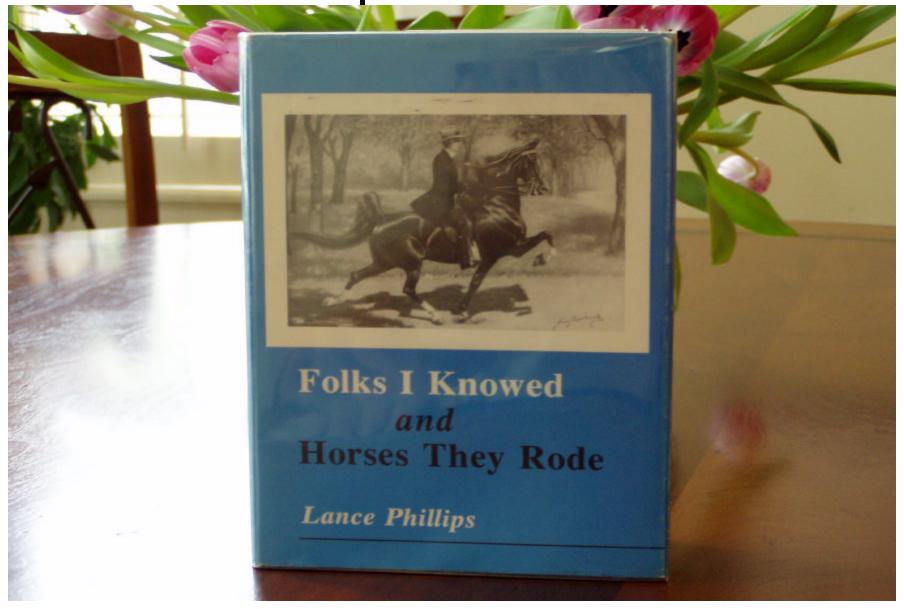
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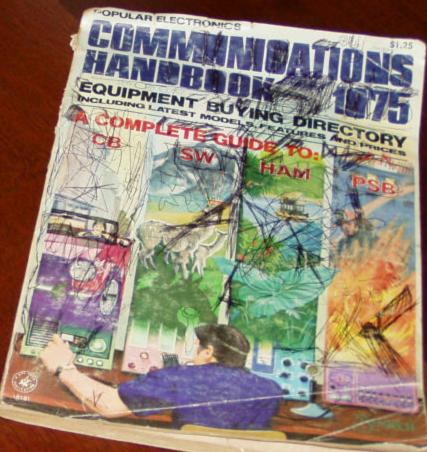
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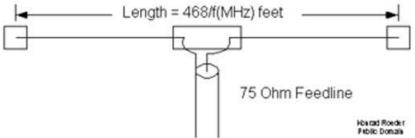






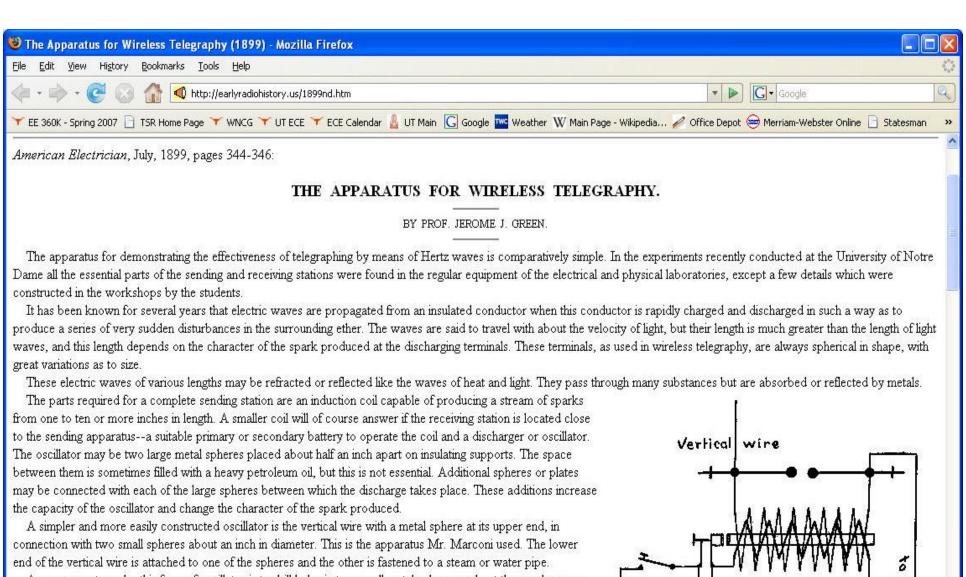






Heinrech Hertz 1887





An easy way to make this form of oscillator is to drill holes in two small metal spheres and put these spheres on the adjustable points, with which all induction coils are supplied, at the terminals of the secondary windings.

The vertical wire should be attached to one of the terminals of the secondary coil, and the ground wire to the other. (See Fig. 1). Then adjust the distance between the spheres, and the tension on the vibrating interrupter spring until a stream of thick, white, noisy sparks is produced when the primary switch is closed.

For the receiving station there is needed a coherer with a decohering tapper, a sensitive relay, and a sounder or a Morse recorder.

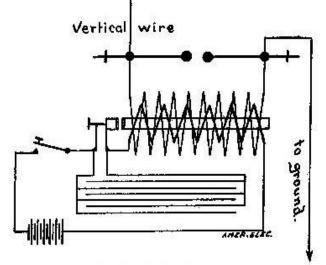
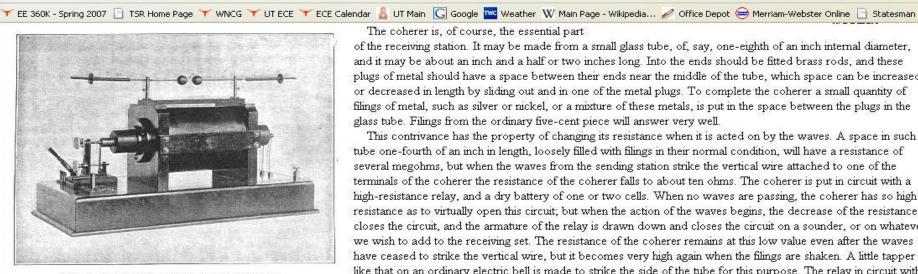


FIG. 1.- CIRCUITS OF TRANSMITTER.

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FIG. 2.- A HERTZ WAVE TRANSMITTER.

tube with a lead pencil or by other mechanical means.

From the diagram, Fig. 3, it will be seen that the minute oscillating current produced in the vertical wire set up by the passing of the waves has the choice of two paths to earth, through the coherer, C, or through the relay, R. To prevent its passing to the relay and leaking across through the metal, well insulated choking coils A & A are placed in the circuit with the relay. The rubber-covered spools of a four-ohm telegraph sounder will do for these coils. The small current is then forced to go through the filings to ground, and this causes them to cohere as long as it is passing, even though they are shaken. It is well to put some non-inductive resistance (such as the lamp shown in the diagram) across the points of the vibrating tapper and the tongue of the relay to prevent a spark there. It is especially important that the spark be prevented at the tapper, as it is so close to the filings that if considerable sparking occurred here it would set up waves which would cause the filings to cohere to some extent and prevent the decohering action of the tapper. The great difficulty in the first experiments at Notre Dame was to make the filings decohere quickly. If this action is not prompt it is impossible to make dots and dashes so that they can be distinguished.



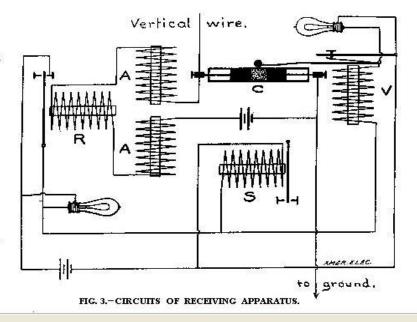
Fig. 4 shows the coherer tube mounted on hard rubber supports on the top of the metal cover of an ordinary buzzer. An extension from the armature of the buzzer reaches through the cover and strikes the tube.

We employed in all our experiments an eight-inch induction coil of American make. with a heavy Anne wheating circuit hreaker

The coherer is, of course, the essential part

of the receiving station. It may be made from a small glass tube, of, say, one-eighth of an inch internal diameter, and it may be about an inch and a half or two inches long. Into the ends should be fitted brass rods, and these plugs of metal should have a space between their ends near the middle of the tube, which space can be increased or decreased in length by sliding out and in one of the metal plugs. To complete the coherer a small quantity of filings of metal, such as silver or nickel, or a mixture of these metals, is put in the space between the plugs in the glass tube. Filings from the ordinary five-cent piece will answer very well.

This contrivance has the property of changing its resistance when it is acted on by the waves. A space in such a tube one-fourth of an inch in length, loosely filled with filings in their normal condition, will have a resistance of several megohms, but when the waves from the sending station strike the vertical wire attached to one of the terminals of the coherer the resistance of the coherer falls to about ten ohms. The coherer is put in circuit with a high-resistance relay, and a dry battery of one or two cells. When no waves are passing, the coherer has so high a resistance as to virtually open this circuit, but when the action of the waves begins, the decrease of the resistance closes the circuit, and the armature of the relay is drawn down and closes the circuit on a sounder, or on whatever we wish to add to the receiving set. The resistance of the coherer remains at this low value even after the waves have ceased to strike the vertical wire, but it becomes very high again when the filings are shaken. A little tapper like that on an ordinary electric bell is made to strike the side of the tube for this purpose. The relay in circuit with the coherer may close a circuit to operate such a decohering tapper or the filings may be shaken by tapping the



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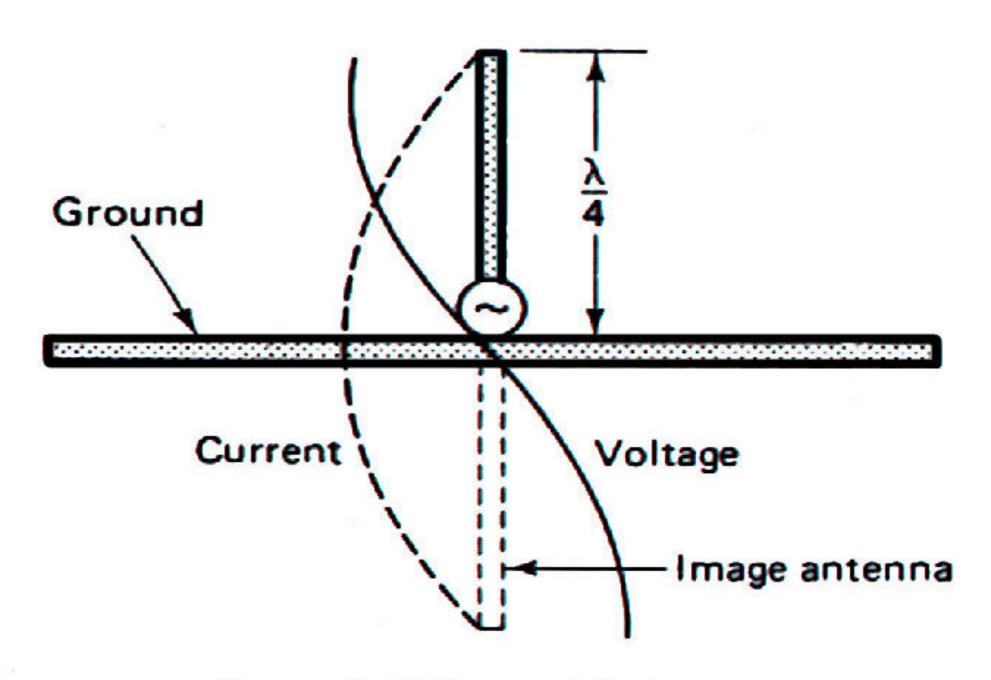


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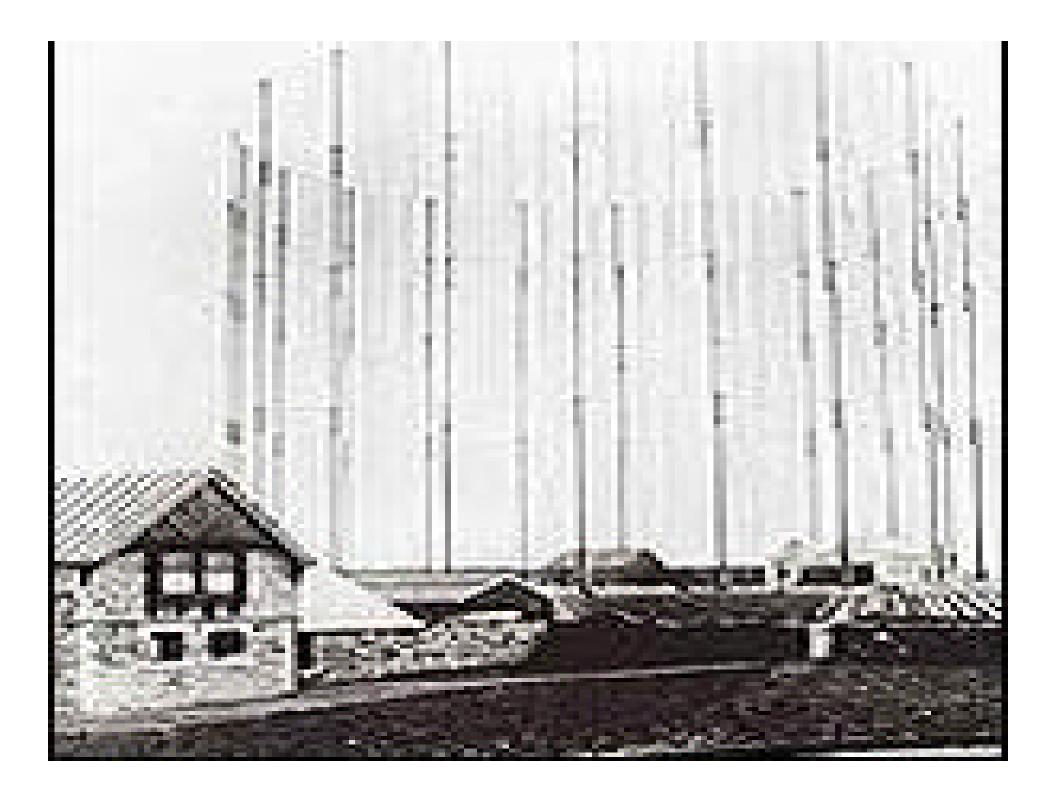
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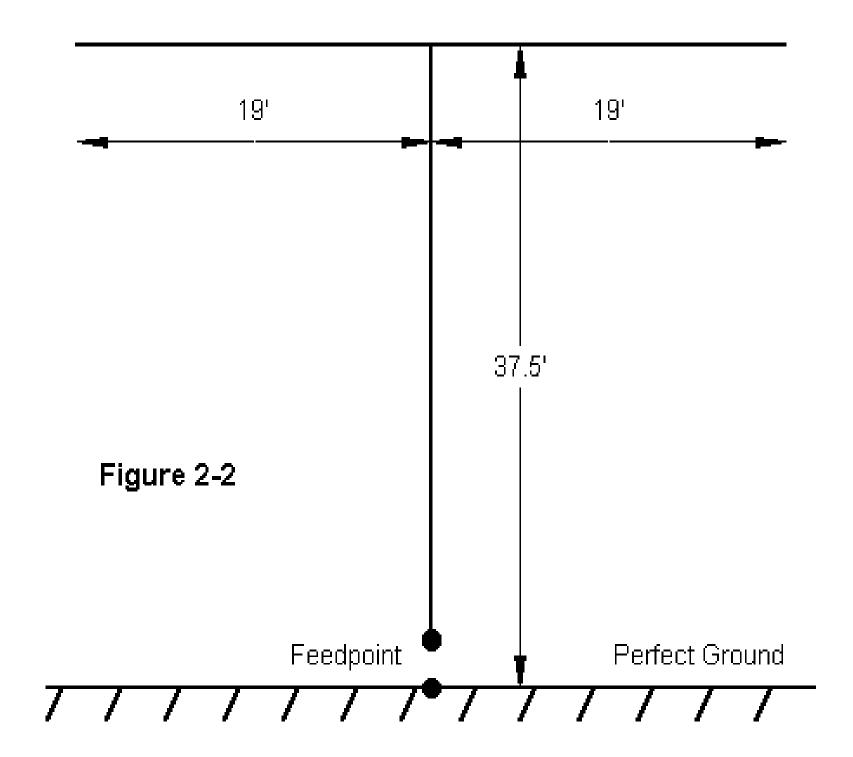
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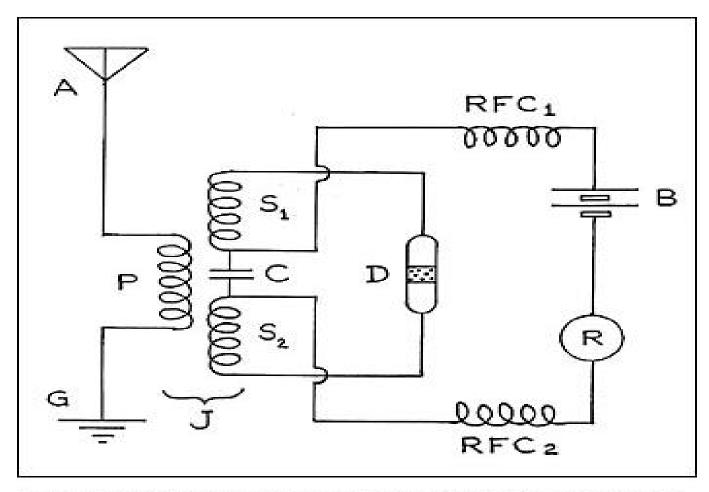
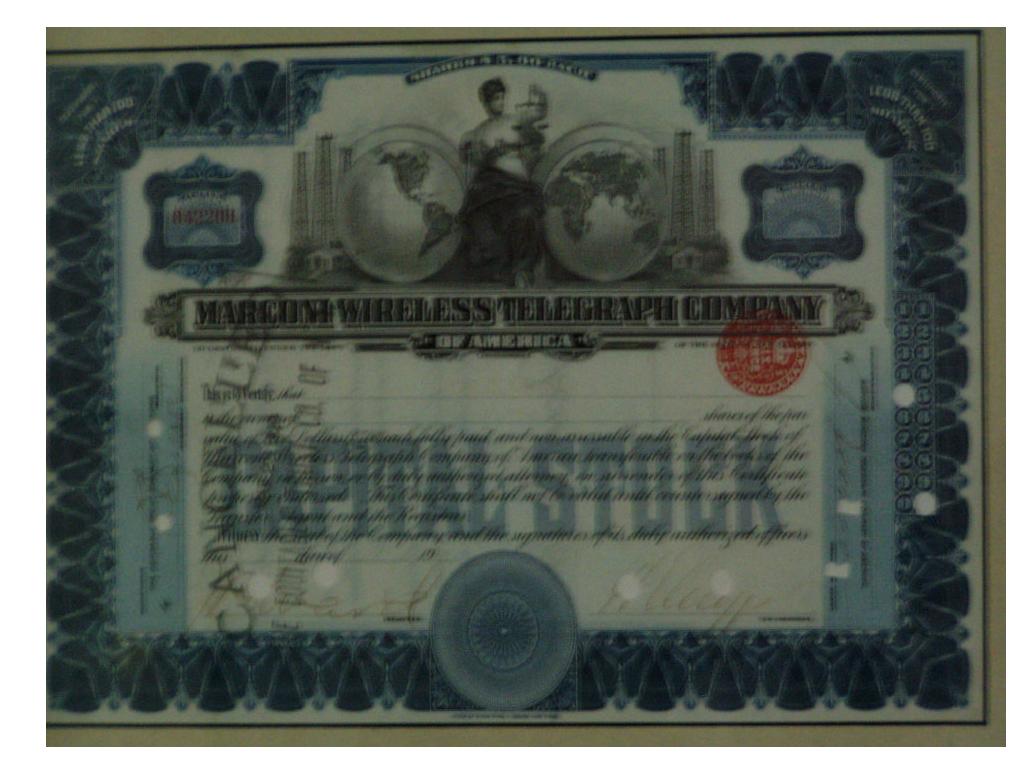


Fig. 1. Schematic of untuned receiver. A = antenna; g = ground; J = rf. antenna transformer (called a "jigger"); P = primary coil; S1, S2 = halves of split secondary coil; D = coherer detector; C = rf. bypass capacitor; RFC1, RFC2 = rf. chokes; B = Battery; R = relay. When triggered by an r.f. signal voltage from J, the resistance of the coherer dropped,, increasing the current in the d.c. circuit consisting of D, S1, S2, RFC1, RFC2, B and R. The relay circuit was isolated from the r.f. circuit by RFC1, RFC2 and C. The relay typically activated a paper chart recorder and a tapper (not shown). The tapper decohered the metal filings in the coherer to restore it to a sensitive (high resistance) state for the next signal.





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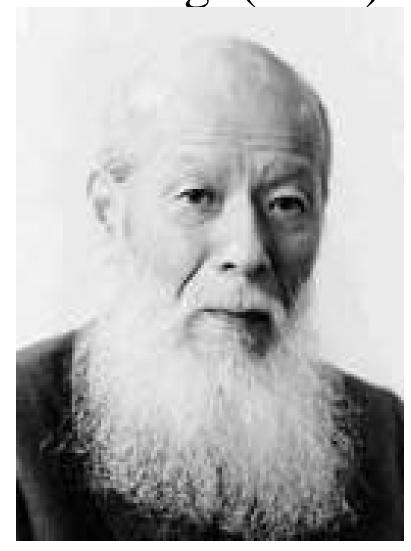
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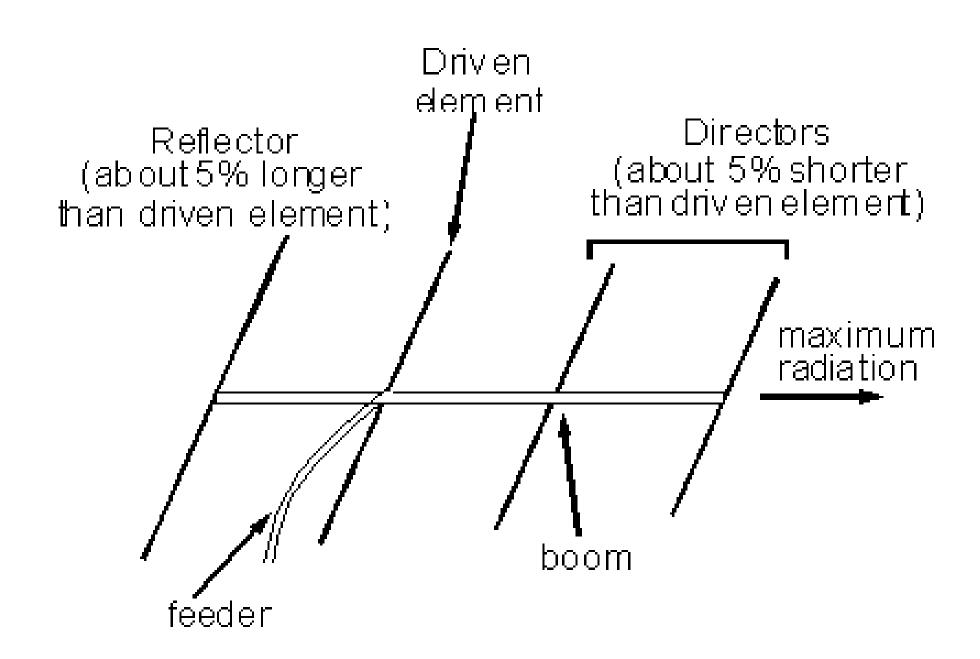
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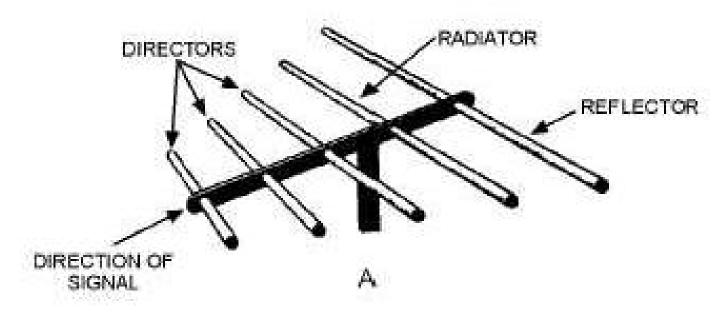
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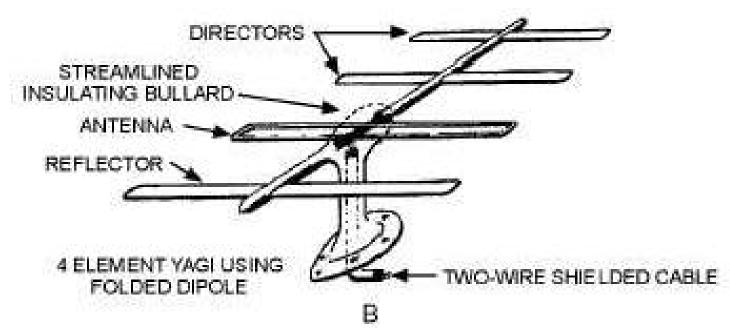
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The Rhombic - 1931

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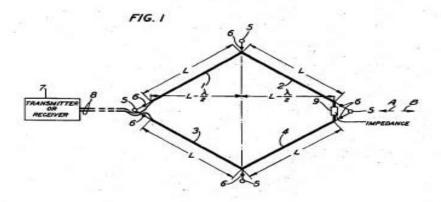
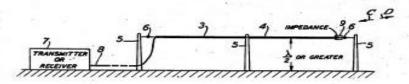
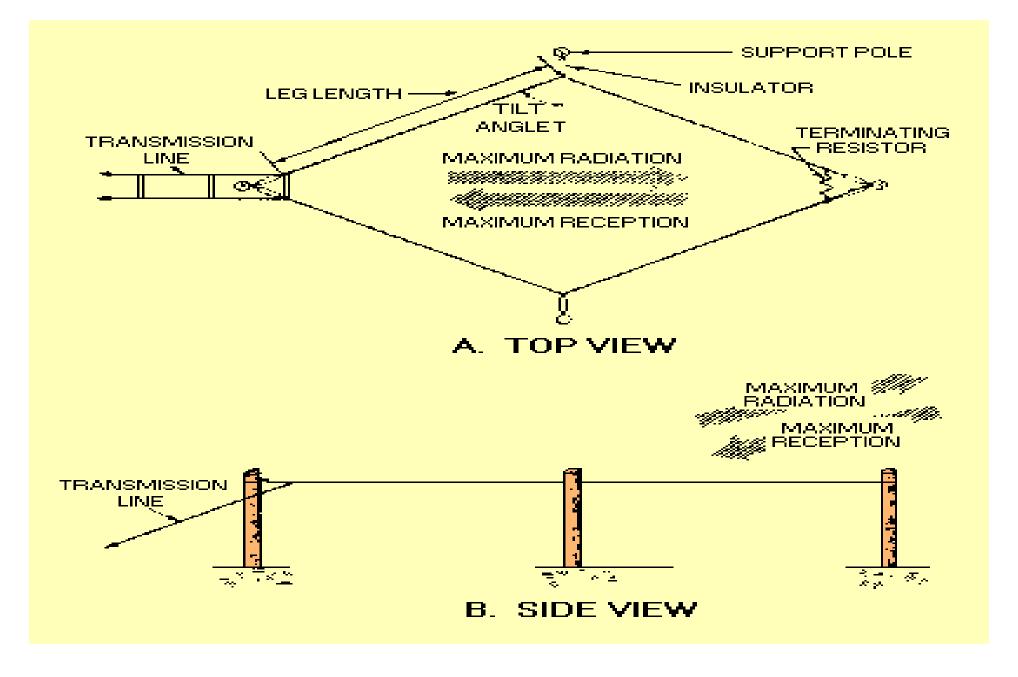
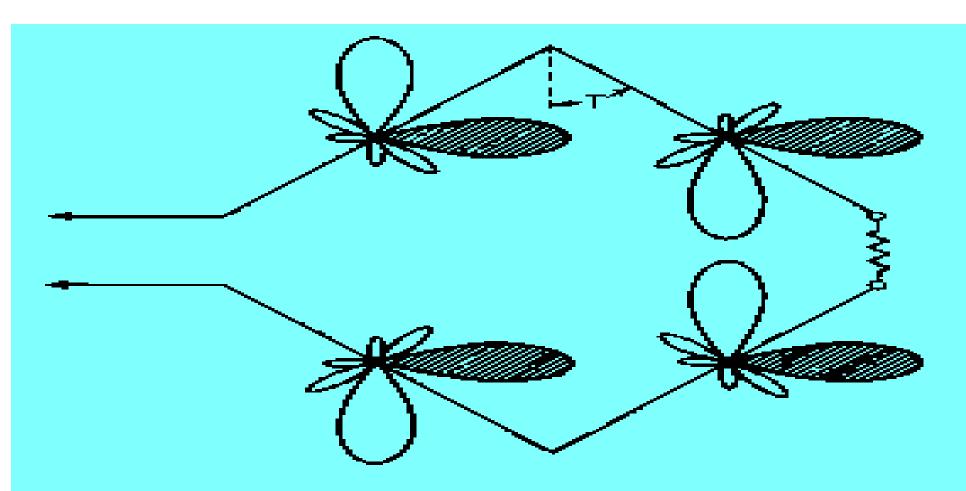


FIG. 2



The Rhombic – Transmission Line





A. INDIVIDUAL RADIATION PATTERNS

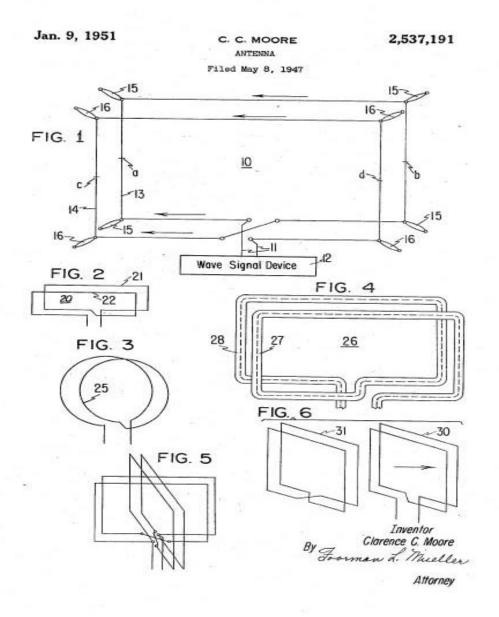


B. RESULTANT RADIATION PATTERNS

The Quad Antenna

- Invented in 1942 by Clarence Moore, W9LZX
- Created for HCJB, Quito, Ecuador
 - "The Voice of the Andes"
- Low Voltages: eliminates high voltage endpoints in air
- Ideal for high altitude, prevents discharge and rain static

The Cubical Quad - 1942



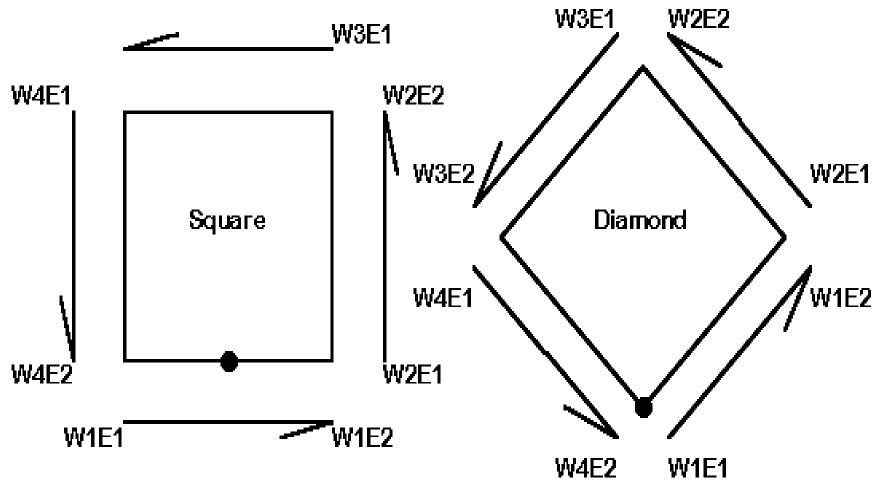


Fig. 1 The Usual Convention



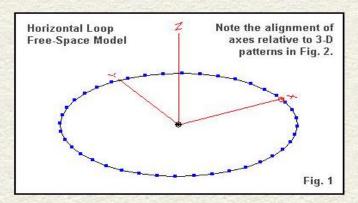


A number of years ago, I provided some extensive notes on horizontally oriented, horizontally polarized wire loop antennas (HOHPLs). See Horizontally Polarized Large Wire Loop Antennas. I have received enough e-mail as a result of those notes to convince me that perhaps there is such a things as cramming in too much information so that the result is a collection of difficulties in sorting it all out. As well, when I wrote those notes, the most common practice with horizontal loops was using a 1-wavelength circumference at the lowest operating frequency. Since then, I have changed the recommendation that I usually make, depending on the space available to the loop builder.

So let's begin again and work with a different plan. My plan of attack is based on the 3 most asked questions:

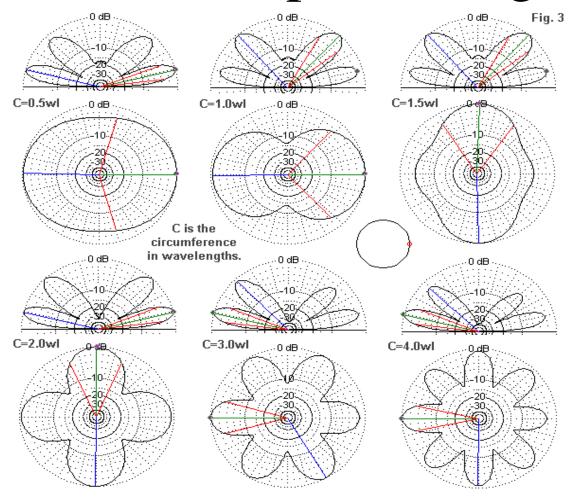
- · How Big?
- How High?
- · What Shape?

Since we shall defer the question of shape until last, we shall need a paradigm model with which to begin. Let's use a nearly perfectly circular loop as our starting point, as outlined in **Fig. 1**. The loop uses 40 wires to form the circle, so the approximation is quite good. For our first 2 questions, the feedpoint will be on the right, in the +X direction. (We shall alter that for our last question for reasons that will become apparent when we arrive at questions of shape.) Note the orientation of the X, Y, and Z axes in the outline drawing. These axes lines will be important to orienting ourselves to some of the patterns in upcoming figures.



A circular loop as a starting point has some advantages over beginning with other shapes. With both regular and irregular polygons, we tend to find performance differences depending on whether we feed the antenna at a corner or somewhere within a side. Since a circle has no sides (or infinitesimal ones, at best), we can avoid those differences until we reach our last question.

Horizontal Loops above ground



Elevation and Azimuth Patterns of Circular Loops of Various Sizes at 1 WL Above Ground



























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160-meter transmission line antenna

If height or space is a problem, try this

with the coaxial cable or ladder line that fee antenna — something that "carries power antenna," and not something that should, its ate RF. Of course, it is undesirable to have our

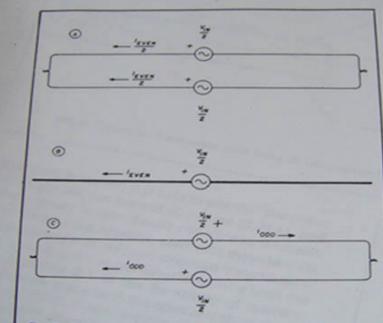


fig. 3. Even and odd antenna mode configurations for a folded dipole: (A) even-mode excitation; (B) even-mode simplification — dipole antenna; and (C) odd-mode excitation.

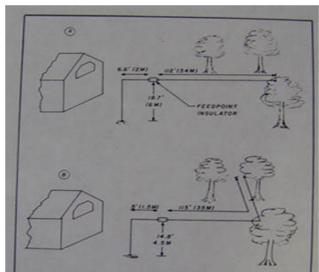
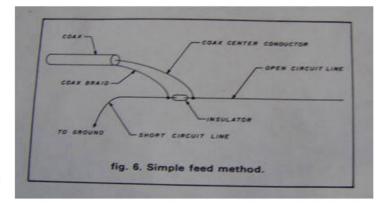


fig. 5. Low profile antenna dimensions for 160-meter operation at N9NB: (A) low-profile antenna for 1850 kHz – 100 kHz bandwidth (dimensions: x = 8 meters, y = 34 meters, height = 6 meters); (B) low-profile antenna for 1850 kHz – 75 kHz bandwidth (dimensions x = 6 meters, y = 35 meters, height = 4.5 meters).



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Wide-Band Test Antennas

Simple-to-Build Discones Provide an Excellent Match at L Band

By Theodore S. Rappaport Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

As part of an indoor multipath measurement system, discone antennas featuring simple N-connector feed systems have been designed for the 1.0 to 2.0 GHz band. Extensive experimentation reveals that excellent performance (VSWR < 15:1 across the band) can be obtained with a simple "snap-on" feed/mount method, and that VSWR is most sensitive to the diameter of the disc feed conductor. Performance data from over 70 discone antennas having a variety of flare angles, disc-to-cone spacings and feed conductor diameters are summarized here. Data shows that for N-connector mounts, best flare angles range between 45° and 75°, and that the disc feed conductor should be 0.33 times the diameter of the cone top. empirical data reveals that the anten-

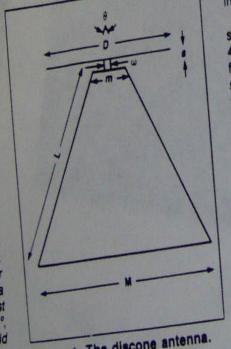


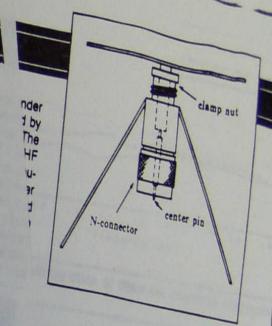
Figure 1. The discone antenna.

mulas were found to be helpful but incomplete.

Four cones made of pliable copper sheet were built with flare angles (θ) of 45°, 60°, 75° and 90°. The cones were formed by cutting and rolling the copper sheet around a wooden conical block of the desired flare angle, and then by soldering the sheet onto itself so that the cone would keep its shape. The four cone dimensions are given in Table 1. Slant lengths of all four cones were cut for 3/4 at 1000 MHz.

Each cone was soldered to the body of a UG-21D/U N-connector, giving each antenna a minimum cone diameter(m) of 19.0 mm (¾"). With the rear end of the connector made flush with the (smail) top of the cone, solder was carefully applied to the connector/cone junction to form a mechanical and electrical connection.





of the antenna feed cable as well as the frequency dependent variations of the equipment. Antenna return loss measurenents were made at 50 MHz intervals cross the 1000-2000 MHz band. Care as taken to insure power levels were sufient to provide reliable measurements. tenna performances were evaluated by average value of the reflection coeffit across the 1.20 to 2.0 GHz band.

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Al Gross – Walkie Talkie Pioneer



Al Gross in 1991; St. Louis





Jack Kilby– Inventor of the IC





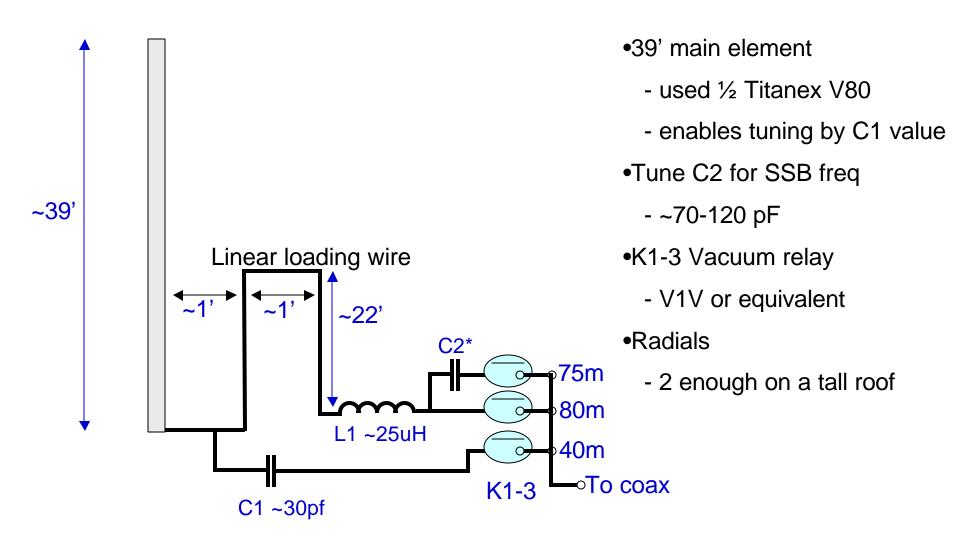
N9NC Linear Loaded Rooftop Vertical



LL Vertical at 3A/N9NC

- Rooftop mounted
- •Aluminum tubing, ~13meters
- •Linear loading for 80m
- •2 quarter wave radials
- Tuning/relay box at feedpoint

N9NC Linear Loaded Rooftop Vertical



DX Fishing Vertical by N9NC/SU



View to North from SU1KM shack, 3rd floor balcony Alexandria, Egypt

- •Balcony mounted at 45 deg.
- •9m fiberglass fishing pole
- •1/2 40m dipole helically wound
- Other half goes straight down
- Coax balun at feedpoint
- •Built in 40min at midnight
- •By DL1BDF, SU1KM, SU9NC

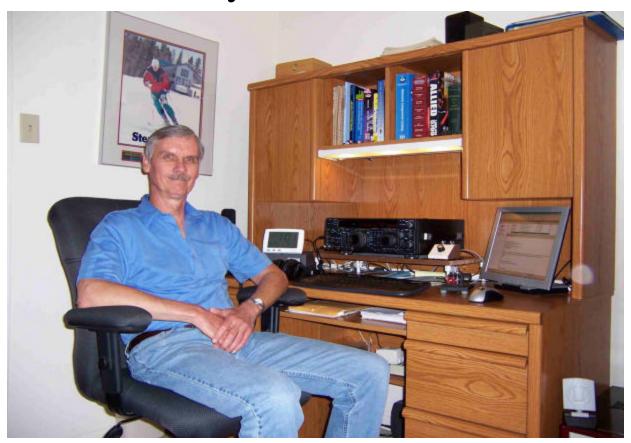


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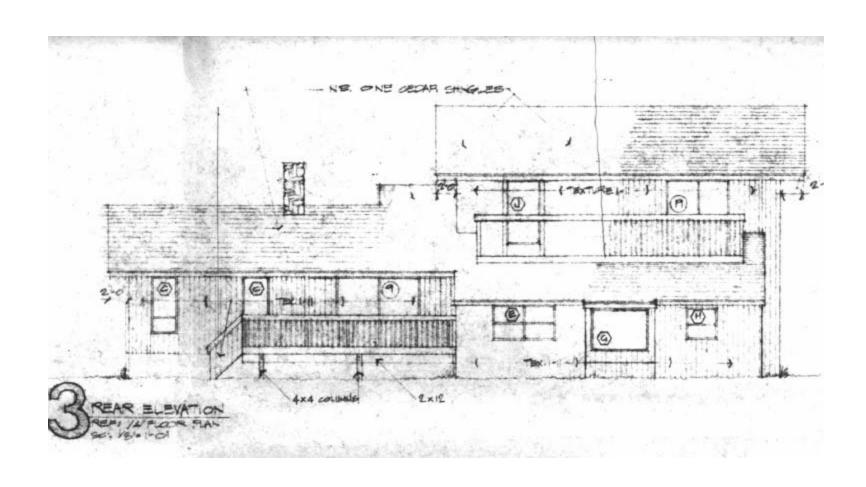
Antennas for Restricted Space

Some Amazing Examples

By W5JAW



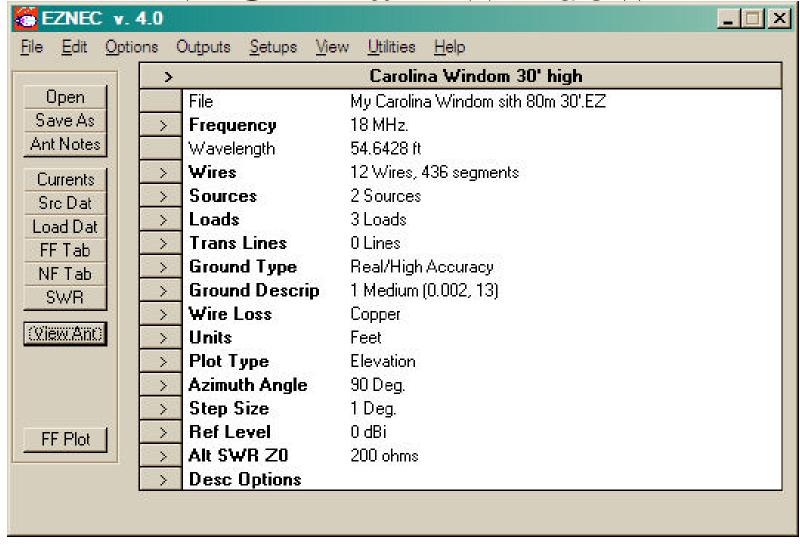
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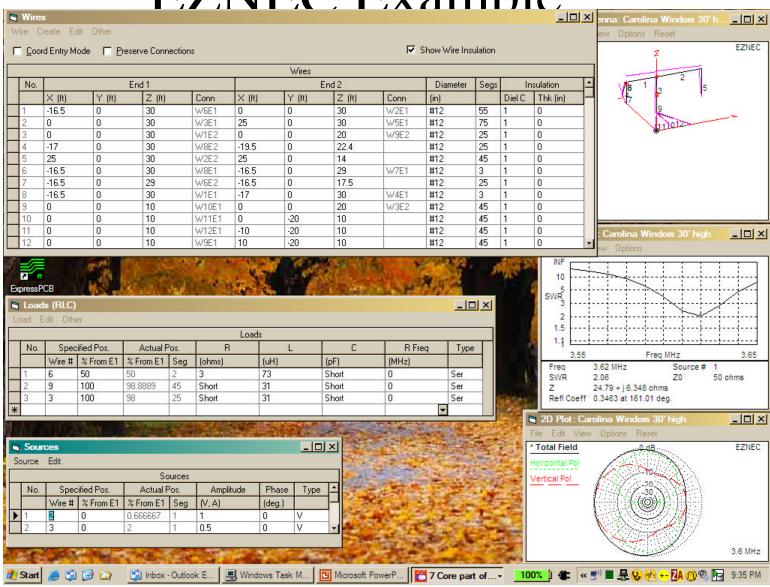
Initial Goals

- Single all band antenna for 80-10m, including WARC bands
- Fit within width of house (no external supports available!)
- Semi stealth

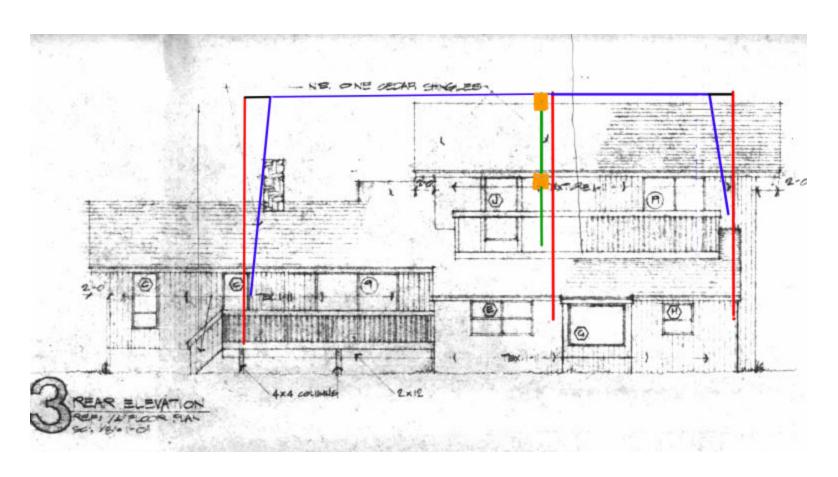
EZNEC – Main Window



EZNEC Example



Phase 1 Solution – Bent Carolina Windom

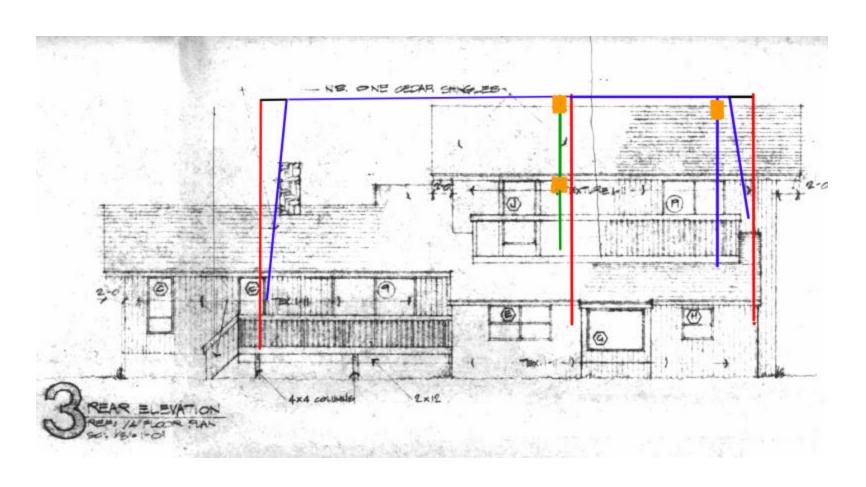


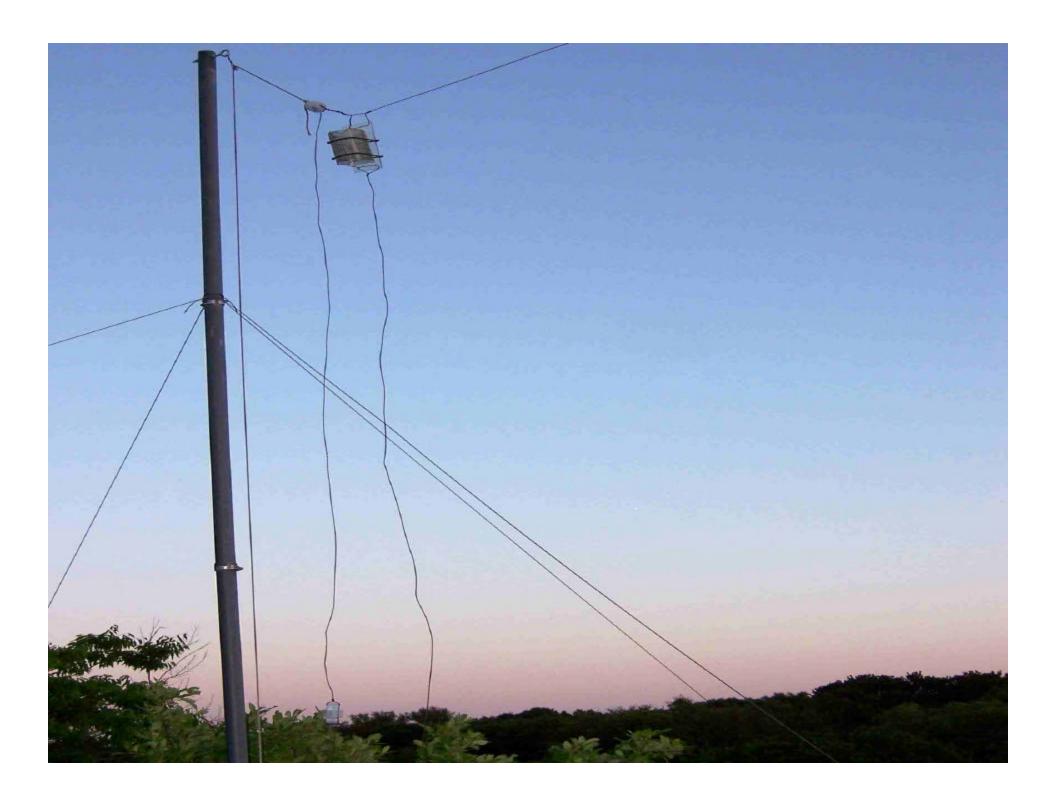
Dimensions of C.Windom

- Horizontal 42 ft (25 +17 ft)
- Left Vertical Section 16 ft
- Right Vertical Section 8 ft
- Center Vertical Section 10 ft
- Height 30 ft
- Works well on 10-40m, not well on 80m

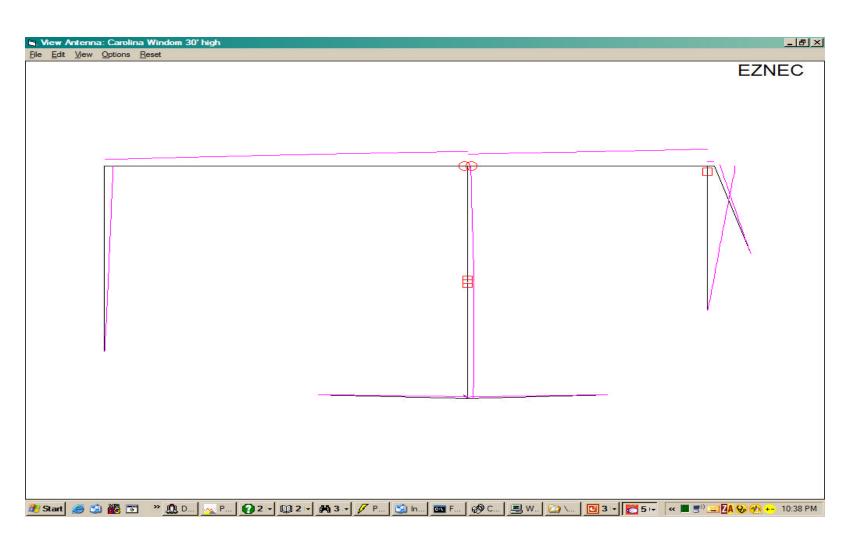
80m Bent Carolina Windom

75 uHy inductor (4" Air Dux) 12 ft vertical wire at 8 ft bend

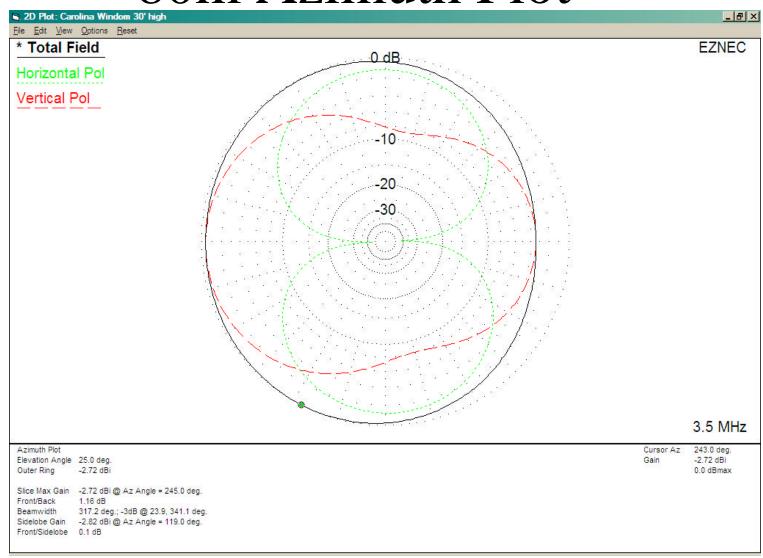




Current Distribution—80m



80m Azimuth Plot



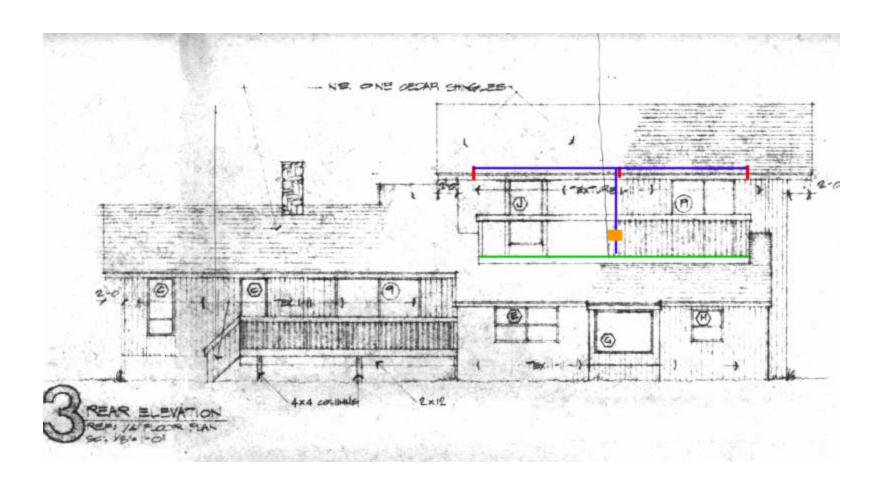
160 Meter???

- Good enough to work a few mults during contests
- Semi stealth

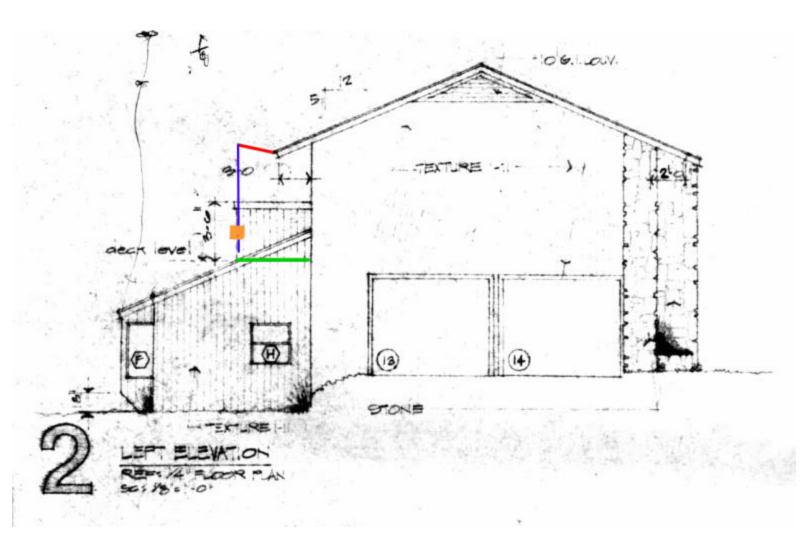
160m Project Model #1

- Quick and simple 1-2 day project
- Model on EZNEC
- Collect parts
- Install
- Try it out (Stew Perry)

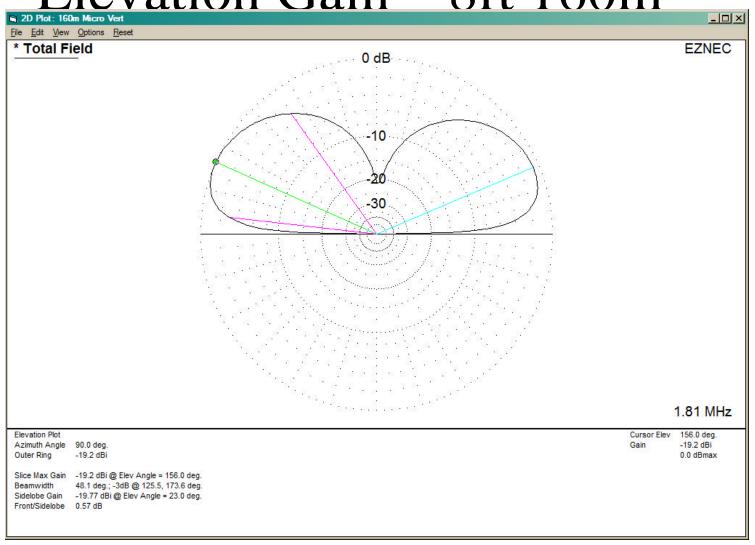
160m #1 Front View



160m #1 Side View



Elevation Gain — 8ft 160m



Results with Model #1

- Worked 43 States, 5 VE Provinces and 6 countries that night
- Worked 45 countries over the rest of the winter, on all continents
- Decided to try improvements for next season

Design Goals for Model #2

- Raise base above edge of 2nd level roof
- Add some length to vertical section
- Design and build Auto Tuner (ATU) to cover entire band
- Build into and use resources of LDG Auto Tuner

Auto Tuned 160m Antenna

Major Tasks and Project Flow

Model antenna (EZNEC)

3 Weeks

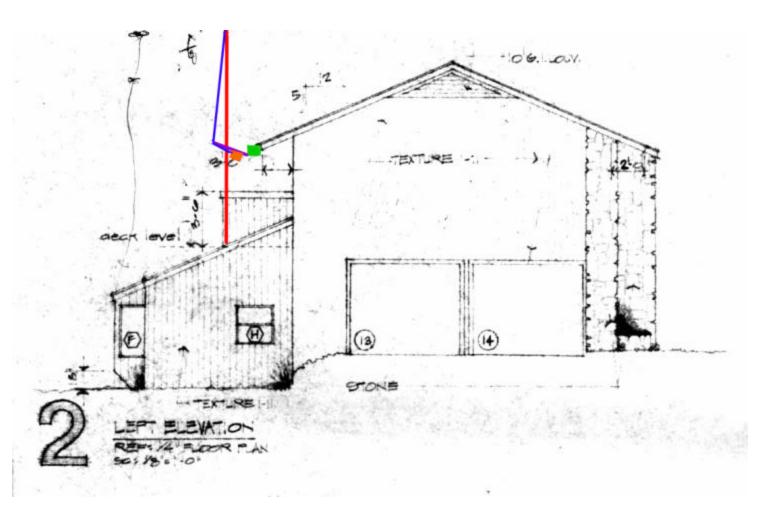
- -- Compare to old antenna
- -- Determine tuning requirements
- Mechanical design and build of antenna Few Days
- Design and build the base loading unit 3 Weeks
 - -- Mechanical
 - -- Electrical



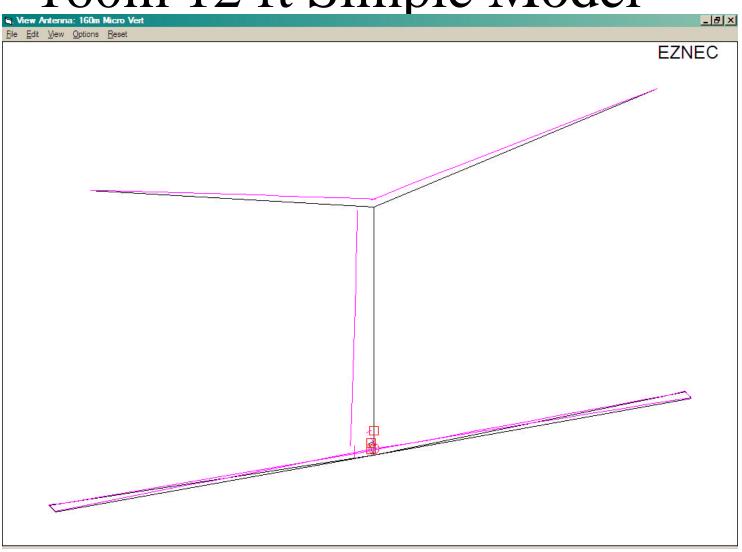
160m #2 Front View



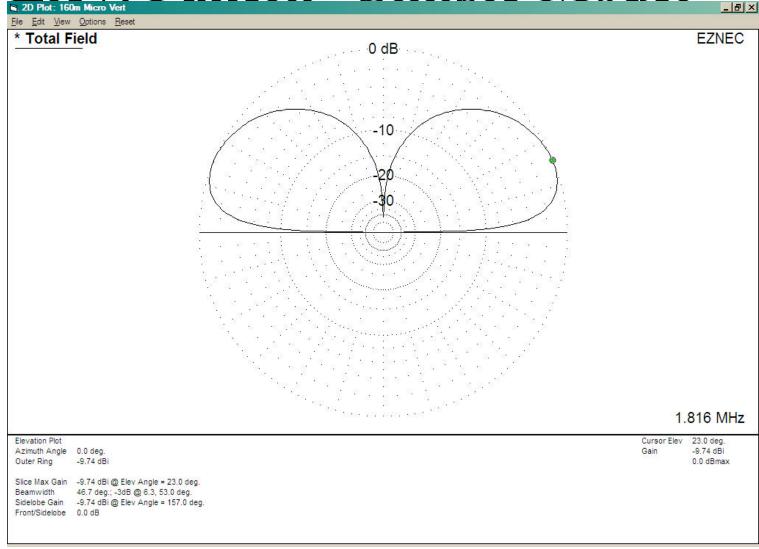
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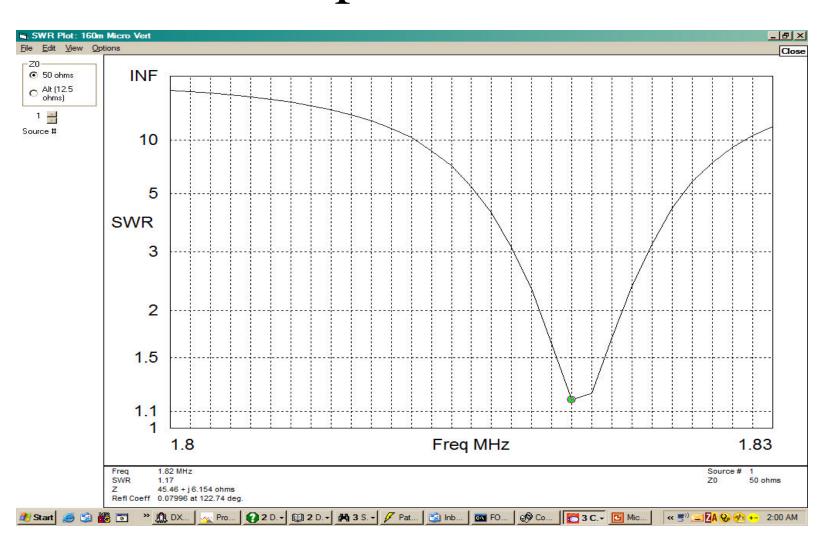
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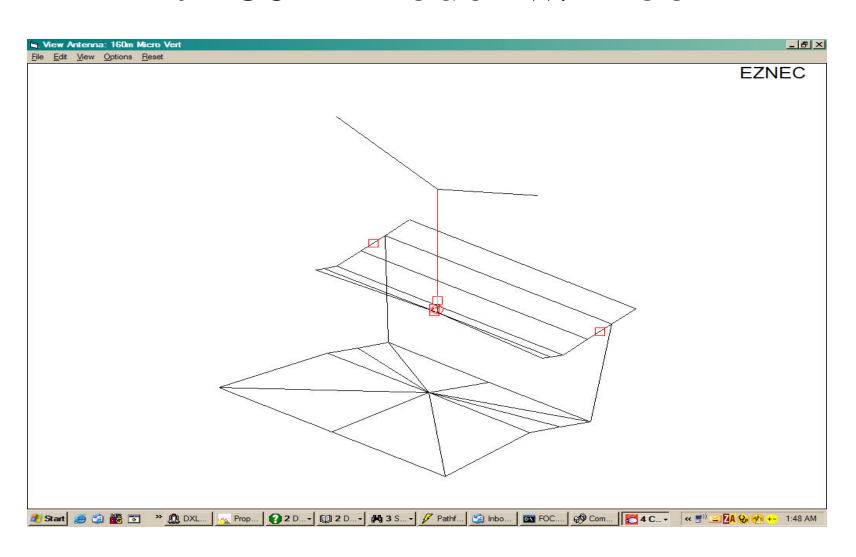
Elev. Pattern – Simple Model



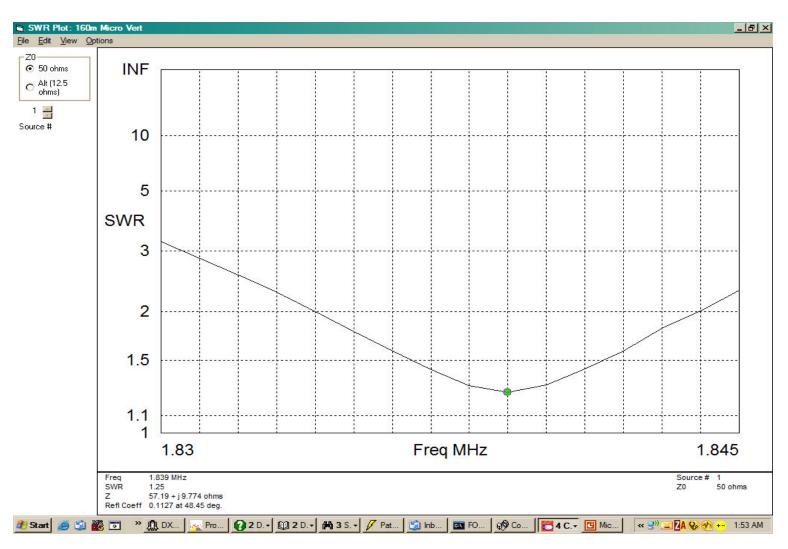
SWR – Simple Model 12 ft



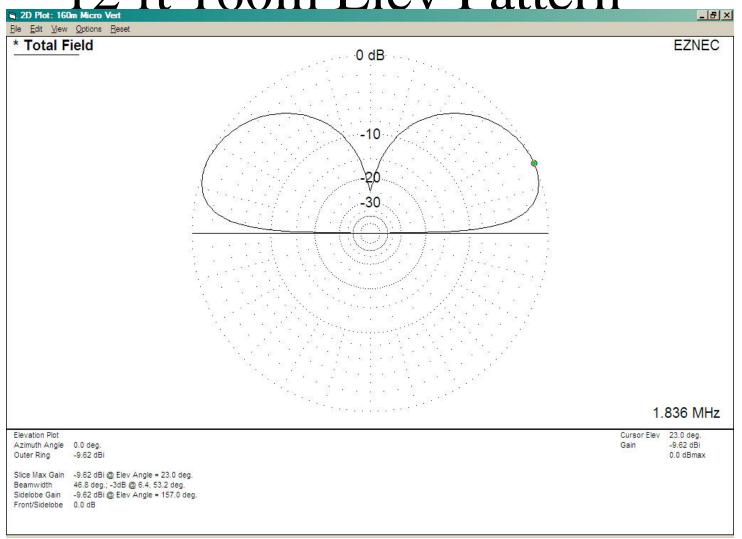
12 ft 160m Model w/ Roof



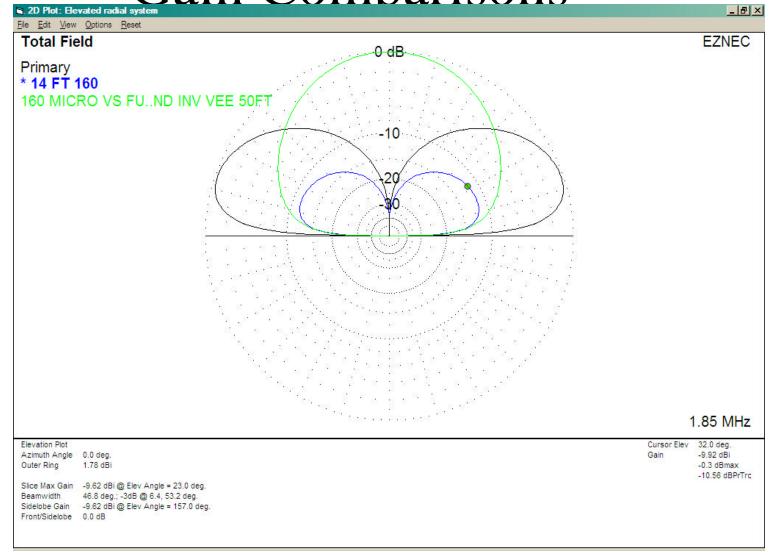
12 ft 160m Vertical SWR



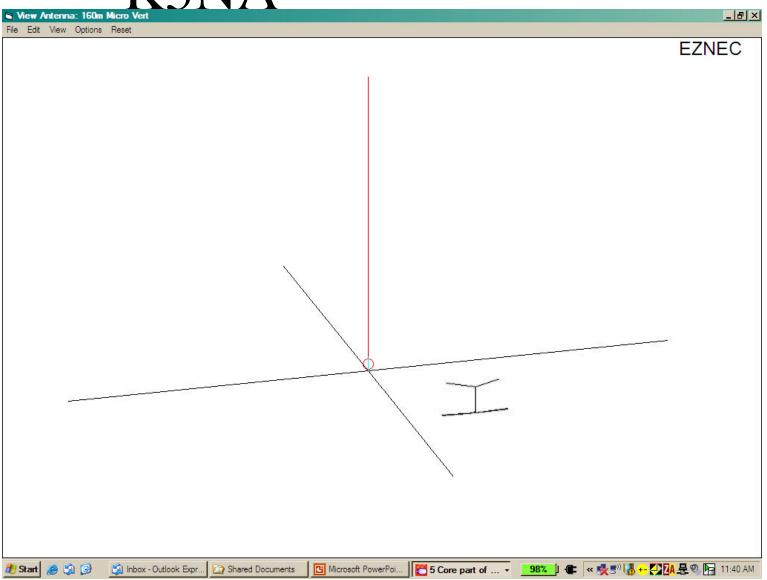
12 ft 160m Elev Pattern



Gain Comparisons © 2D Plot: Bevated radial system



K5NA VS. W5JAW



The Farm --1



N5TW 160M Challenge

Score = Countries/Radiator Length K5NA 274/135=2.09 (countries per foot)

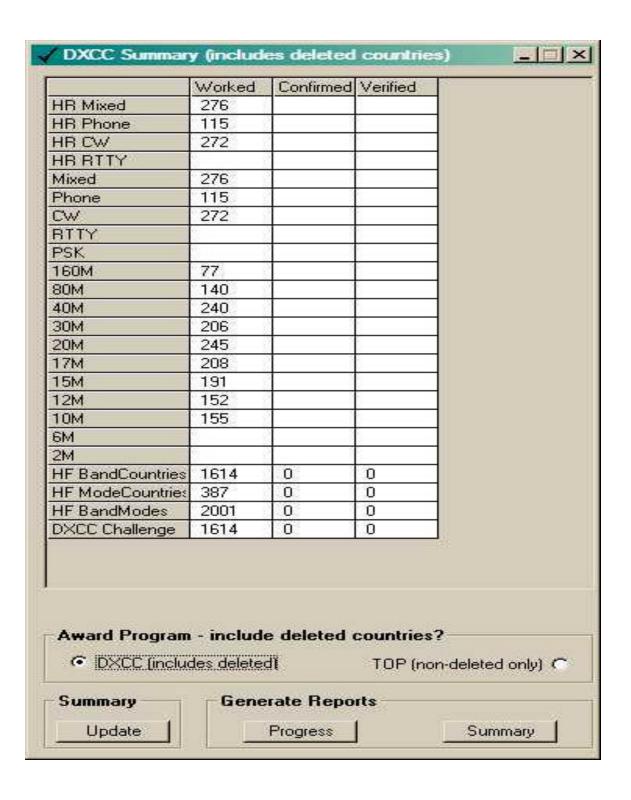
N5TW 177/135=1.31 W5JAW 71/12=5.92

Success with Small LF Ants.

- Don't be constrained to conventional configurations
- Minimize losses in system
- Use modeling tools
- Be in right place at right time
- Be patient

Ice? – No Problem!





W5JAW Low Power for 2 seasons!

