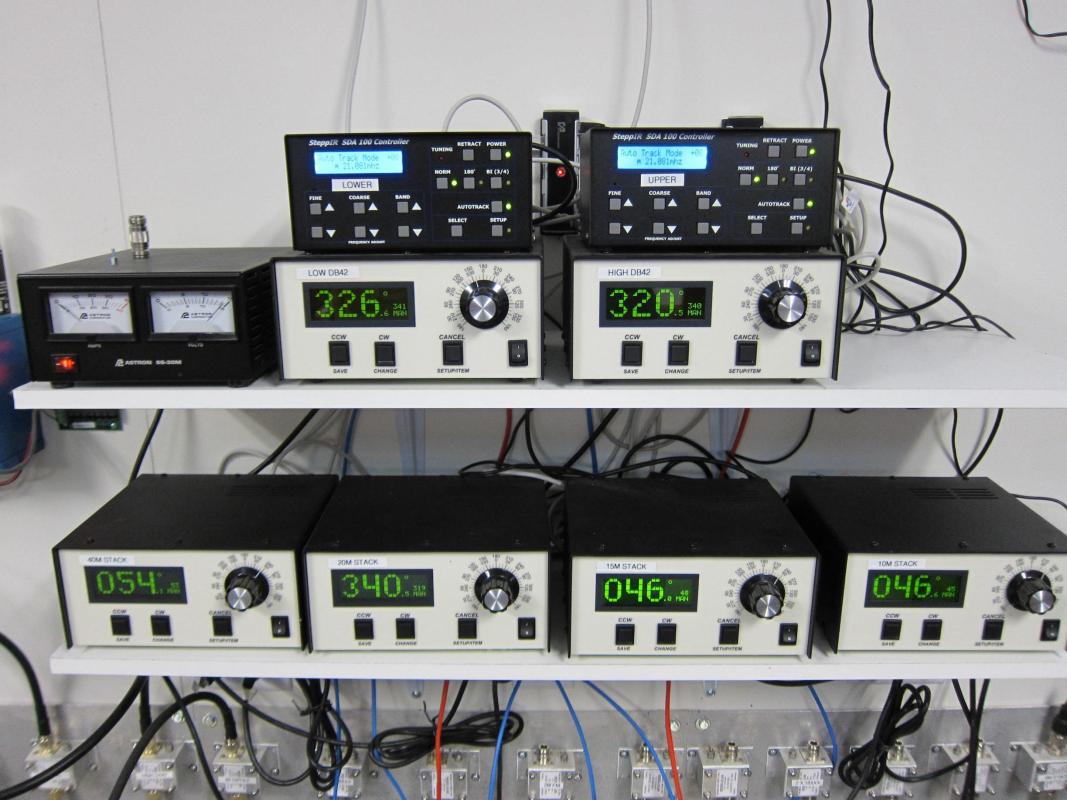


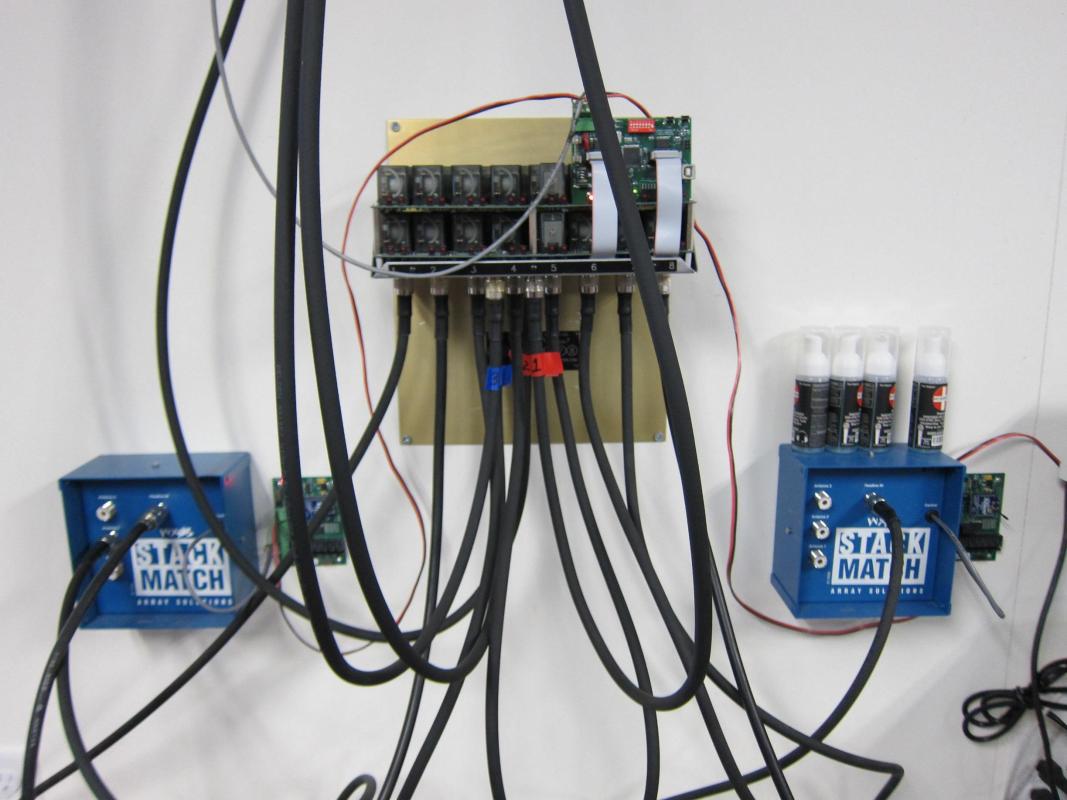


















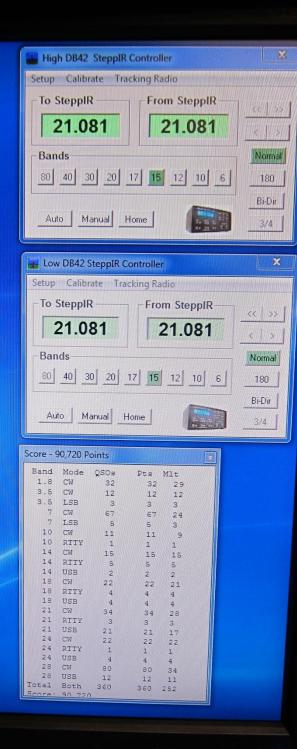
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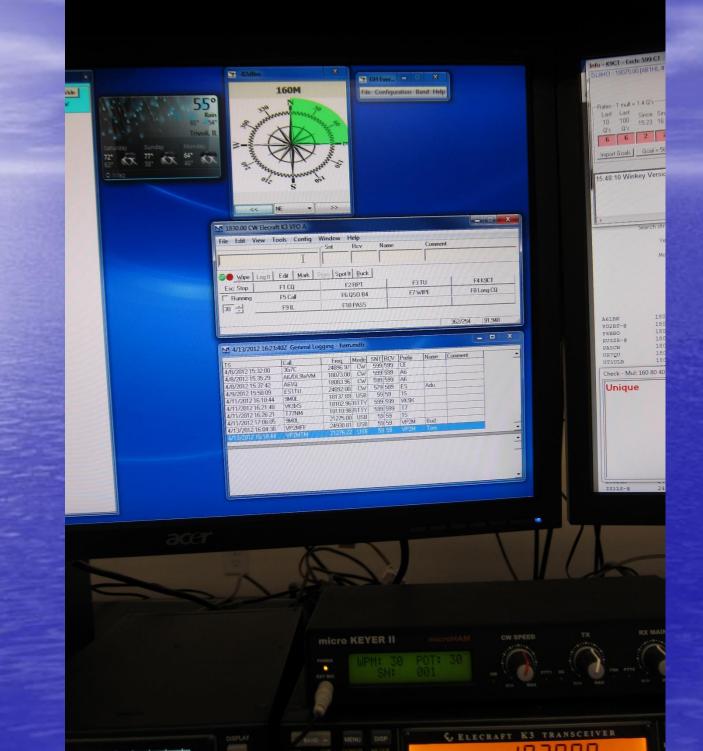
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Stack Noise Rain/Snow DB42 Stack Stack vs other antennas DX vs Domestic Maintenance

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Thanks and 73 de K9CT