



# D.E.A.R.S. EARS

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## THE D.E.A.R.S. EARS NEWSLETTER

### The Com-Trailer

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The Com Trailer.

In the great tradition of D.E.A.R.S. of begging and browning, I have located possible COM Trailer of us. It is in the process of being reissued to us. The trailer is an enclosed 5x8 with rear and side swing doors. As an added bonus

the trailer is equipped with a roof top a/c unit. I was told that the trailer used to be an A.K. animal transport. If we get it we might have some deodorizing to do. I feel this trailer would make a great mobile com center to operate from.

A 5x8 trailer is not really big as I would like, but if it's free it's for me. I think we can make 2 operating stations inside along with our gear. With the addition of this trailer to our antenna trailer, I feel we have a winning helping put the logo on the side as

### D.A.R.C. Disney Area Radio Club

The Disney Area Radio Club is a new interest we are currently looking into. The structure and by-laws are in the process of being formed. Most likely a board of D.E.A.R.S. members will be formed to over see this process. Maybe with a little luck and some good PR, we bring a bunch of new members into our group. Hopefully by the end of this year we will have a GO-NOGO answer. Forming a new group along side

of D.E.A.R.S. will be tricky task to complete. Being a small part of D.E.A.R.S. and outside club does pose some problems on functioning and operating. i.e.; meeting location and operating activates. But I am sure if there is a way, there is a will. Any suggestions or comments on this subject please contact Coy or Jim.

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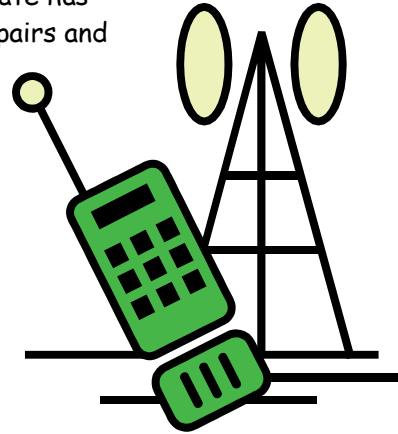
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## Repeater News

Well not much to report. The 300 machine is working normally. We are currently looking into setting up our spare 70 cm machine that is currently at site 2. There is nothing wrong with the 70 cm machine that is in place now. The only reason is to make a matching pair of repeaters. Apparently the working 70 cm machine that is in place now is no more than 2 mobile rigs tied together. By recrystaling the spare repeater and putting in service, we would have 2

identical machines one for 2 m and one for 70 cm. no time or date has been decided yet on the repairs and change over. More to come.



## Com-Trailer cont.

us with it. She is now trying to set the charge numbers for PM's to a department. Like I said it all ours. Just waiting for the paper work to be processed. After the trailer is ours. I think we need to have a cleaning and a painting party. Maybe we will

well. I will keep you all posted on this as soon as I know.

## SITE 2

Well another month has gone by. On July 14, we completed the rebuilding of the floor. Once again, thanks go out to Coy, John, Jim and our newest temporary member Adam. The project took about 5 hours to complete. The floor is now as stable as it can be. With a small weak spot on the west wall, the flooring has been screwed down



took about 3 hours to complete and the other 2 hours was involved in arranging the shelves, books and equipment. We plan to keep at it 1

tight. The plywood flooring

day a weekend. Our next projects consist of work benches, antennas, a working station and generator repairs. All volunteers are welcome to participate. We could use all the help we can get. If interested please contact Coy or Jim for times and days for these continuing projects.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 ARRL UHF Contest
6 ARRL UHF Contest	7	8	9 D.E.A.R.S. Meeting D.U. 6:00pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
20 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### Watt's Going On

Ok. Here's the 411 on what is going on with our group. In the July meeting it was brought to the table that we might be looking into forming an outside club. This club will consist of cast members from D.E.A.R.S. along with non-cast members. This will allow our membership to grow. With out the control of company over us, we will be able to run a club

the way we want. Incorporation, dues and other operating activates will be apart of our club. Like other clubs in the area, it is hard to function with out funds. This might be the only way we can survive. D.E.A.R.S. wills still the biggest influence and we will still function as usual. The non-cast members will not participate in our sensitive roles of D.E.A.R.S. some of the activates might include in this club will be

classes, training, testing, special events and possibly picnics/cookouts. A monthly meeting will be held just after the monthly D.E.A.R.S. meeting. So in short there will be kind of two groups but acting as one. Please, your input on this matter is important. Also see the newly added section D.A.R.C. for info.

## *Special Events*

Here the newest in special events. We are currently looking into the possibility of supporting some iron man events. Unlike the past, we have learned that we need more planning. It has been a few years since we have done one. With a little help from security and the iron man team, we might do a little better than the last time. This might give us some funding that we desperately need. any body that's willing to participate, please contact Coy.

As a side note, we are also planning other events and contests. The ARRL has a contest almost every month and some weekly. Any one interested in participating, please contact Jim. Most of the contests are on weekends and are usually short lived. They would be fun to get the group together more often than just our annual field day. We are also looking into doing some ARRL contests.

There is a contest almost every month. As the old saying goes, practice makes perfect. As it seems ever year we do field day we encounter problems and solve them. So the more we participate in contests and events, the more we will learn. Besides the contests and events, this might bring the group together more often than once a year. We might have a little fun at same time.

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## **E-COM**

Emergency communication is the sole reason for existence. At this time, if an emergency should arise we would not be ready. So a plan has been developed to start organizing our resources and equipment. The antenna trailer is being modified and upgraded to work better and safer. We need to explore the possibility of a generator, antennas and possibly a new enclosed trailer for a mobile com center.

As it stands now if we were to deploy during a hurricane, we would have to operate from under a tent. This is not an ideal situation to be in. we have our site2, but if we were needed at a location we would have to work out of our own vehicles. In our June meeting it was brought up that we might need a type of com bus.

As a group we can not afford the upkeep on that type vehicle nor would the company. With an enclosed trailer we would only be responsible for the tags and little or no maintenance.

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