

Greetings to everyone on this Easter Afternoon.

I think it is safe to say that this is an Easter most of us will never forget. I pray you are well and enjoying this day even if we cannot go to church and celebrate together.

I spent the first part of this day getting some much needed exercise. I have a course of about a mile that goes through the downtown Victoria area. Over the winter I fell off the wagon and recently I have been feeling it. So this morning I rose early and took my usual exercise course that I haven't been faithful to all winter. The clouds were heavy and ominous. I thought it might pour rain any moment. I hardly saw another person the entire time. But I did complete my course and I feel much better for it now. Of course, I may not be able to get out of bed tomorrow!

After watering the plants and puttering around the yard I decided to take advantage of the cool overcast morning to check my antennas in the attic. I realize not everyone has the luxury of an attic, but bear with me. The point I wanted to make is that most of us have some extra time on our hands these days. While we have some time let's spend a little of it checking out our radios both in our cars and at our base stations at home. Actually, it was a good thing I checked my antennas because they were in poor shape. Well, my coax cable connectors were certainly in poor shape. I ended up cutting off three of my PL-259 connectors and soldering new ones in place. I also took the time to mount another VHF/UHF Diamond fiberglass antenna in the center of my attic. Rather than mount it from the floor I hung it from a hook I screwed into a rafter at the highest point. See the attached pictures.

While we're touring my attic I'm including pics of my other attic antennas. I have a 2 meter VHF quarter wave antenna which has given reliable service for probably 20 years or more. Another antenna in my attic is actually a TV antenna which gives great performance picking up our local TV broadcast TV channels. The TV antenna is called a Hoverman. Here is the link for the design.

<https://www.hamradio.me/antennas/superbowl-dtv-antenna.html>

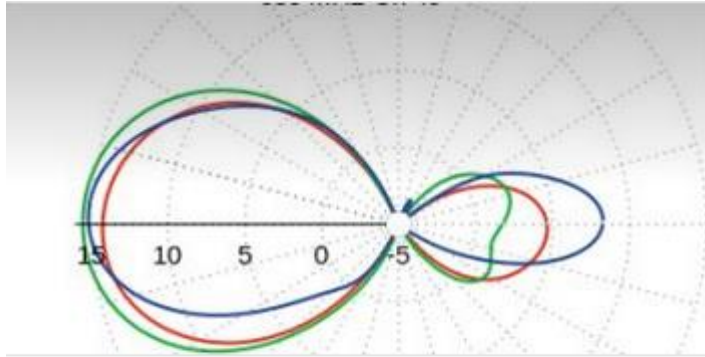












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I have some spare parts for the TV antenna so if you're interested in one for yourself let me know. They're cheap to build and give great reception. But they're not the strongest design so they're not well suited well for outside use.

I'm including a picture of my rooftop mounted VHF/UHF Diamond fiberglass antenna. The attic mounted antenna is the exact same model. It gives almost as good reception as the rooftop antenna. I can hit the Port Lavaca repeater with about 10 watts. This morning I could also hit the Yorktown repeater.

So, in conclusion, if you have spare time, spend a bit of it preparing both for our upcoming Field Day and for our upcoming hurricane season. Spend some time now before it gets really hot in a couple of more months.

By the way, if anyone would like to buy some coax or connectors for antennas projects let's discuss that on the net tomorrow evening. Maybe the club could buy a big spool of coax and we could sell it at cost to members.

So, on this Easter afternoon I wish each of you joy, health, and safety.

73 de Bob, KI5PG