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## CLUB PURCHASES NEW COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER

For the last several years we have been discussing exactly what we should do with the club's trailer. Well the discussion is over. During a Special Board Meeting, held on Tuesday March 2 it was decided to purchase a new trailer to replace the existing one. The "New" trailer is a 1986 23-foot Wilderness travel trailer. It is self-contained, with fresh water, as well as black and grey water holding tanks. It also has dual propane tanks, a stove/oven and a gas/electric refrigerator.

There are two list of work to be done on the trailer. The short term list consists of a general clean-up, new batteries, check wheel bearings and brakes and install the radios and repeater from the existing trailer into the new trailer. We also want to install an RV style roof air conditioner on the trailer.

On the longer-term list, we want to install a roll up awning, get the trailer painted and have our club name stenciled on it. We would like to replace the linoleum in the trailer and install a "Screw Driver" type HF antenna.

We hope to be able to finance many of





## CLUB MEMBERS TO TOUR CITY'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Mark April 10th on your calendars. The Club has arranged for a tour of Lake Havasu's Emergency Communications Center. The tour will have two starting times: 10 a.m and 10:30 a.m. Over twenty members have already signed up for this tour. If you want to see this first rate facility and learn more about emergency communications in your city, give Dick Jernigan a call at #855.0670 or [w7dxj@amsat.org](mailto:w7dxj@amsat.org).

## MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA

On a cool Saturday morning (February 28) about a dozen Amateur Radio Operators gathered for breakfast. Several of those gathered went from Bob's Big Boy to their assigned positions along the route of the 2004 March of Dimes Walk America.

The 6.5-mile walk started at Rotary Park, went along the Bridgewater Channel to the London Bridge Resort. Then up the walkway to the upper parking lot and out to McCulloch, up McCulloch Boulevard to Acoma where they crossed over to the North side of the street and then back down McCulloch all the way back to Rotary Park. There were 7 radio operators stationed at strategic locations along the route to assist with communication of all sorts during the event. They were there to keep an eye on everything and also to keep everyone informed of the progress of the event.



Several March of Dimes Walk America participants proudly displaying KNAC "Bumper" stickers at the Cameron Broadcasting Location

Once all of the walkers were off of the course, all of the participants (walkers, staff and radio operators) returned to Rotary Park where everyone was treated to hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. The event went off without any problems (I'd like to think because of Amateur Radio).



I would like to thank all of the L.B.A.R.A. members and non-members for their time and resources that made this a successful and enjoyable event. The L.B.A.R.A. members that helped with the event were Cliff Baril (W7IRC), Jim Thill (WD6EGS), Dick Jernigan (W7DXJ), Lyle Sibbold (K7YQ), Don Sgro (KF0YP), and Bruce Hunt (N6BRH). A non-member and new part time resident of our city also assisted, Brad Slaughter (WA7QOK).

73 de N6BRH (Bruce)

## LOCAL HAMS USE CRANE TO INSTALL 6 METER ON-THE-GROUND ANTENNA

I recently needed to take down my old A-4 beam, replace it with a KT-34A, and do some other antenna work. Lyle Sibbold (K7YQ), Dick Jernigan (W7DXJ) and John Hunter (KK7CX) came to the rescue. They also had some help from Sky Hi Cranes. Please note: If you ever need help with an antenna erection, see Ramon at Sky Hi Cranes. He knows his stuff and is “ham-friendly”.

All was going well and the new beam was up. Now it was time for the acid test. How well will it resonate up at 60 feet. While Lyle are still up in the crane’s “man bucket”, John and Dick volunteer to run the analyzer to see how the SWR looks on the new tri-bander. Imagine my astonishment when Dick yells up, “The SWR looks great, if you want to only use 6 meters. Six meters? A 10-15-20 meter beam now up at 60 feet, but only resonates on 6!



Visions of taking it all down and starting over came to mind. And, I’m out of time for the crane and for my crew!

After being lowered down, dismissing the crane and the crew (except for Lyle) and began to look around to see what had gone wrong. Bad cable? Did I screw up the new cable connector? Imagine my surprise to see that they had connected the analyzer to the wrong cable. ....”Dick, it’s the cable with the green tape on it. You sure? Yup, I know what I did!” Well, I had marked the wrong cable and they had analyzed a 80m inverted vee now laying on the ground! Guess my wife is right. I need to pay closer



attention to what I'm doing!

New beam works fine now. Thanks guys for all your help.

de Jerry France, K7LY

## ATTENTION READERS

Please note that this issue represents a “work-in-progress” and there are a number of changes to be made in subsequent issues. I would greatly appreciate your comments, both good and bad, as well as any suggestions for future issues. This issue also begins our first attempt to deliver the **STATIC** to your doorstep electronically. Please keep me abreast of any email address changes you may have and I promise to have this delivered promptly and accurately. Also, I still have a number of articles awaiting publication and will do so in the future. This is your newsletter, so keep the articles, letters, and pictures coming. I can be reached at home (855.7941), at work (855.3081) or via email at [grf@uneedspeed.net](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) .

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- Realistic HTX 202 2M Handheld w/ alkaline battery pack, rechargeable battery pack all in original box w/manual
- Realistic 22-504 12V 3A power supply in original box
- Startek 1.5Ghz Counter with carrying case. No manual or power adapter.
- Swan mobile selectable matching transformer and ball mount.

Dick Zalewski, W7ZR

(see Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ, 855.0670)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** List your items for sale here. Ham radio related only, please. Include a picture if you like (please use a jpg format). Email all to me at [grf@uneedspeed.net](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) along with your

