# Gathering Music "The Proposal / The Night Was Alive With a Thousand Voices."

From: "Titanic: A New Musical" (1997) Music & Lyrics by Maury Yeston

Brian D'Arcy James as Stoker Frederick Barrett Martin Moran as Wireless Operator Harold Bride



Presentation: "Summits On The Air – in Hiking Boots or Bathrobe"

Andrew Ellis, NO6E



Summits On The Air

Begun in 2002, SOTA is an operating activity. "Activators" make contacts from mountaintops with "Chasers."

Chaser vs.	Activator
In your den	On a cold/rainy/windy mountain
Bathrobe.	Hiking boots, rain gear, coat
Cold "807"	Enough water so you don't die.
Whatever you got!	Weak radio, crummy antenna
"Don't bother me. SOTA!"	"Here's where to find my body"
Table, shelf or custom console	In the dirt
Stool, chair or recliner.	In the dirt
Might not get the contact.	Death

So...it's not "Better" to be an activator or a chaser.

# SOTA needs both!

# **Rules for Activators:**

Have Permission to be at the site.

No connection or proximity to a motor vehicle.

Be on a recognized SOTA peak, within 25M of summit.

Carry all your gear

Only battery or solar power allowed.

The "Ref" is the reference number assigned by SOTA

Here's how it works for Onion Mountain, Oregon:

"Association"

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"Region"

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**Summit Number** 

Example:

W70

"SC" for South Coastal

048

### So, for Onion Mountain: W7O/SC-048

# Making your first SOTA CONTACT

### HOW TO FIND A CONTACT

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* <b>WB5USB</b> 16:31 GMT (6 minutes ago) *[RBNHole] at N7TR 17 WPM	14.0613 CW	W5N/EL-001 RBNHOLE 8 pts.
<b>EI3KA/P</b> 16:29 GMT (8 minutes ago) *hf all packed away, sorry [SC	145.5 FM	EI/IS-010 EI3KA 10 pts.
EI3KA/P 16:26 GMT (10 minutes ago) *cq cq [SOTA Spotter]	145.5 FM	EI/IS-010 EI3KA 10 pts.
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<b>NOTA</b> 16:17 GMT (20 minutes ago) *[RBNHole] at KU7T 20 WPN	14.062 CW	WOC/FR-050 RBNHOLE 4 pts.
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<b>KTOA</b> 16:12 GMT (25 minutes ago)	14.062 CW	WOD/BB-085 W7RV 6 pts.
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### Making Your First Chaser Contact

Activator:

Chaser:

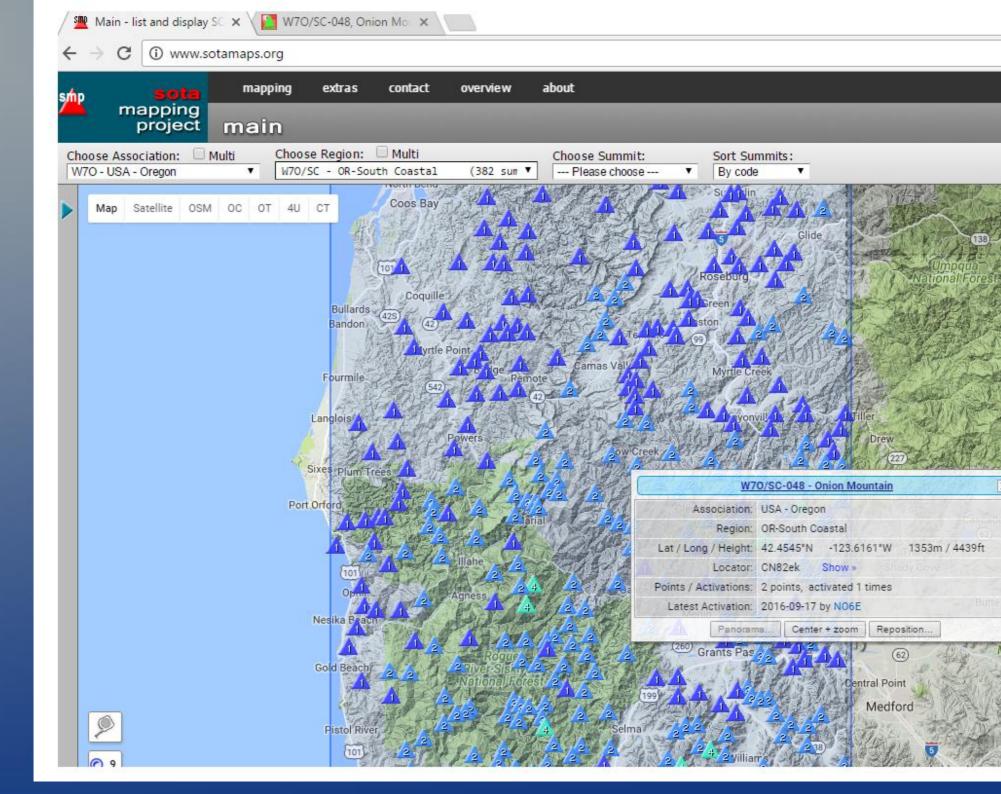
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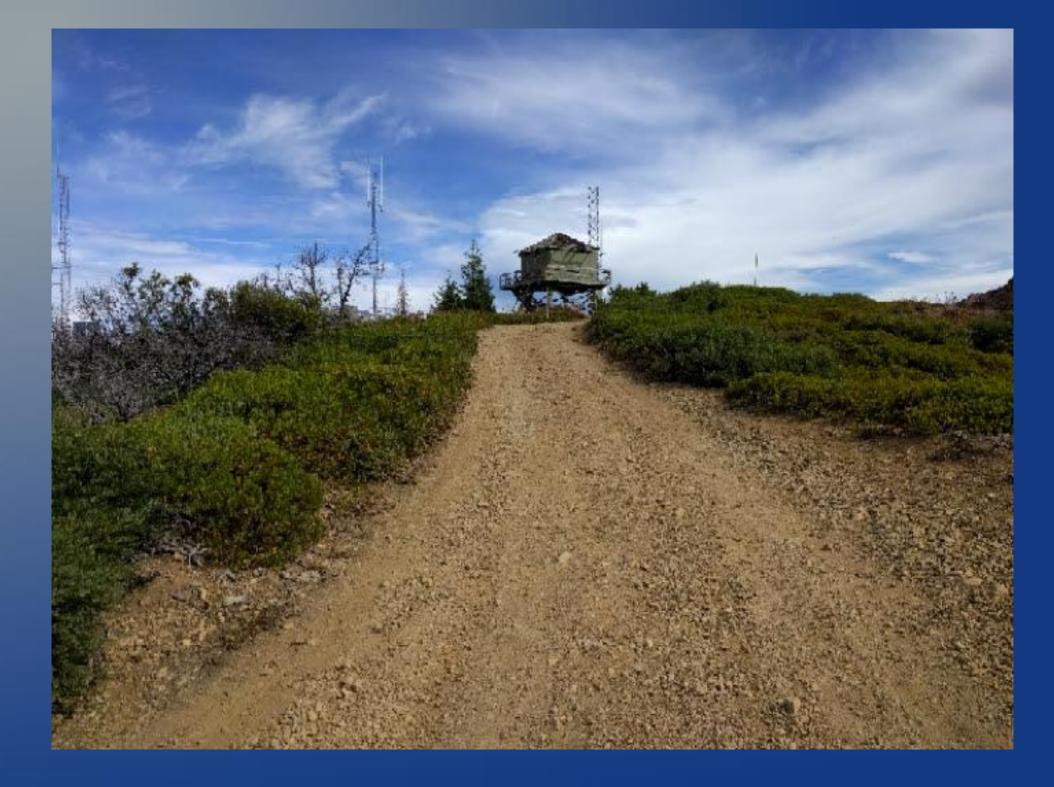
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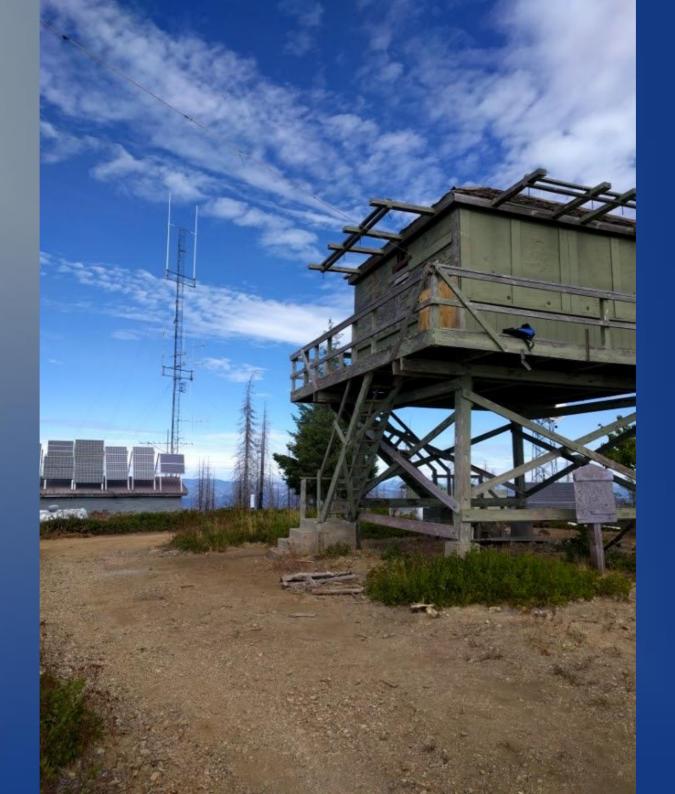
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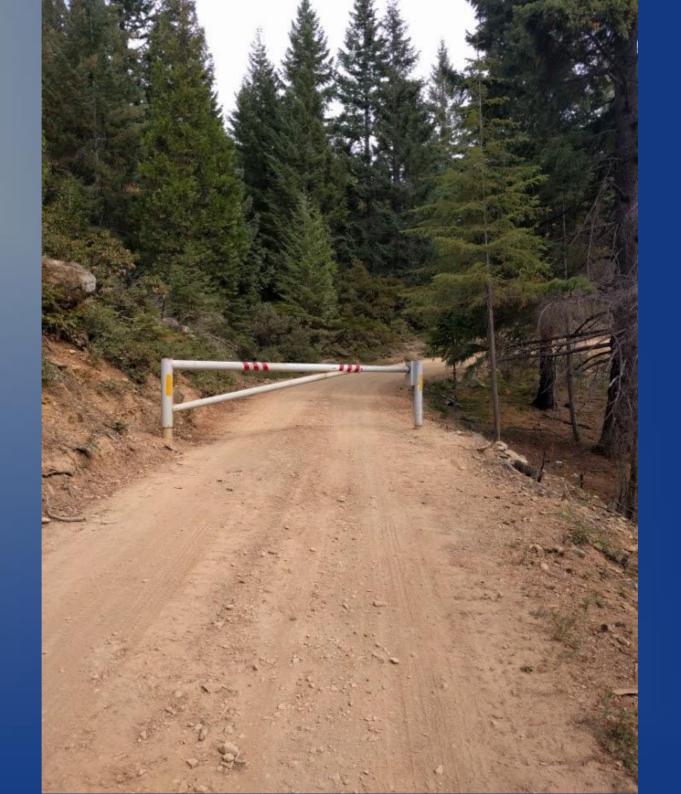
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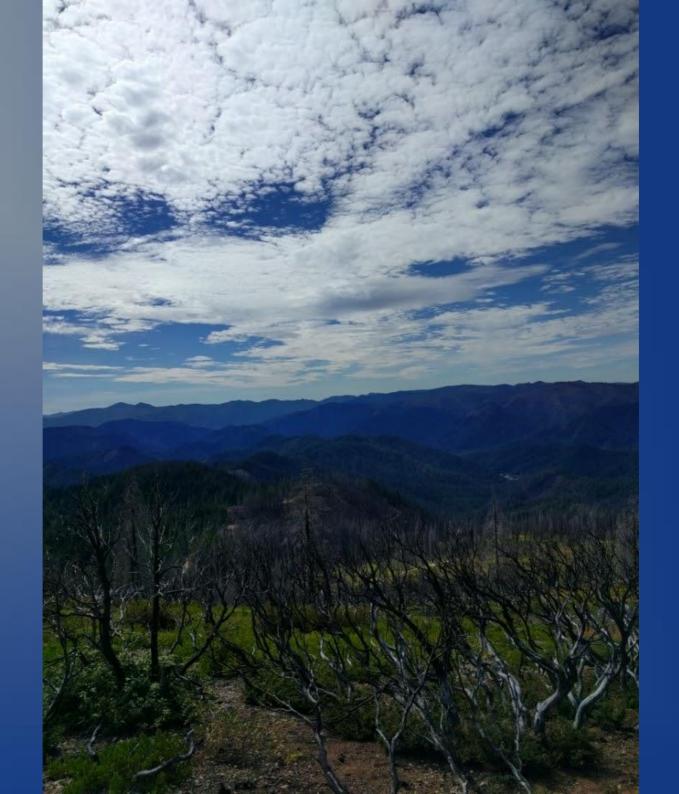














### Heading Out! What do I need?

Clothing: Hat, rain gear, hiking boots

Provisions: Water, food, first aid kit

Radios: HF, VHF, cell phone

Antennas, HF, VHF with launch gear

Accessories: Key, Mic, Log, Pencil

Alerting: Cell data, SMS, APRS

Safety Notification.



# Packing for an Activation



## Photo group https://www.flickr.com /groups/sota\_pics/

### **50 Most Popular Summits**

SOTA Ref	Name	Alt (Metres)	Alt (Feet)	Points	No. of Activations	Last Activation	Last Call
G/SP-015	The Cloud	343	1125	1	1135	17/Aug/2015	G2HFR/P
HB/ZH-015	Altberg	631	2070	1	730	22/Aug/2015	HB9BAB/P
G/SP-004	Shining Tor	559	1834	2	633	15/Aug/2015	MOJCQ/P
G/SP-013	Gun	385	1263	1	619	24/Aug/2015	2E0YYY/P
LA/TM-049	Holtankollen	253	830	1	522	16/Apr/2015	LA1TPA/P
GW/NW-051	Foel Fenlli	511	1676	2	407	12/Aug/2015	GW2HFR/P
GW/NW-044	Moel Famau	554	1818	2	381	08/Aug/2015	GW0EVV/P
G/WB-004	Titterstone Clee Hill	533	1749	2	341	02/Aug/2015	M6ZXH
G/WB-005	Long Mynd - Pole Bank	517	1695	2	340	13/Aug/2015	G4AZS/P
G/SP-005	Pendle Hill	557	1827	2	333	12/Jul/2015	G4TJC/P
G/NP-010	Pen-y-ghent	694	2277	4	327	17/Aug/2015	GX0000/P
GW/NW-042	Moel y Gamelin	578	1896	2	306	03/Aug/2015	GW0WP0/QRP/
G/LD-049	Kirkby Moor	334	1096	1	297	16/May/2015	M1AVV/P
G/WB-003	Stiperstones	537	1761	2	293	06/Aug/2015	G4TQE/P
G/SP-001	Kinder Scout	636	2088	4	291	15/Aug/2015	M0JCQ/P
G/NP-005	Ingleborough	724	2375	6	290	14/Jul/2015	MOVCM/P
GW/NW-043	Cyrn-y-Brain	565	1853	2	285	31/Jul/2015	GW0WP0/QRP/
G/LD-050	Gummer's How	321	1053	1	272	15/Jul/2015	G60DU/P
G/NP-004	Whernside	736	2415	6	271	19/Aug/2015	G0EVV/P
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### Database sotadata.org.uk

# Reflector reflector.sota.org.uk



#### Summits on the Air Photo Pool - Joined

715 Members + 15.2k Photos + 0 Discussions

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Members Map Invite Friends

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Welcome to the SOTA photo stream. If you wish to see YOUR photos here. please click the JOIN link below. Activation photos are always popular. Ones that show equipment and operator are especially popular. Chasers are also welcome to submit photos. It is nice to be able to put a face to the voice/calision. Good photos serve to inspire more people to join SOTA so join up today and let us all share in your funit

#### Photo pool Add photo



Top Contributors

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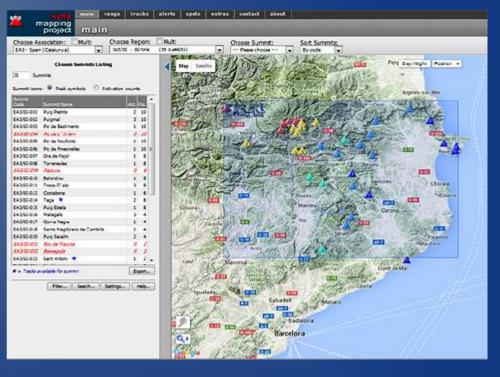
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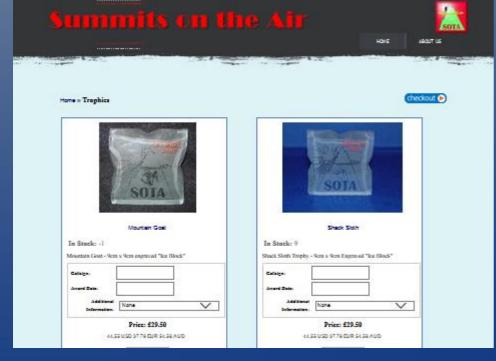
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Wed 04:13 VK5NHG/P on VK5/SE-007 calling cq (Posted by VK5NHG)	7.1
Wed 04:01 VK2TWR/P on VK2/SM-064 *cq cq (via RRT) (Posted by VK2IO)	7.0
Wed 03:49 VK2IO/P on VK2/SM-064 On air now, easy copy in Perth, Tnx Gerard. (Posted by VK6NU)	14.0
Wed 03:42 VK2IO/P on <u>VK2/SM-064</u> *arv in 30 mins (via RRT) (Posted by VK2IO)	14.0

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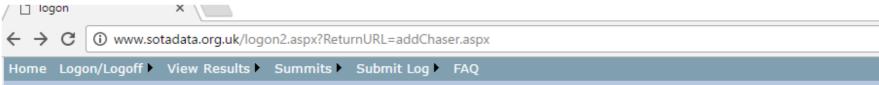


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# SOTA Logging:

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### Logon To Sota

#### Welcome To SOTA!

We currently have the following details recorded for you:-

User ID: NO6E Real Name: Andrew Ellis Callsign: NO6E Email Address: radioalbany@ymail.com Home Association: W70 - USA - Oregon

Edit Details Change Password

Activator points: You currently have a total of 32 points (32 Points plus 0 Bonus Points)

Chaser points: You currently have a total of 917 points

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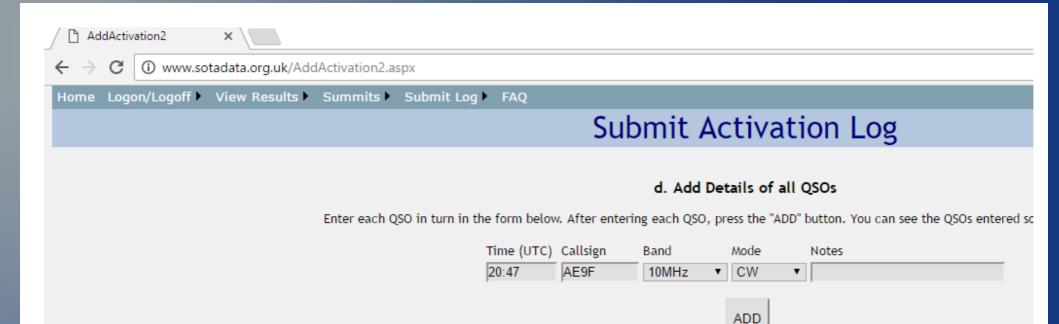
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#### a. Select the Association, Region and Summit chase

Association:	W7O - USA - Oregon	T
Region:	NC (OR-North Coastal)	¥
Summit:	W7O/NC-002 (Saddle Mountain)	•

#### b. Enter QSO Details

Date (dd/mm/yy)	
Time UTC (hh:mm)	
Callsign/SWL YOU used	
Other Callsign	
Band	Select Band ▼
Mode	Select Mode <b>▼</b>
Notes	
S2S	Is QSO S2S?
SWL	Is QSO SWL?



When all QSOs have been entered, scroll down to the bottom of the page, check your entries and press the FINISH button.

Time	Callsign	Band	Mode	Notes	Delete
20:06	N4EX	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:09	KE5AKL	14MHz	CW	S2S: W5N/PW-027	<u>Delete</u>
20:11	AC1Z	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:13	NF7P	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:14	W7RV	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:15	NE4TN	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:16	K7JFD	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:18	NB1ZT	14MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:20	KR7KK	7MHz	CW	S2S: W7A/PN-008	<u>Delete</u>
20:30	WB7VTY	7MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:32	K6EL	7MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:33	W6JMP	7MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:34	N7KLN	7MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>
20:37	AI6CU	7MHz	CW	S2S: W6/NC-417	<u>Delete</u>
20:39	WW7D	7MHz	CW		<u>Delete</u>

#### QSOs entered so far

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#### a. Select the Association, Region and Summit chased

Association:	W5N - USA - New Mexico 🔻	
Region:	PW (Pecos Wilderness)	
Summit:	W5N/PW-027 (8409)	

#### b. Enter QSO Details

Date (dd/mm/yy)	11/02/2017
Time UTC (hh:mm)	20:09
Callsign/SWL YOU used	NO6E
Other Callsign	KE5AKL
Band	14MHz 🔻
Mode	CW 🔻
Notes	
S2S	✓ Is QSO \$25?
SWL	Is QSO SWL?

#### c. Select your Association, Region and Summit

Association:	W7O - USA - Oregon	•
Region:	CC (OR-Central Coast)	•
Summit:	W7O/CC-012 (Roman Nose Mountain)	•



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Chaser Log	
NO6E	
Total Points (Last 6 Months)= 752	
Show Awards Download complete log	
Year filter : -Last 6 Months- ▼ Order : Jan - Dec ▼ Show!	
Show Unconfirmed only: Show Confirmations: Show Analysis:	

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13/Aug/2016	20:13	NO6E	KXOR	W0C/SP-100	Mexican Ridge	10MHz	CW	4	4
13/Aug/2016	20:55	NO6E	W7GA	W7U/WA-015	8978	10MHz	CW	6	10
19/Aug/2016	17:01	NO6E	WCOY	W8O/CT-001	Cambell Hill	14MHz	CW	4	14
19/Aug/2016	18:21	NO6E	K7BUY	W70/NE-227	5571	14MHz	SSB	4	18
20/Aug/2016	17:12	NO6E	NM5SW	W5N/CC-003	Capulin Peak	14MHz	CW	8	26
20/Aug/2016	17:38	NO6E	KQ6UP	W6/CT-205	Blue Mountain	14MHz	CW	1	27
20/Aug/2016	18:01	NO6E	KXOR	W0C/SR-046	Stanley Mountain	14MHz	CW	8	35
21/Aug/2016	19:07	NO6E	WC6J	W6/NS-389	Buzzard Roost	7MHz	SSB	8	43
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### Welcome to the Pacific Northwest!

The pnwSOTA website was created to facilitate communication betw Northwest region, as well as show off some of the activities of the t On this site you will find information about getting started in SOTA activations <u>contributed</u> by people that are operating here.

#### Powers-Less

Submitted by NO6E on Tue, 02/07/2017 - 17:30

The small town of Powers, OR looks promising for SOTA. Within a fe along the Coquille river are three SOTA peaks, W7O/SC-149 (Woodb Mountain) and the unnamed W7O/SC-342. Powers itself is located of Highway 42, as it runs near Coquille, OR.

As I usually do, I tried to scout these locations today. Each was eith Trespassing."

Read more

### Mount Harrison, Idaho by K7ZO | No



"It's not Cricket!"

SOTA rules for summits

SOTA rules for activators

SOTA rules for chasers

### The Elephant in the SOTA Room: CW

CW is not a requirement

CW is the most widely-used mode on SOTA. Why?

What *kind* of CW is it?

Will they laugh at me?

What about those slashes and dashes in the reference numbers?

# I'm NOT bringing my Home Rig! (Nor am I!)

### YAESU FT-817ND

### ELECRAFT KX2





### YOUKITS HB1B

### **HENDRICKS PFR-3B**





Yes, I know: Antenna Tuners Don't Tune the Antenna!



The LDG Z-817 is an automatic tuner made for use with the FT-817.

The Elecraft T2 is a QRP tuner that can work with many rigs





The SOTA Tuner from QRP Kits is a manual tuner and swr indicator

### Tennis Ball Antenna Launcher

Materials: 1 Tennis Ball 1 foot (30 cm) Paracord Utility Knife Long-nose pliers

Cut a 1.5" (4 cm) slit

On opposite sides, cut 2 "X-shaped" slits about 1/4" (0.5mm)

Push each end of cord into X-slits.



Squeeze to open the long slit. Pull both cord ends out through the slit.

Tie the two ends together and tuck them back inside.

Option: Add a few pebbles or coins to add weight.

Tie fishing line to loop.



### How to avoid losing your clipboard, pencil and paddle.

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### The CheapLIGHT Porta-Paddle

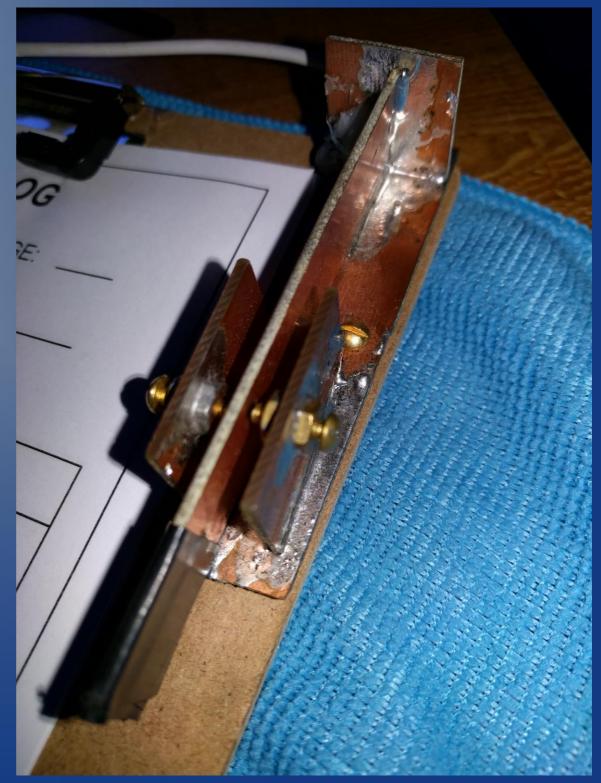
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1/16" x 6" x 6" Double-clad FR4 PCB stock

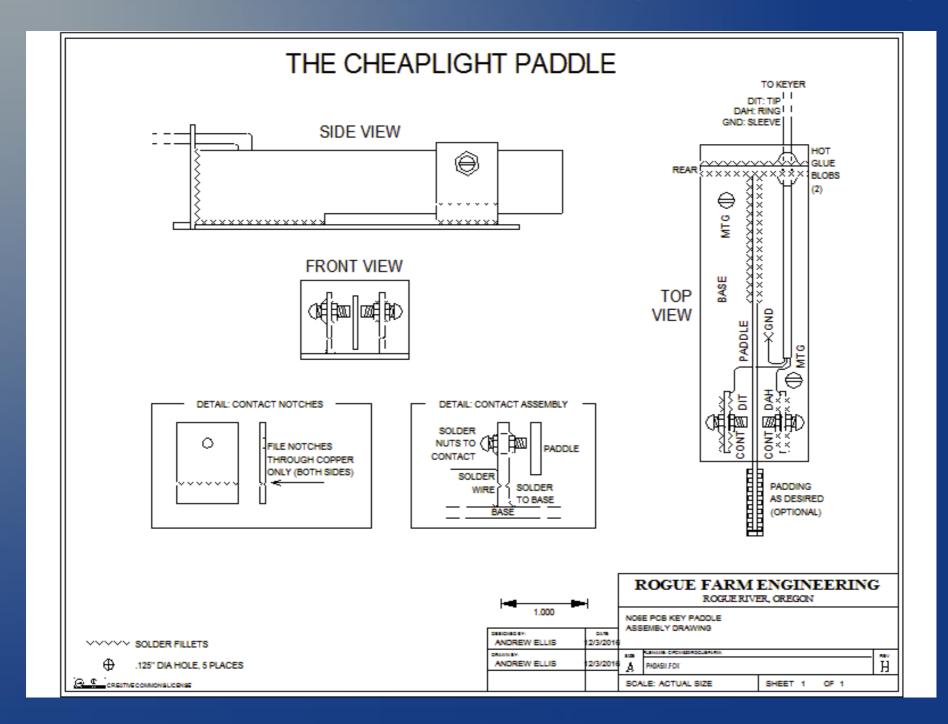
1 6' 3.5 mm male-male patch cord

4-40x3/8" brass machine screws and 4-40 brass nuts

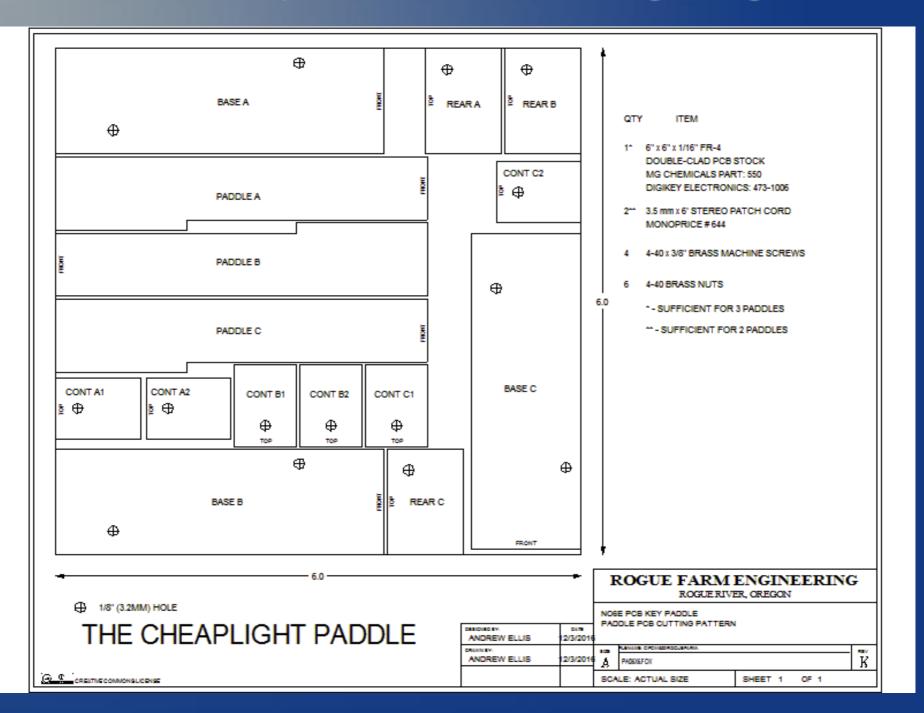
Soldering iron, solder, tin snips.



## CheapLIGHT Porta-Paddle cutting and assembly.



### CheapLIGHT 6x6 Cutting Diagram

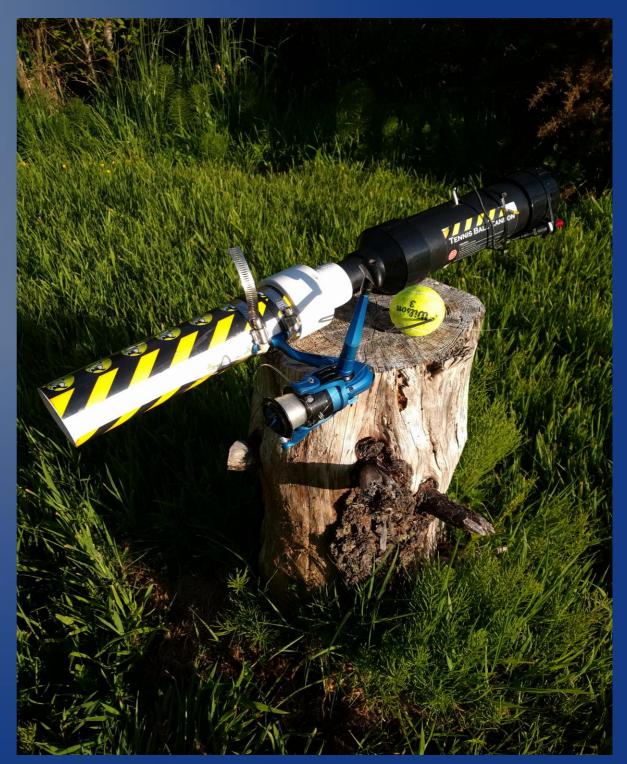


# A Dangerous Digression:

It's too big and heavy for SOTA, but the tennis balls can also launch wire antennas over really BIG trees, say, 200 feet or so.

Powered by flammable hair spray, this none-too-safe "Tennis Ball Cannon" can do the job!

> I'm not recommending it! If you try it, you're on your own!



# Thank you for coming! Enjoy the rest of SEAPAC!



**Special Thanks:** 

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