

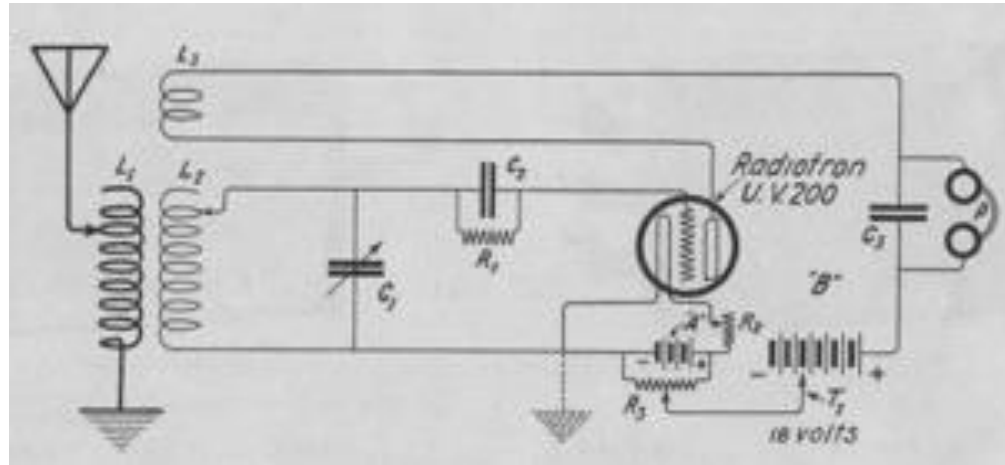
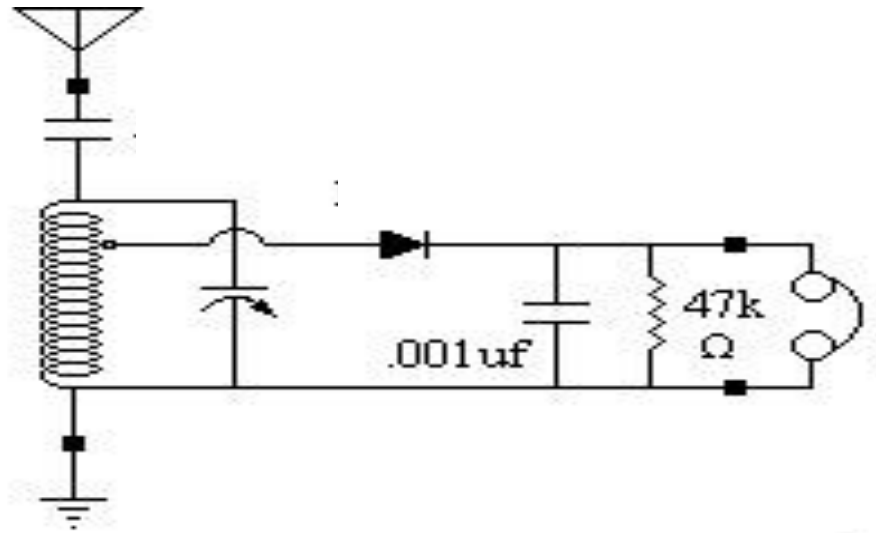


60 Years of Competitive Contesting and Continuous Improvement

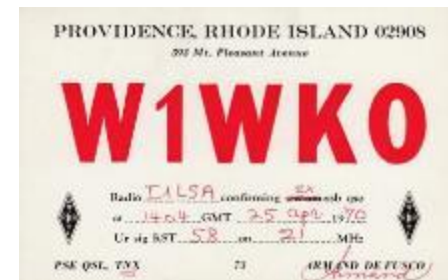
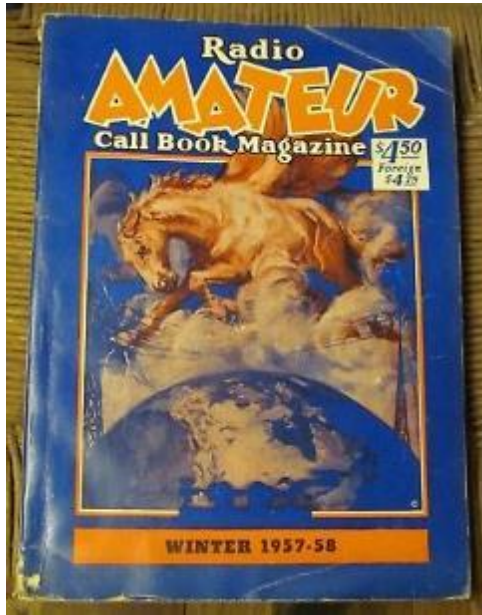
The W3LPL Story

Building Crystal Sets and One Tube Radios at Age 7

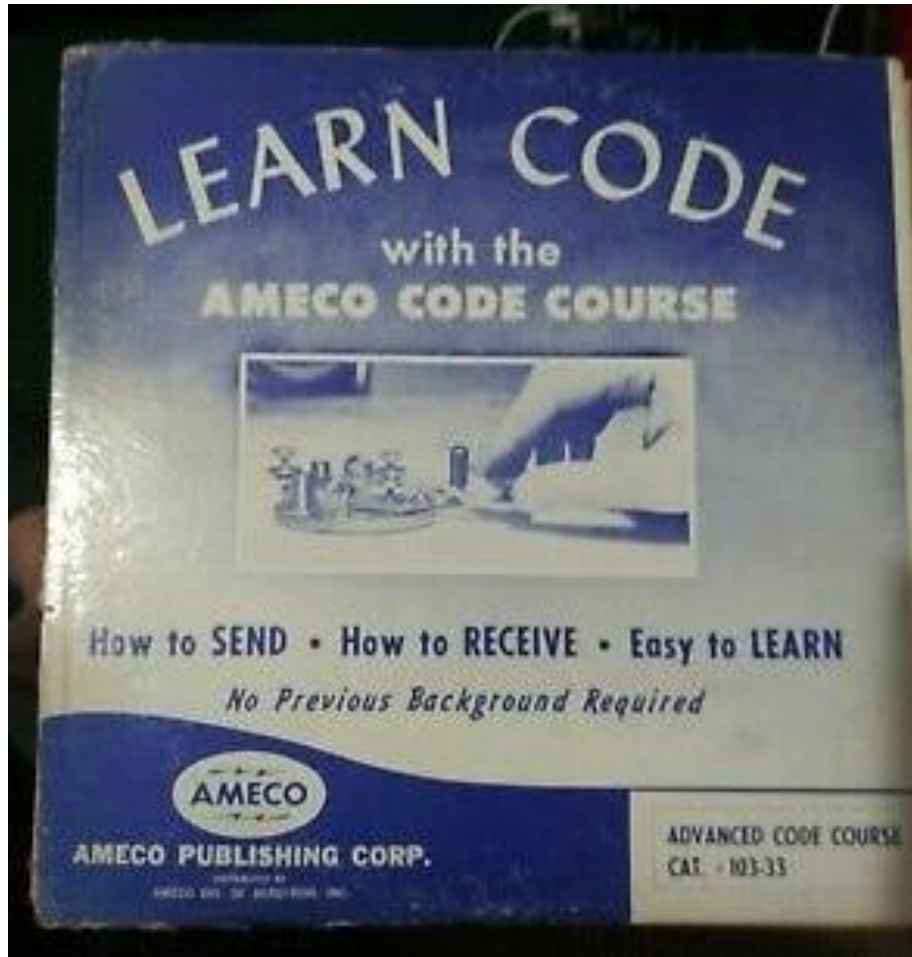
all components were purchased in 1922



Short Wave Listening 1957-1959

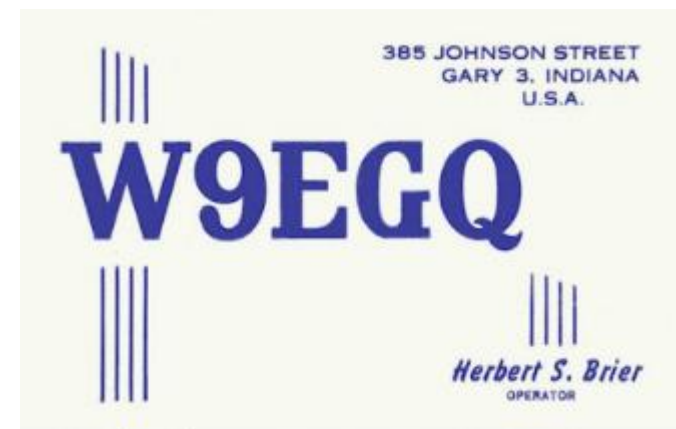


How We Learned the Morse Code in 1958



W9EGQ's Novice Column in Popular Electronics – Nov 1958

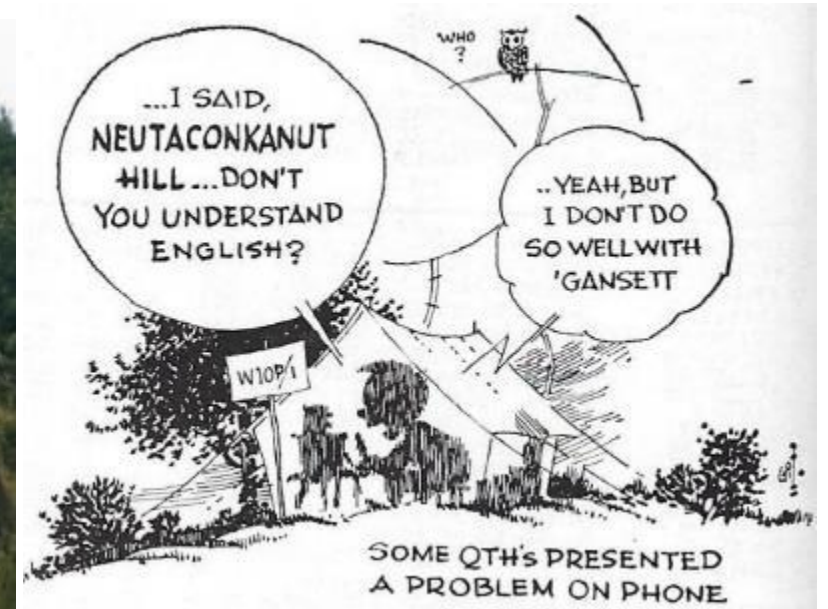
“Help Us Obtain Our Novice Licenses” Monthly Listing

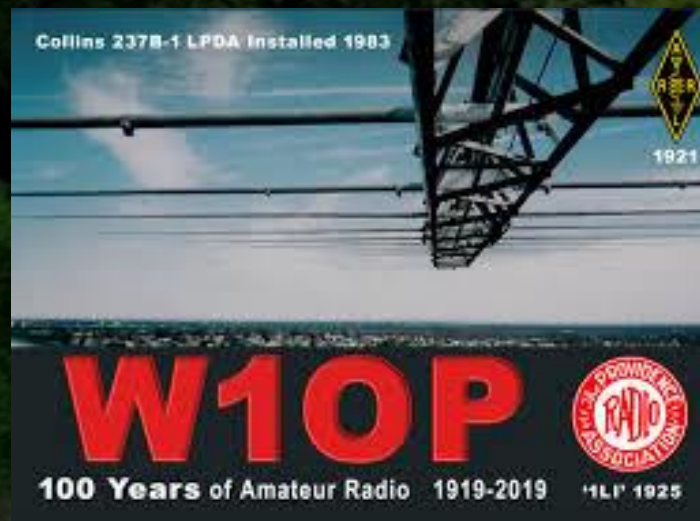




My First Field Day - W1OP/1 in 1959

2A 404 QSOs





My First QTH



My First Contest - 1960 Novice Roundup

48 QSOs in 33 hours of operation over 15 days



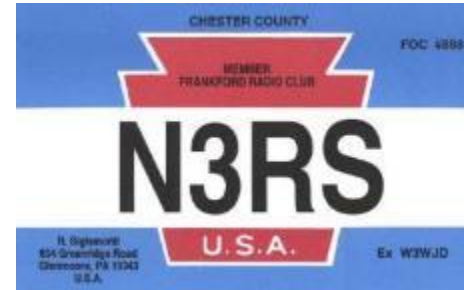
Rhode Island Section

KN1MIJ	148 QSOs	47 Sections	37 Hours
KN1LPL	48 QSOs	17 Sections	33 Hours



My First Contest as K1LPL - April 1960 CW CD Party

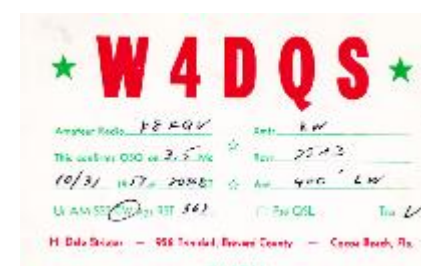
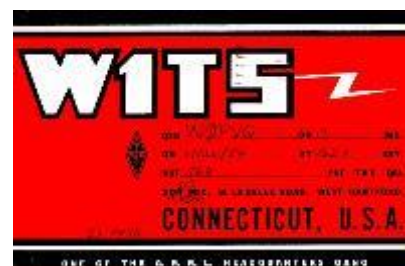
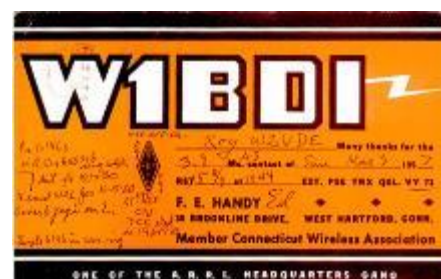
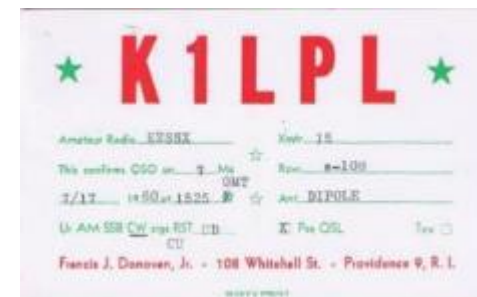
19 QSOs 10 Sections in 2 Hours



My First Sweepstakes - 1960 CW SS

Rhode Island Scores

Call	QSOs	Sections	Hours
K1IFE	257	55	22
K1BBK	225	47	17
K1LPL	225	41	38



Operating Aid No. 6

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to be used with a view to the future, and to be used in a way that will be of benefit to the community.

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My First Contest Win - 1962 New England QSO Party

★ **K1LPL** ★

Amateur Radio K2SSX Xmr 15

This confirms QSO on 7 Mc 8-108
GMT

7/17 1960 at 1525 ☆ Ant DIPOLE

Ur AM SSB CW sigs RST CD X Pse QSL Tnx ☐
CU

Francis J. Donovan, Jr. - 108 Whitehall St. - Providence 9, R. I.

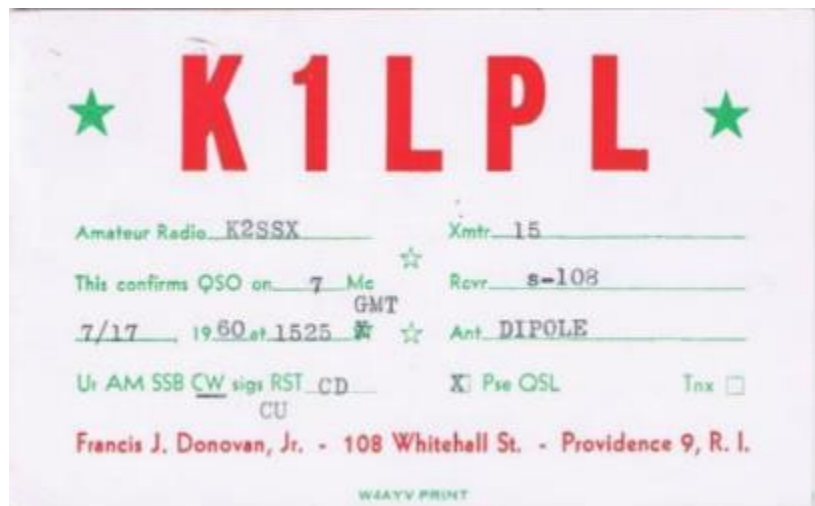
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My First 100K Sweepstakes Score - 1962 CW SS

40 hours over two weekends!

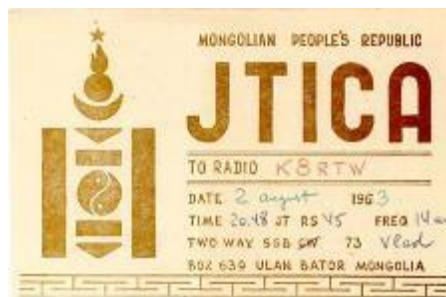
720 QSOs
67 Sections



Unexpected #1 USA Finish - 1964

ARRL CW DX Contest - Low Power

278 QSOs 133 Mults 40 hours over two weekends (mostly DXing...)



ARRL CW DX Contest Log with Six QSO Per Country Quotas!

1966 was the last year for CW quotas

LOG¹, ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX COMPETITION

Call...W1AW.....

Band.....14.....Mc.

ARRL Section.....CONN.....

Sheet...1....of....15.....

Country*	Station Worked	Date	Time (GMT)	Exchange Sent	Exchange Received
SPAIN	EA4CE	2-23	1300	589 CONN	479100
	EASFI	2-23	1345	579 "	579075
ENGLAND	G4CP	2-23	1306	599 CONN	469150
	G6BQ	2-24	1245	579 "	469150
	G2DC	2-24	1255	569 "	579130
	G2QT	3-23	1430	469 "	559150
	G3EYN	3-23	1822	579 "	589150
	G3APN	3-24	1851	479 "	459150
UKRAINE	UB5M2	2-23	1245	599 CONN	599100
AUSTRALIA	VK2GW	2-23	1003	569 CONN	569100
	VK2APK	3-23	1101	569 "	559120



First Place 4A - W1OP/1 in 1968 Field Day

Team Leaders: K1LPL and K1JYN (now K6LL)

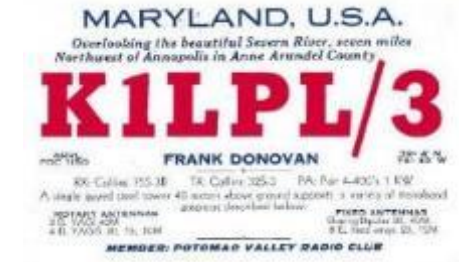
2009 QSOs



My First Field Day from Maryland - 1970

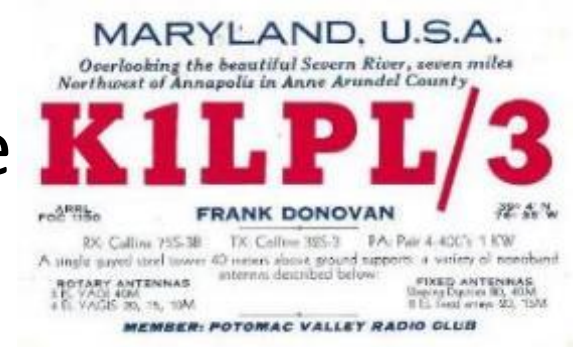
K1LPL/3 and K1JYN (now K6LL)

Class 2B 2394 QSOs kilowatt power



My First Sweepstakes from Maryland - 1970 CW SS

First Place Maryland-DC Section
from a small apartment in Fort Meade
800 QSOs 72 Sections 118K



Single Operator Two Radio (SO2R) DX Contesting

CQWW and ARRL CW DX Contests 1974-1979

Eight #1 USA Finishes

Season	73/74	76/77	77/78	78/79
CQWW QSOs	945	1149	1317	1359
ARRL QSOs	1877	2172	2391	2879

MARYLAND, U.S.A.
Overlooking the beautiful Severn River, seven miles
Northwest of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County

W3LPL

EX: K1LPL
ARRL POC 1150 **FRANK DONOVAN** 39° 4' N
76° 15' W

2X Collins JCS 2B 1X Collins 395-3 PA 1-1000 1 KW
A single guyed steel tower 40 meters high supports a variety of nonbonded
antennas described below:

ROTARY ANTENNAS
3 D YAGI 40W
4 H YAGI 50, 15, 10W

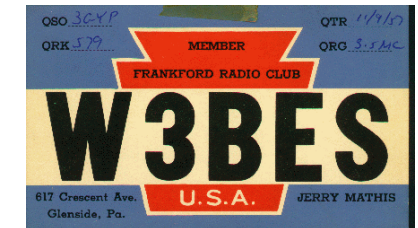
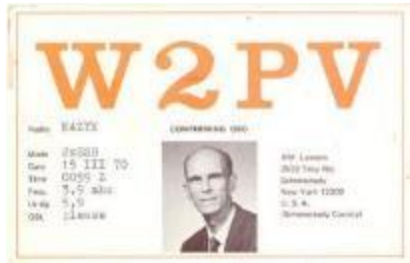
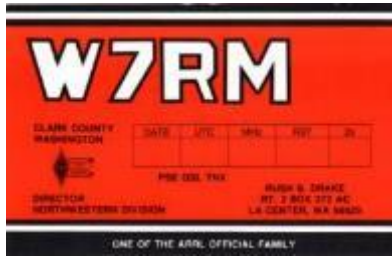
FIXED ANTENNAS
Nagant Dipole 80, 40W
8 U lined array 30, 15W

MEMBER: POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB



My First Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter DX Contest

ARRL SSB DX Contest - 1977



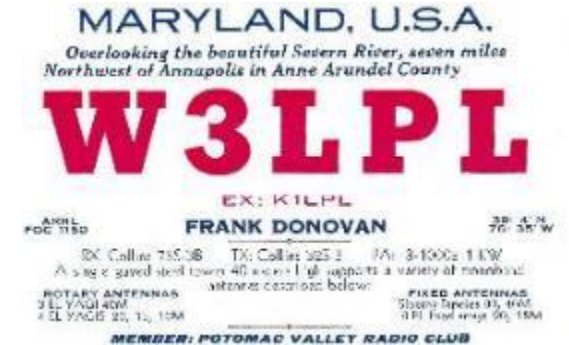
Top Ten USA Scores

W7RM	5955 QSOs	449 Multipliers
W2PV	4599 QSOs	499 Multipliers
W1RR	4300 QSOs	500 Multipliers
W3AU	3798 QSOs	515 Multipliers
W4BVV	3673 QSOs	496 Multipliers
W6PAA	2929 QSOs	351 Multipliers
K3WW	2799 QSOs	419 Multipliers
W3LPL	2549 QSOs	437 Multipliers
W3GM	2408 QSOs	446 Multipliers
W3FA	2124 QSOs	388 Multipliers

Unexpected #1 USA Multi-Multi DX Contest Score

ARRL SSB DX Contest - 1982

	QSOs	Mults	Score
W3LPL	4487	507	6,824,727
K2UA	4203	530	6,682,770
N5AU	4445	492	6,560,820
K9GL	4428	487	6,469,308
K1CC	4354	473	6,178,326
W4DR	3627	502	5,462,262
N6RO	4023	435	5,250,015



W3LPL Multi-Multi in Crownsville Maryland – 1984

K3RV on 40 meters and W3FG (SK) on 10 meters



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FOC 1150

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A single guyed steel tower 40 meters high supports a variety of nonband
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3 EL YAGI 40M Sloping Dipoles 30, 40W
4 EL YAGI 20, 15, 10M 0 EL End array 90, 15W

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Permit for Seven Towers at New QTH

Glenwood Maryland - 1985

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF HOWARD COUNTY
BUREAU OF INSPECTIONS LICENSES & PERMITS
INSPECTION & ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

INSPECTED

PERMIT STICKER

HOWARD COUNTY

HAS BEEN ISSUED

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF INSPECTIONS LICENSES & PERMITS
3430 COURT HOUSE DRIVE, ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND 21043

BUILDING ADDRESS (HOUSE NO., STREET, TOWN OR AREA)

**3035 Hobbs Road
Glenwood, MD**

LOT NO.	PARCEL NO.	SEC.	AREA	BLOCK NO.	LIBER	FOLIO
2	91			23	1356	555
SUB DIVISION		ZONE	ZONE MAP	ELEC. DIST.	CENSUS TR.	
Windsor Farm Estates		R	14	4	6040	

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

**Francis Donovan
1059 Omar Drive
Crownsville, MD 21032**

PHONE NO.

923-3164

COMPLETION DATE

SERIAL NUMBER

67752

DATE ISSUED

USE & OCCUPANCY DATE

12/30/85

GRADING/SEDIMENT CONTROL ☐ YES ☐ NO

SDP #

DESCRIPTION OF WORK AUTHORIZED

X **Erect Seven Amateur
Radio Towers
Personal use only
not for commercial use**

4 ea	2'	2'	190'
3 ea	2'	2'	140'

Neighbor cries SOS at sight of 7 radio towers

James M. Coram

Bob and JoAnn Poma bought a home on Hobbs Road near Glenwood in rural Howard County recently, thinking it would provide a serene country setting for raising their three teen-agers.

Francis Donovan picked Hobbs Road for his new home because it allowed him 10 acres on which to place seven HAM radio towers.

When Poma discovered Donovan was erecting the four 190-foot and three 140-foot towers, he sent a distress signal to County Executive J. Hugh Nichols.

Poma was certain the towers were illegal or that, at the very least, some county agency could review the laws and hear the public's objections.

Not so, Nichols told him in a handwritten note. Donovan's towers are perfectly legal in rurally zoned areas. Nichols sent along a copy of the zoning regulations as proof.

three-foot satellite dish, he would have to hide it with landscaped mounds and privacy screening. I can't believe one individual is given this kind of consideration without considering others. The guy across the street is ready to move to West Virginia just because I'm moving in" and building a modern "executive home" across from his farmhouse, says Poma. "Wait til he finds out about those towers."

Poma says he is "kind of new" to challenging government regulations and that he is "not one to raise Cain about this whole thing."

He said he is still "excited about Howard County," but is concerned about pumping his life savings into a "real nice" property adjacent to an "eyesore."

Poma expects nearby Glenwood residents to join his crusade for a zoning exception when they learn about the towers.

Donovan tells a different story. He



15 Meter Station - 1995

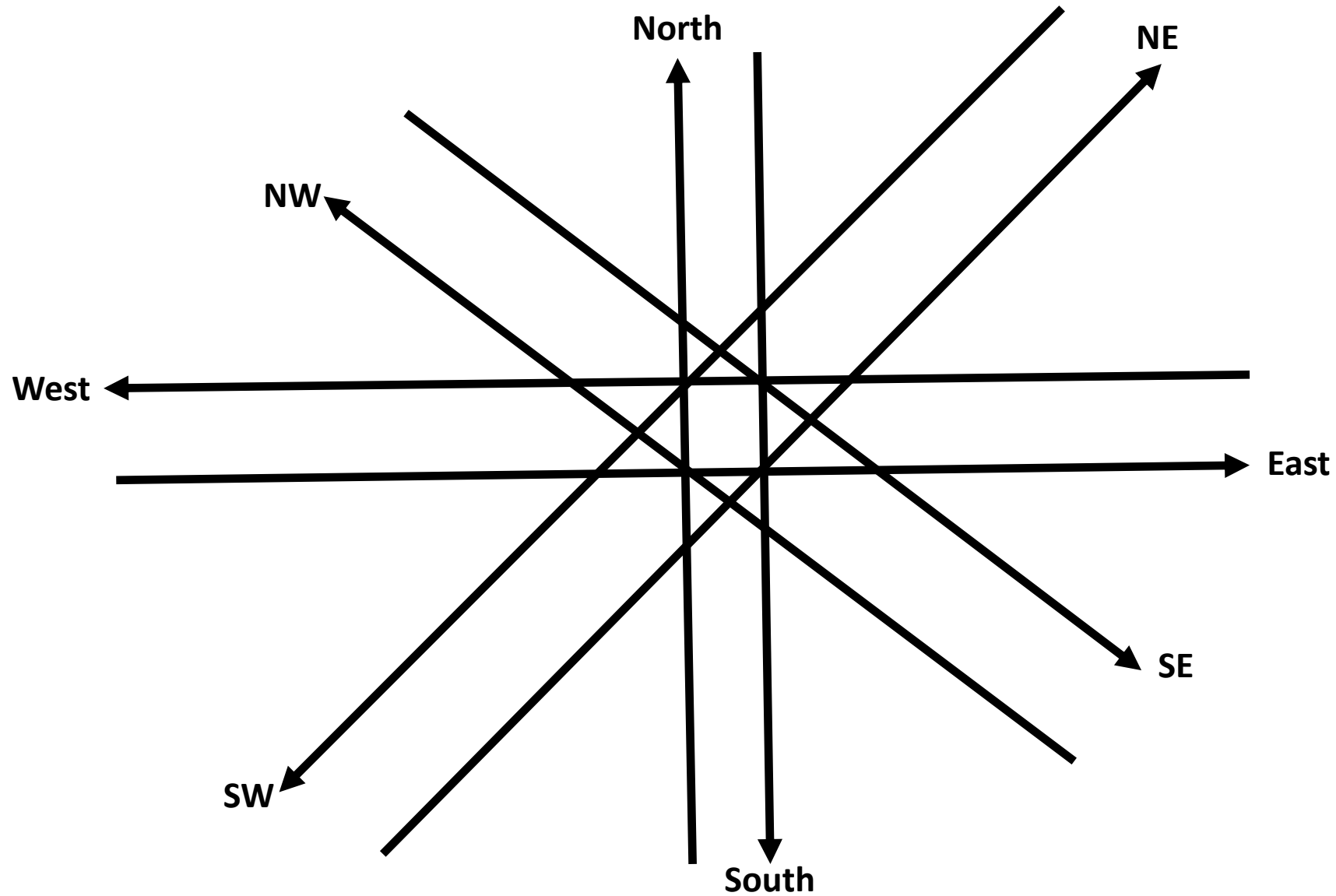
TS-950 and TS-850



W3LPL Glenwood Maryland - 1995



Eight 580 Foot Beverages Starting in 1995



#1 USA Multi-Multi in Four CQWW and ARRL DX Contests

During a Single Season

	CQWW SSB	CQWW CW	ARRL CW	ARRL SSB
N2AA	1982	1982	1983	1983
W3LPL	1987	1987	1988	1988
W3LPL	1988	1988	1989	1989
W3LPL	1989	1989	1990	1990
W3LPL	1994	1994	1995	1995
K3LR	2010	2010	2011	2011
K3LR	2013	2013	2014	2014
K3LR	2014	2014	2015	2015



The background of the cover is a photograph of a man with grey hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt and large black headphones, sitting at a desk in a radio shack. He is looking at a computer monitor and has his hands on a keyboard. The room is filled with various electronic equipment, including large computer monitors and racks of gear. In the top right corner, there is a small graphic of the American flag. The title 'Amateur Radio' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline. Below it, 'COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY' is in smaller yellow letters, and 'AUGUST 2008' is in blue letters. A large red shield with the white letters 'CQ' is on the left side. In the bottom left, there is a white text box with black text.

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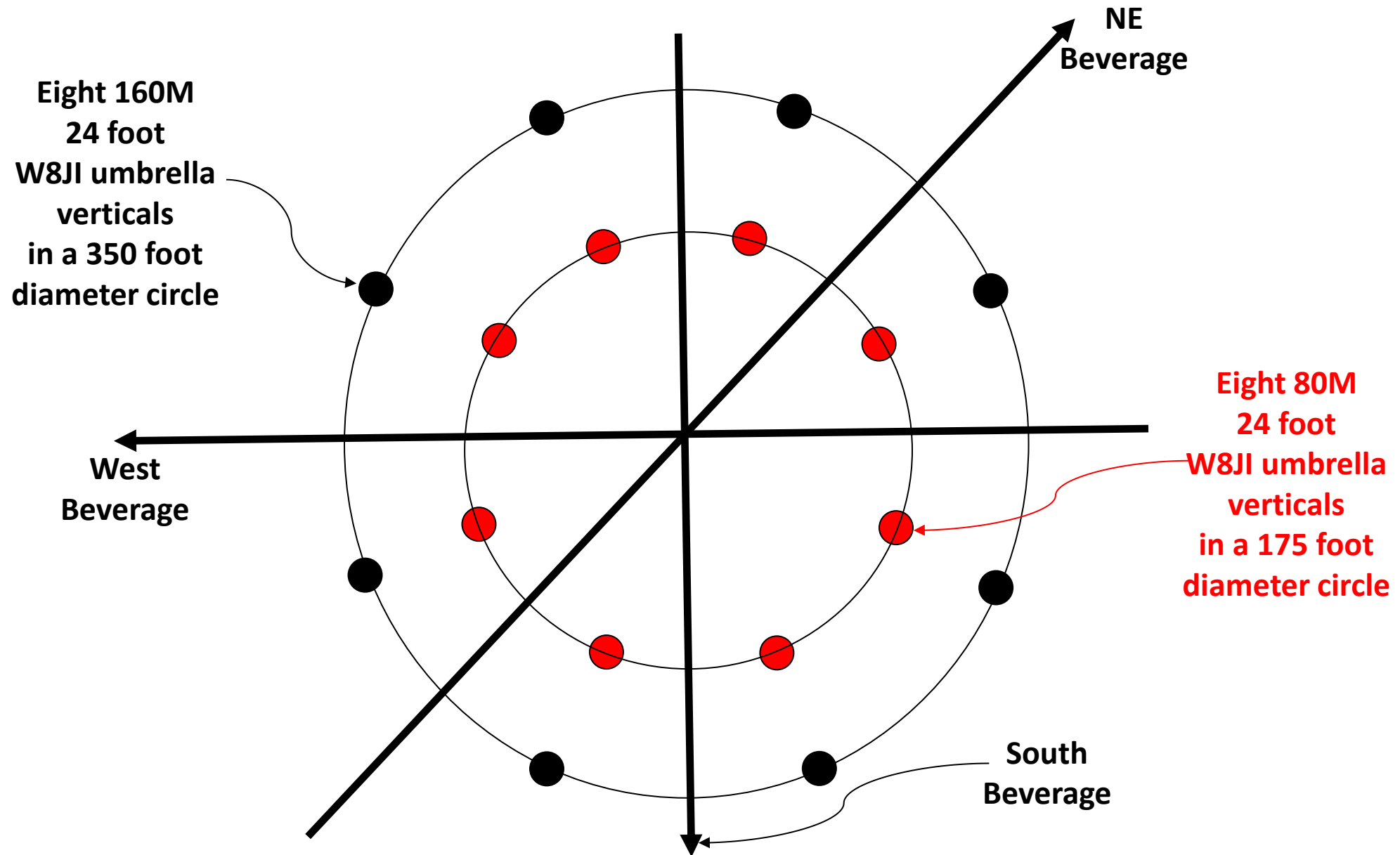
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• **SSB Results, 2007 CQ**
WW DX Contest, p. 20

New 160 and 80 Meter Receiving Antennas - 2013



160 Meter 8-Circle Receiving Array and Beverages – 2013

on four acres 1000 feet from my transmitting antennas



A Tornado Topples My 200 Foot 10 Meter Tower - 2016



HOWARD COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS
3430 COURT HOUSE DRIVE
ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21043

Residential Miscellaneous Permit

PERMIT NUMBER: B16002902

APPLICATION DATE: 6/30/2016

ISSUE DATE: 6/30/2016

SITE ADDRESS:

3055 HOBBS RD
GLENWOOD, MD 21738

PROPERTY OWNER INFO:

DONOVAN FRANCIS AND PHYLLIS
3055 HOBBS RD
GLENWOOD, MD 21738
Phone #: 410-489-9826

Subdivision: WINDSOR FARM ESTATES

Lot No.: 2

Tax Map: 14

Grid: 14-23

ADC Map: 4812-H5

SDP No.:

Zoning: RR-DEO

Census Tract: 605601

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

SFD/ REPLACE TORNADO DAMAGED AMATEUR RADIO TOWER (APPROXIMATELY 199' IN HEIGHT)

Six Weeks After the Tornado - August 2016





Just a Few of My Elmers and Mentors

