# AEAARC AEA Amateur Radio Club September Meeting

How to make a QSO

Use your radio to make contact with other ham radio operators

- A3 & D8 Antenna Status
- WhatsApp
- Ham Question Time

Thursday September 28, 2023

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific

Teams and A3/2226 MMC

**Email Kirk Crawford for invite** 

See My Aerospace announcement for more info



#### **AEA Amateur Radio Club Officers**



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# Agenda

- D8 Antenna Status
- A3 HF Antenna Mounting
- WhatsAPP
- Presentation
- Employee Expo
- Upcoming Meetings
- HAM Question Time



## D8 Antenna Status

- HF Antenna Broke in February
- Antenna mast trimmed and debris removal in July
- New parts designed
- New parts being made now
- New roof being installed now
- Repair antenna and mast after roof is finished



## A3 Antenna - Roof of A2

- Kirk and Michael Bao visited on 9/14
- 2 Tower Sections (R25 10') and a Top section (R25AG4X 8') stored on A2 Roof





## A3 Antenna - Roof of A3

- Penthouse is 15' tall
- Plan:
  - Hinged base plate on A3 roof
  - 2 tower sections = 20' (Base 5' above PH)
  - House bracket for support No Guys
  - Gap Eagle attach to one of top legs
  - O Leg is 1.25" diameter
  - Possibly North West corner



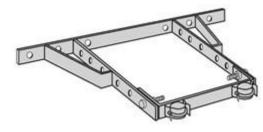




#### A3 HF Antenna - Items to Purchase

- Own:
  - Gap Eagle HF Vertical (6 band DX HF Vertical antenna, 40M-10M)
  - O 2 Rohn-25 Tower Sections 10 ft Each
- Need to Buy
  - 3 bolt kits \$10 each
  - Rohn BPH25G Hinged Tower Base Plate \$446
  - Rohn HB25AG Tower Adjustable House Bracket \$231
  - Total Cost \$707 + tax and shipping
- VOTE!
- Clearance to install has been requested







# WhatsApp

- AEAARC WhatsApp community
- Real-time communications with rest of club
- Yes it will fail in an emergency, but could be good for the club
- iPhone, Android, Web, Windows clients. Requires a phone.
- You can scroll back and see previous conversations
- Link in daily email to join
- Better than SMS
  - Group doesn't get created anew when new people join
  - O Don't see just phone of people you don't have as contacts
  - Can scroll back in group conversations to see what was said before
  - Encrypted

#### Groups

- Announcements
- General Discussion
- o QSOs
- Echo Link
- O HF Net
- Club Officers
- Morning Net Operators





## Presentation

How to QSO

# Successfully Making Exchange

- Give your exchange in the expected/ accepted manner
- Use correct abbrv for Counties/States
- On phone use phonetics as necessary





# **Employee Expo**

- What
  - Ham Club Booth at Employee Expo
- When
  - Cancelled (Was Oct 4)
- Reason
  - Looming Gov Shutdown
- Next one
  - January



# **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 26
  - O Presentation Ideas?
- November 30
  - Ham Club Show and Tell Let us know what you did or made in HAM Radio this year
- December 14 (Are we good with this? Location?)
  - Party!
  - Free Lunch
  - Slide Show
  - Elect Officers
  - Raffle



# **HAM Question Time**

Got a question about HAM Radio? Ask it now.