

Antenna Systems for Portable, Mountaintop and Rover Operations

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Why portable antennas?

SOTA!



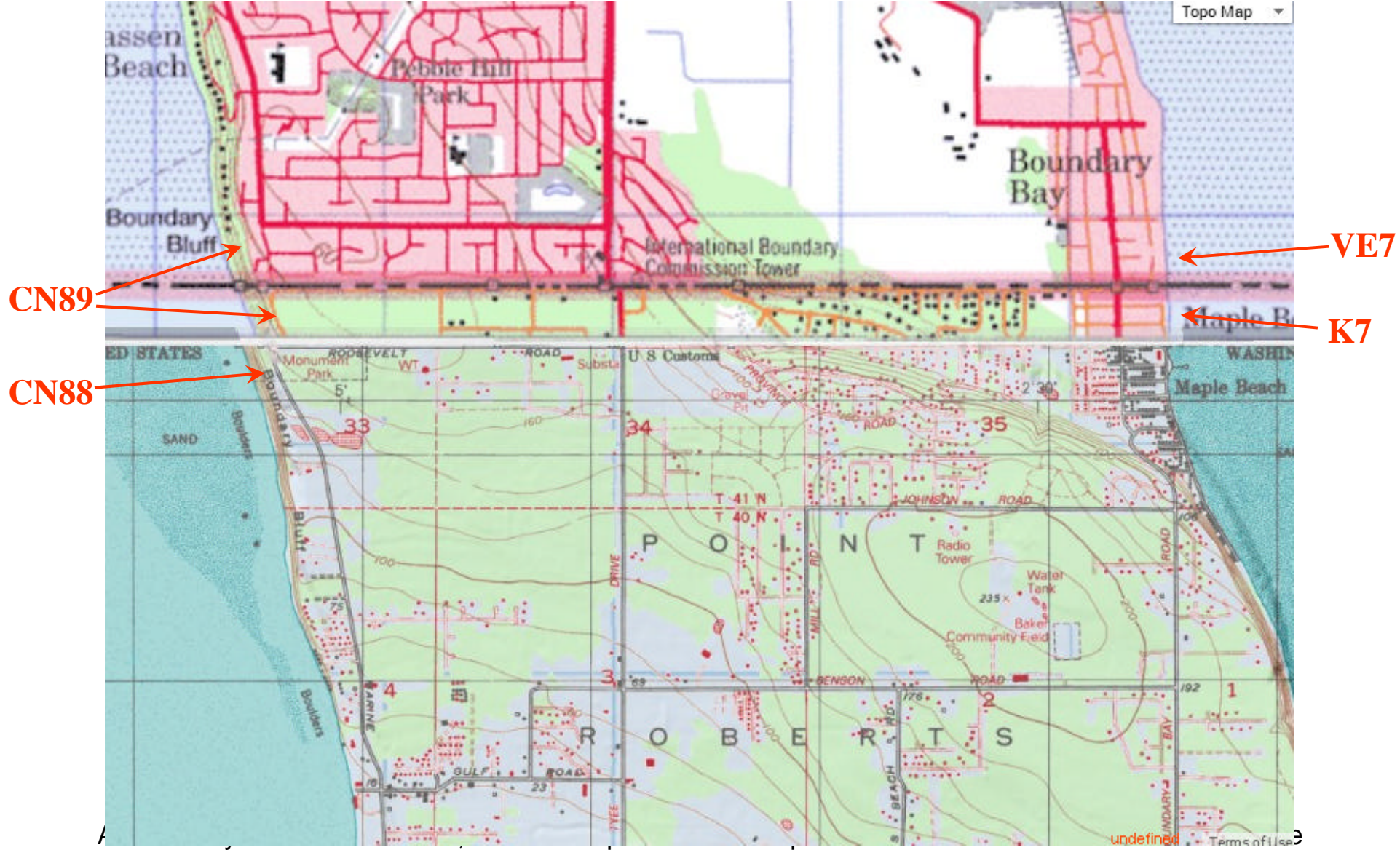
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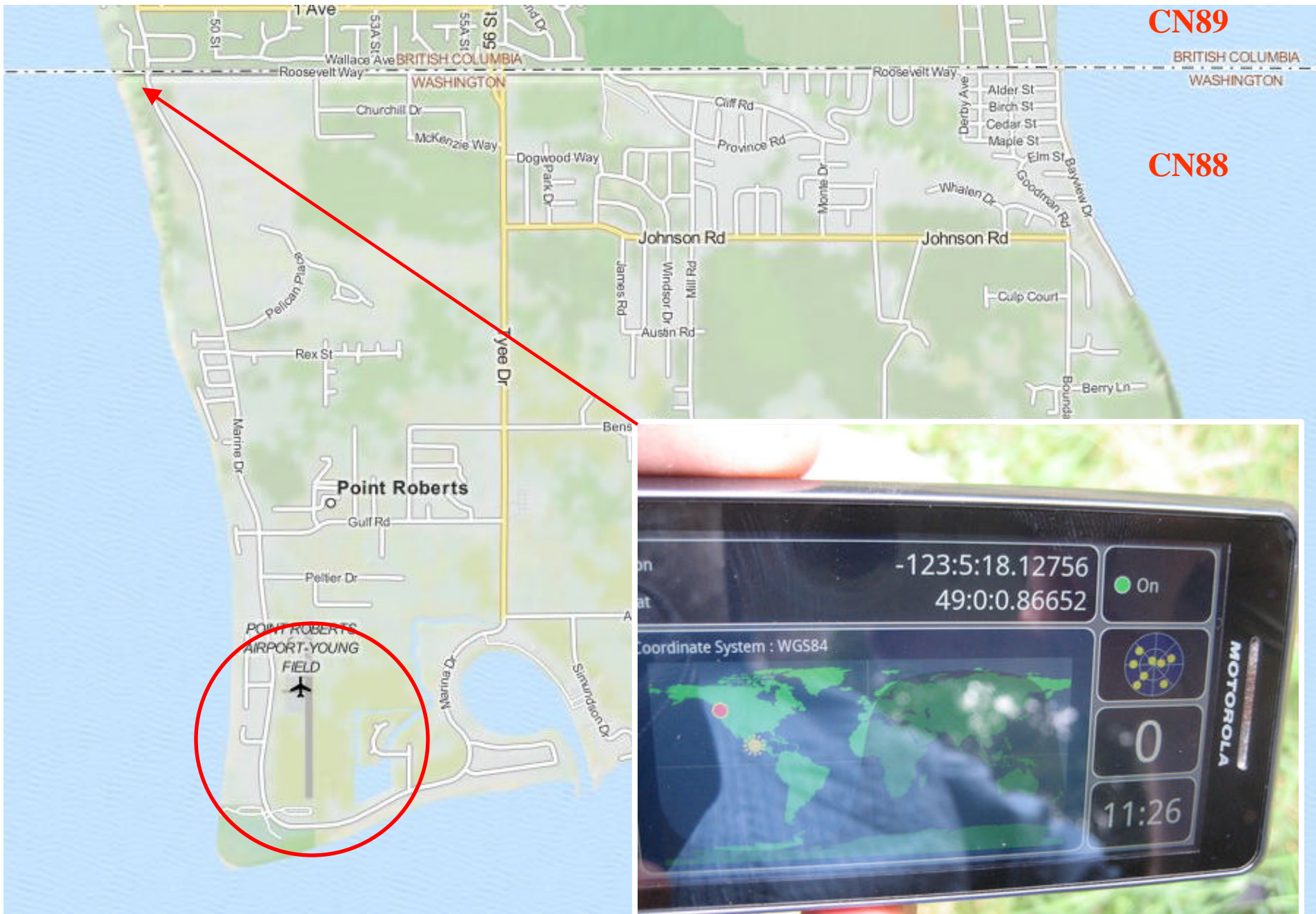
Contesting—portable or rover
(WW7D 2011 ARRL UHF contest)



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Point Roberts, WA extends about 800 feet above 49° longitude (i.e. 49th parallel)





This pile of stuff...



- Fits nicely in both vehicles
- Covers 4 bands



Field Day



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Grid expeditions



KI7JA (SK) contest expedition

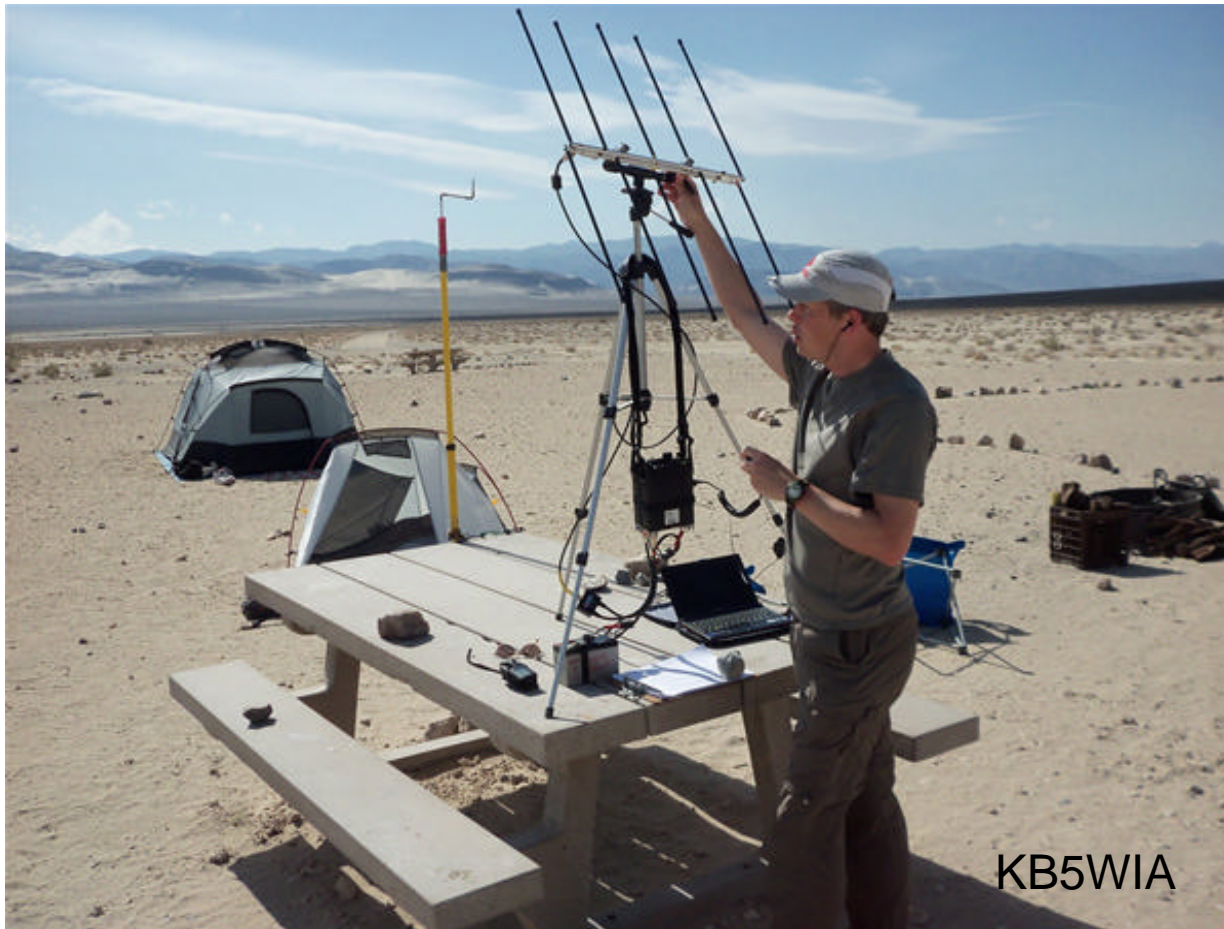
Restricted antenna situations (CCR and hotels)



Public service and emergency communications



Vacation, cruises, camping, etc.



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Portable antenna topics (with show and tell)

1. Portable masts
2. Attaching antennas to masts
3. Some antennas ideas for VHF+

Portable Masts

Painter extension poles



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Crappie fishing pole



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Fiberglass poles: Jackkite flag pole 31' (~25' usable) about \$75



The Mast Company products



Buddypole mast (and the like)



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20 Ft. Telescoping Flag Pole

One Stop Gardens - Item#95598



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This flag pole let you raise or lower your flag without ropes

Only: ~~\$69.99~~

Sale: \$52.99

Qty:



Telescoping antenna mast



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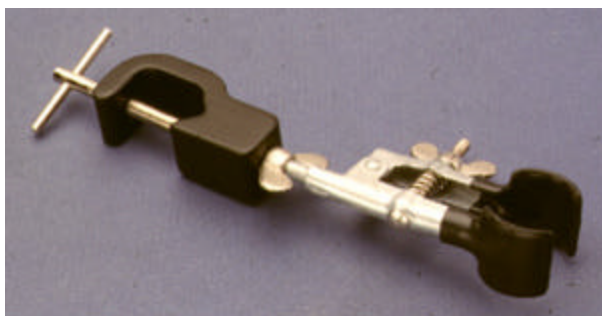
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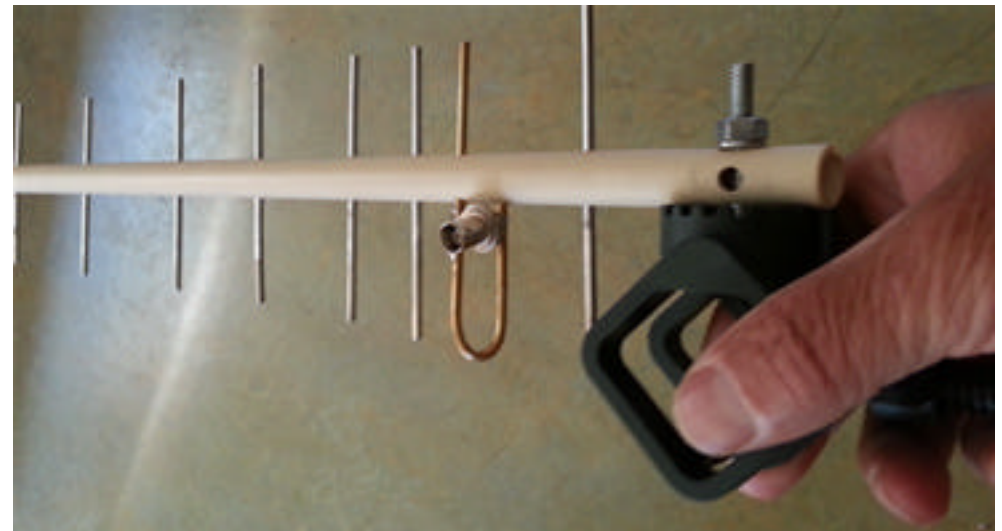
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Attaching the antenna to the mast

Modified burette clamp



Wooster Lock Jaw™ Tool Holder



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Ideas for 6 meter antennas

One evening project: 6m “lawn chair halo”



Halos and stacked halos are good omnidirectional, horizontally polarized antennas for 6m - 432 MHz

Simple 6m directional antennas

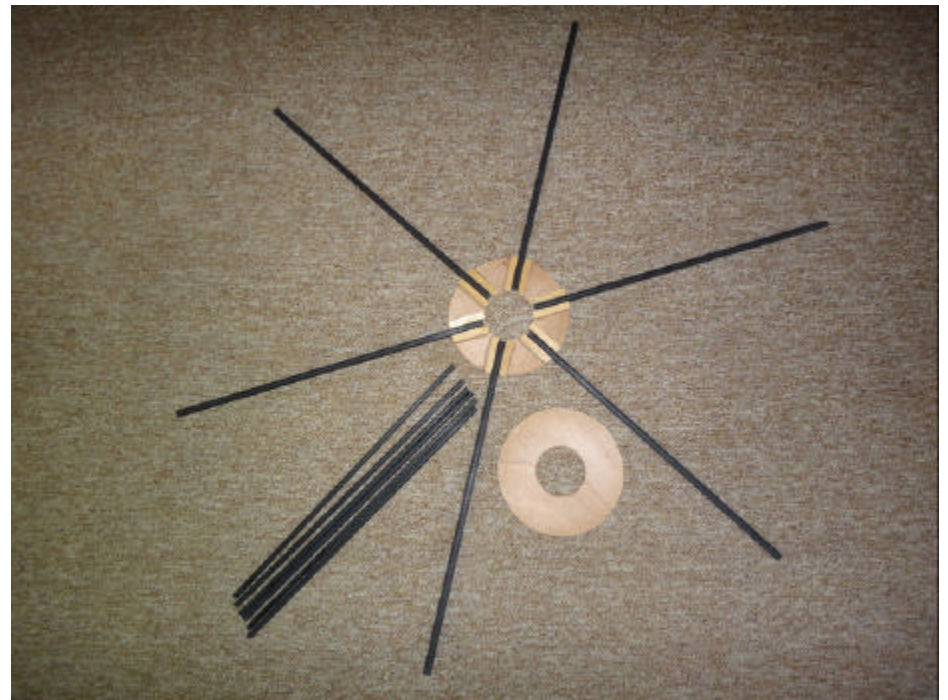
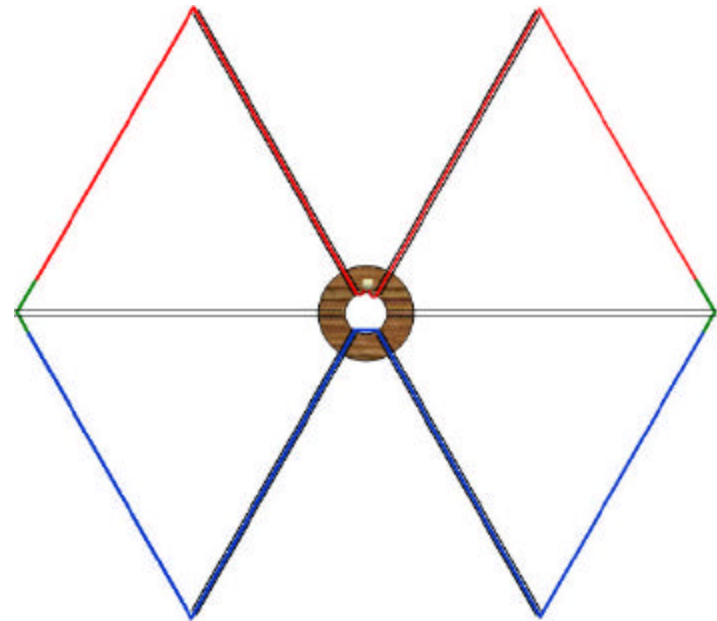
The Moxon (2 ele)



Simple 6m directional antennas

The Hexbeam (2 ele)

Small turning radius (< 3')



Contact WW7D for construction information

Or...Yagis



How about an easy-to-assemble WA5VJB “Cheap Yagi” for 6m?



Dimensions available from WW7D

Simple Directional Antennas for 2m and above

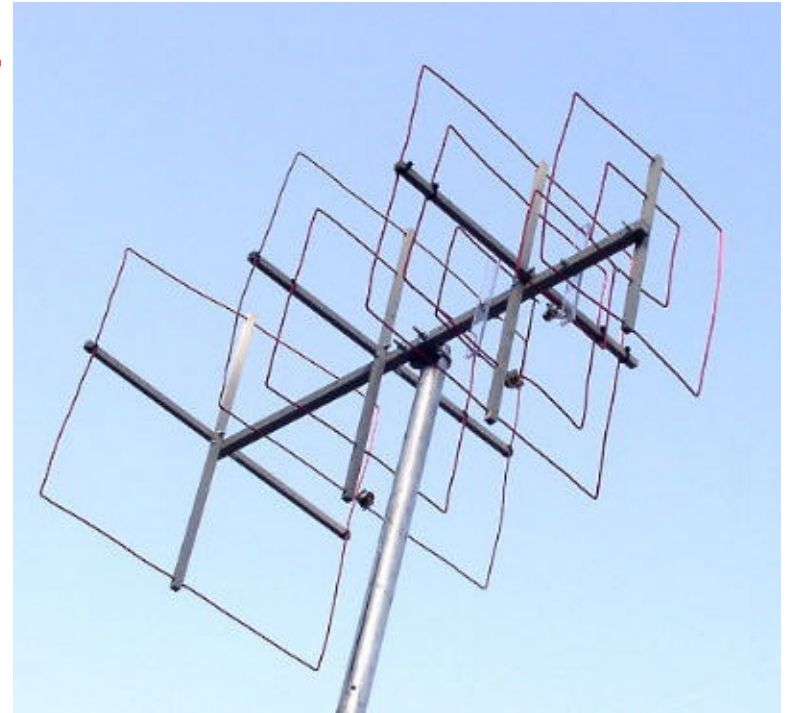
“Cheap Yagi”

<http://www.wa5vjb.com/yagi-pdf/cheapyagi.pdf>



Simple Directional Antennas 2m+

The Quad:



Simple Directional Antennas 2m+

The Quagi:



A couple of tricks for making antennas extra portable:

Fold using narrow top hinges



Make elements removable with nylon thumbscrews to hold element in place

