



Chipola Amateur Radio Club

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Newsletter

Oct 22, 2005

REPEATERS
2M, 146.670 -
70CM, 444.950+, 123CG
6 M, 53.010 -

CLUB NET

Our club, along with the Jackson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, sponsors a net every Monday night at 7 PM on the 2 meter repeater.

CLUB EVENTS

Oct 22nd, Club Meeting
Oct 29th, Sunland Fall Festival
Dec 10th, Club Meeting

OTHER EVENTS

Nov 12th, Montgomery Hamfest

CLUB OFFICERS

President

Gary Brown, WW4JDO

Vice President

Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT

Secretary/Treasurer

Todd Wiggins, W4MMA

CLUB OFFICIALS

Repeaters Coordinator

Jeff Hagan, WO4J

2M Repeater Trustee

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70CM Repeater Trustee

Danny Tipton, KN4UC

6M Repeater Trustee

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Newsletter Editor

Gary Brown, WW4JDO

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

November

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December

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow...what happened to the summer? Wam-bam-thank-you-ma'am and it's already fall. The summer was certainly a busy one even if we did end up canceling a couple of events due to the hurricane response. It seems like it's been ages since I've seen some of you guys. Thanks to radio, at least we still get to talk from time to time on the repeater. This past Monday we had a 1.5 hour QSO after the net involving several members. It was great to get some rag-chewing going. I look forward to more rag-chewing and seeing some of you on Saturday. If not then, talk to ya on the net. 73.

Gary, WW4JDO

NEW TICKETS AND UPGRADES

Charlie Everitt to Technician

Bill Everitt (KG4ZJT) to Extra

BPL TEST IN GRACEVILLE

As you know, Graceville is one of only two sites selected to test Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL) service. This is our chance to see for ourselves if the stuff we've been hearing about BPL interfering with radio is true or not. To that end, Will has taken some baseline readings in the test area and is standing by when they flip the switch to take some more readings and make a comparison. More to come.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

One of the things we'll be discussing this Saturday is the possibility of going to monthly meetings instead of quarterly. It is my opinion that meeting once a quarter is just not enough to have an active club. I ran a poll on the Yahoo Group and found out that most of you feel the same way with the majority of the votes going toward a monthly Tuesday meeting.

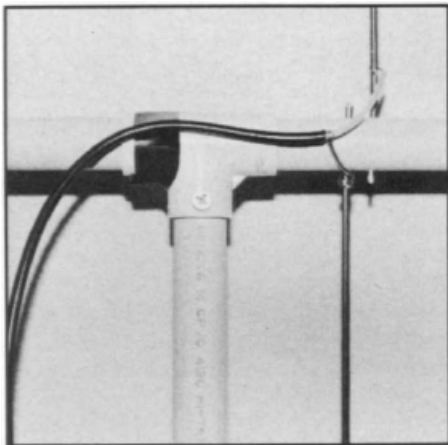
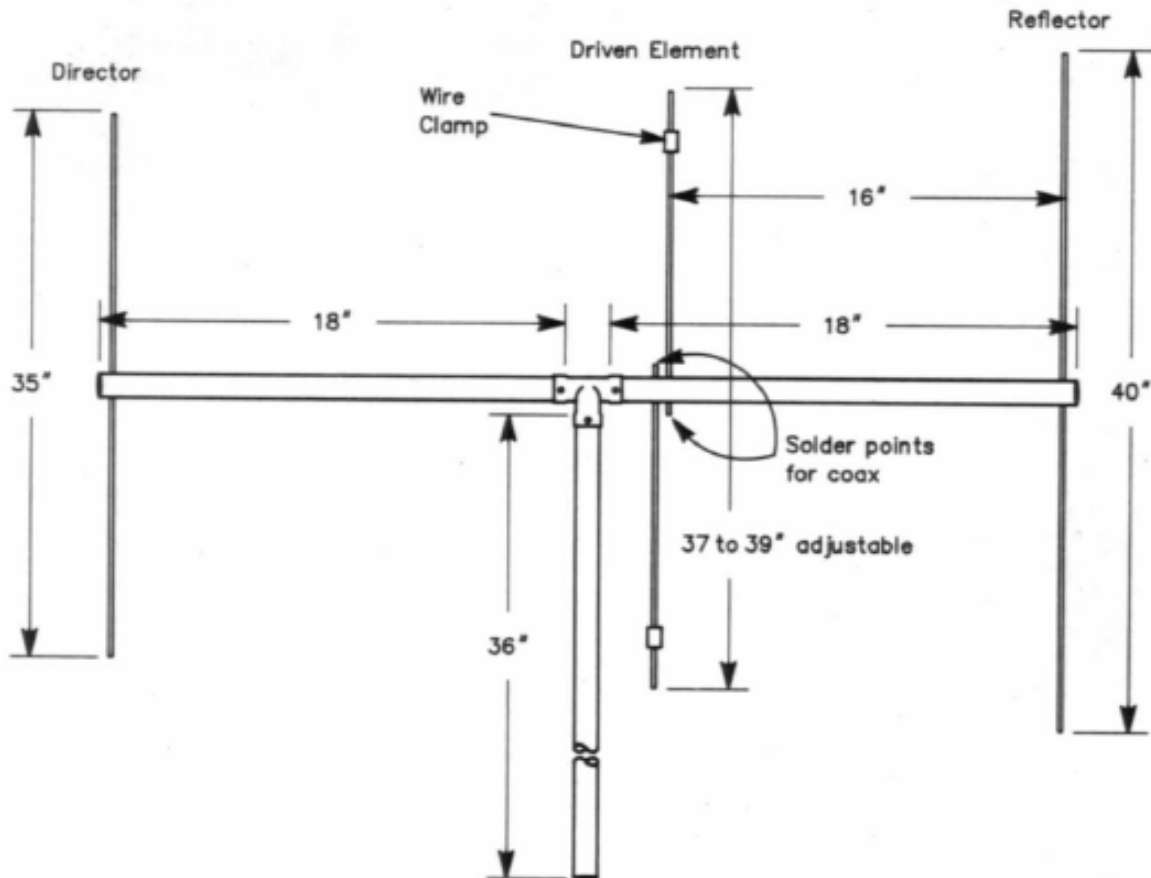
ARES UPDATE

The Jackson County ARES is moving closer to having a new office at the Jackson County Emergency Operations Center. The old lobby outside of the EOC near the Salvation Army office has been walled off and a door will be cut into the existing wall that will allow direct access from the Operations Center itself. Ricky and Bill will be working with Rodney to get it all finished up including building a desk in the new office. There will be a cable TV hookup, plenty room for our equipment and files and even a small area left over for a cot. Rodney and his staff are working extra hard to make sure that ESF-2 and Jackson County ARES have a comfortable and quite space to work. Once completed, we will be looking at ways to get community involvement in HAM radio up as well as host event to coincide with national, state, local or worldwide HAM radio events. ☺

PROJECT PAGE

A CHEAP 2-METER BEAM ANTENNA

This cheap antenna is constructed of PVC pipe and a handful of rods. Holes are drilled in the PVC at the appropriate intervals and the rods pushed through. Then your coax is attached to the driven element. Notice that the driven element is cut in half and overlapped in the middle a little. This forms the matching network. And that's all there is to it. This antenna is cheap, simple, portable, easy to tear down, and requires no complicated matching. Enjoy building it.



Courtesy of Nathan Loucks, WB0CMT