

VHF Adventures Coast to Coast...

A 60-year Odyssey

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KN6YNB, 1957





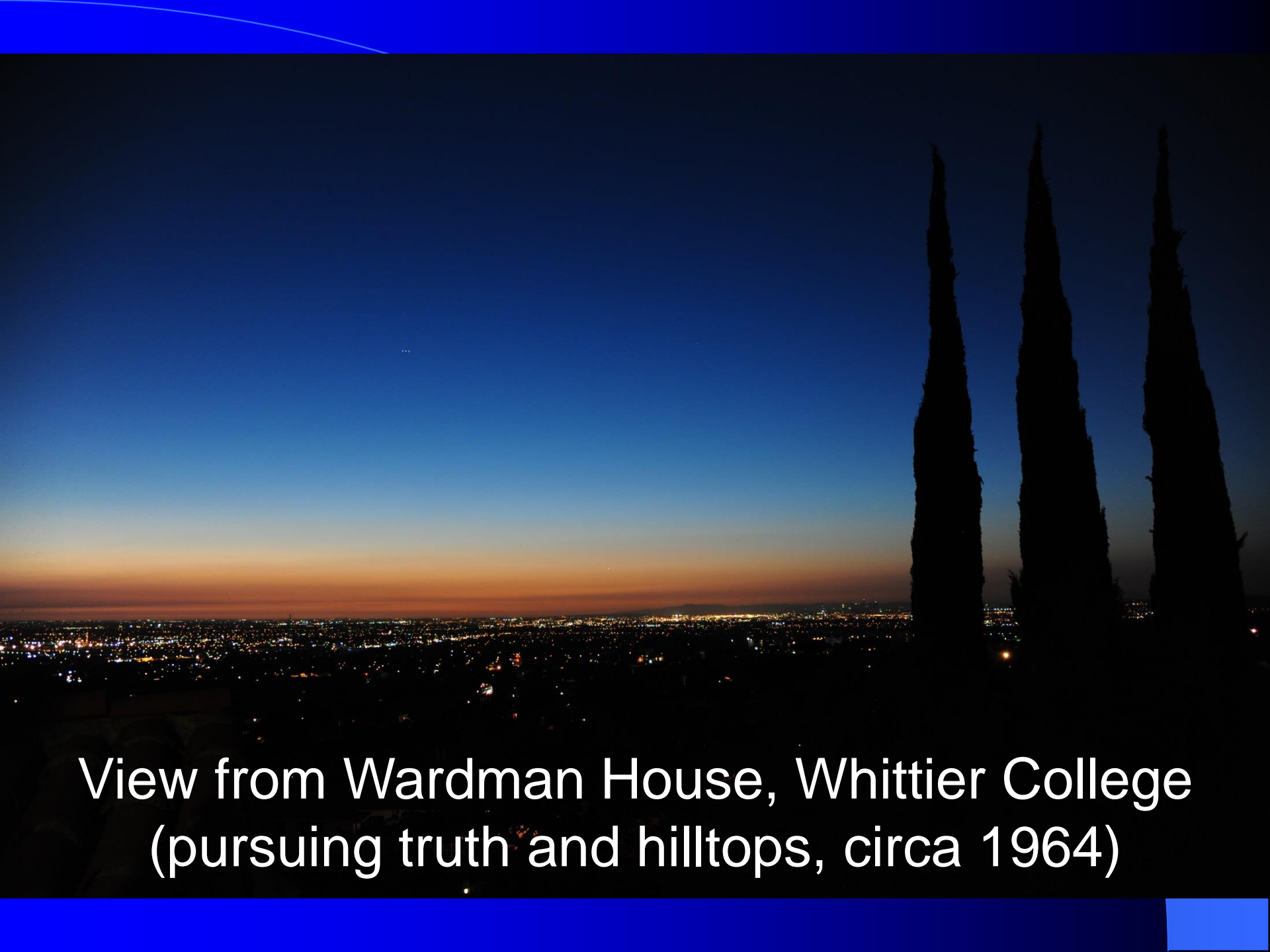
K6YNB's QTH, 1957



The same house, 2017

Life's passages...

Off to college for a B.A. (1964), Master's (1965), Ph.D. (1970) and J.D. (1975)



View from Wardman House, Whittier College
(pursuing truth and hilltops, circa 1964)

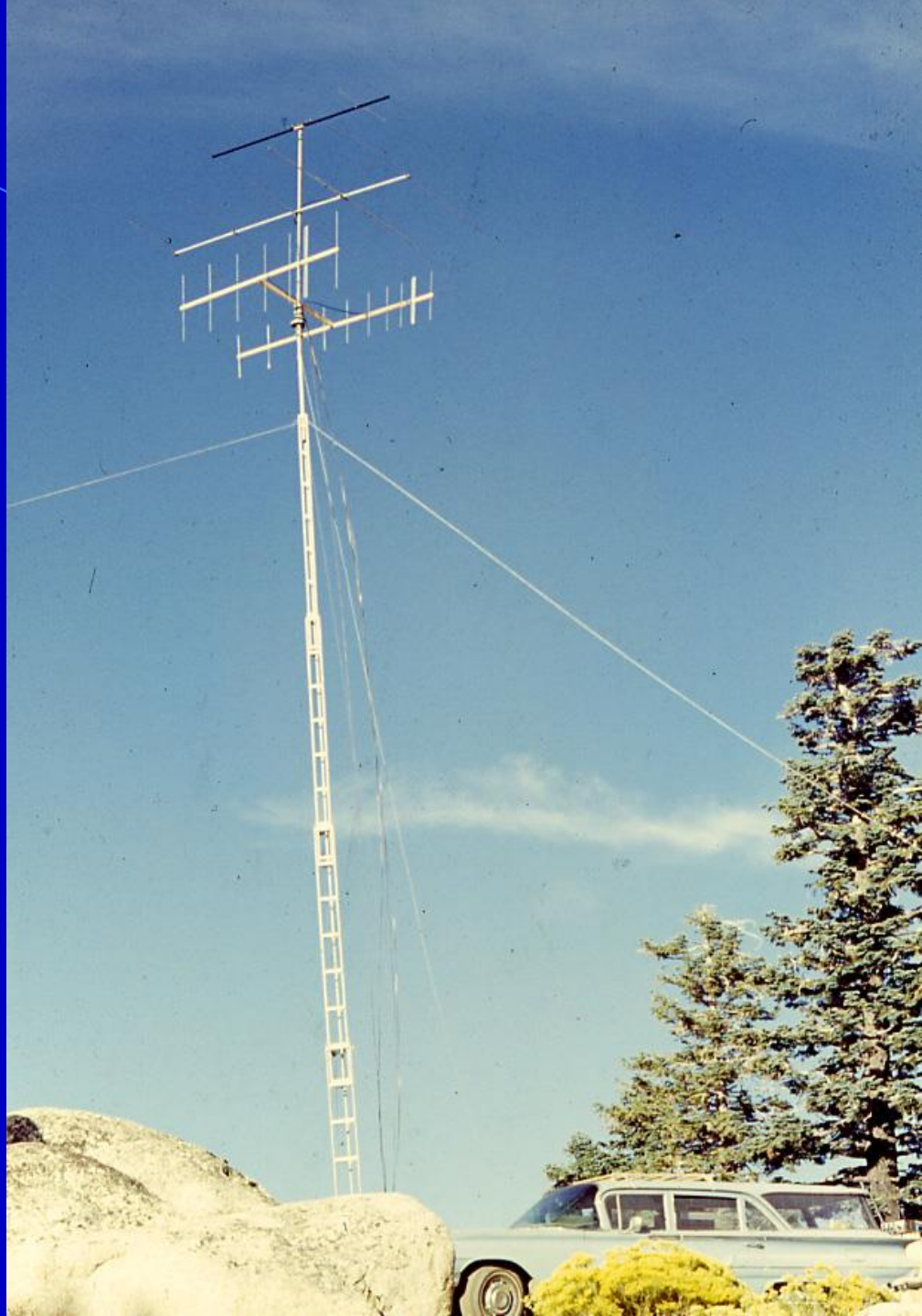
On vacation
from teaching,
1966: visiting
33 states, 6
provinces



K6YNB on Mt. Pacifico, 1969



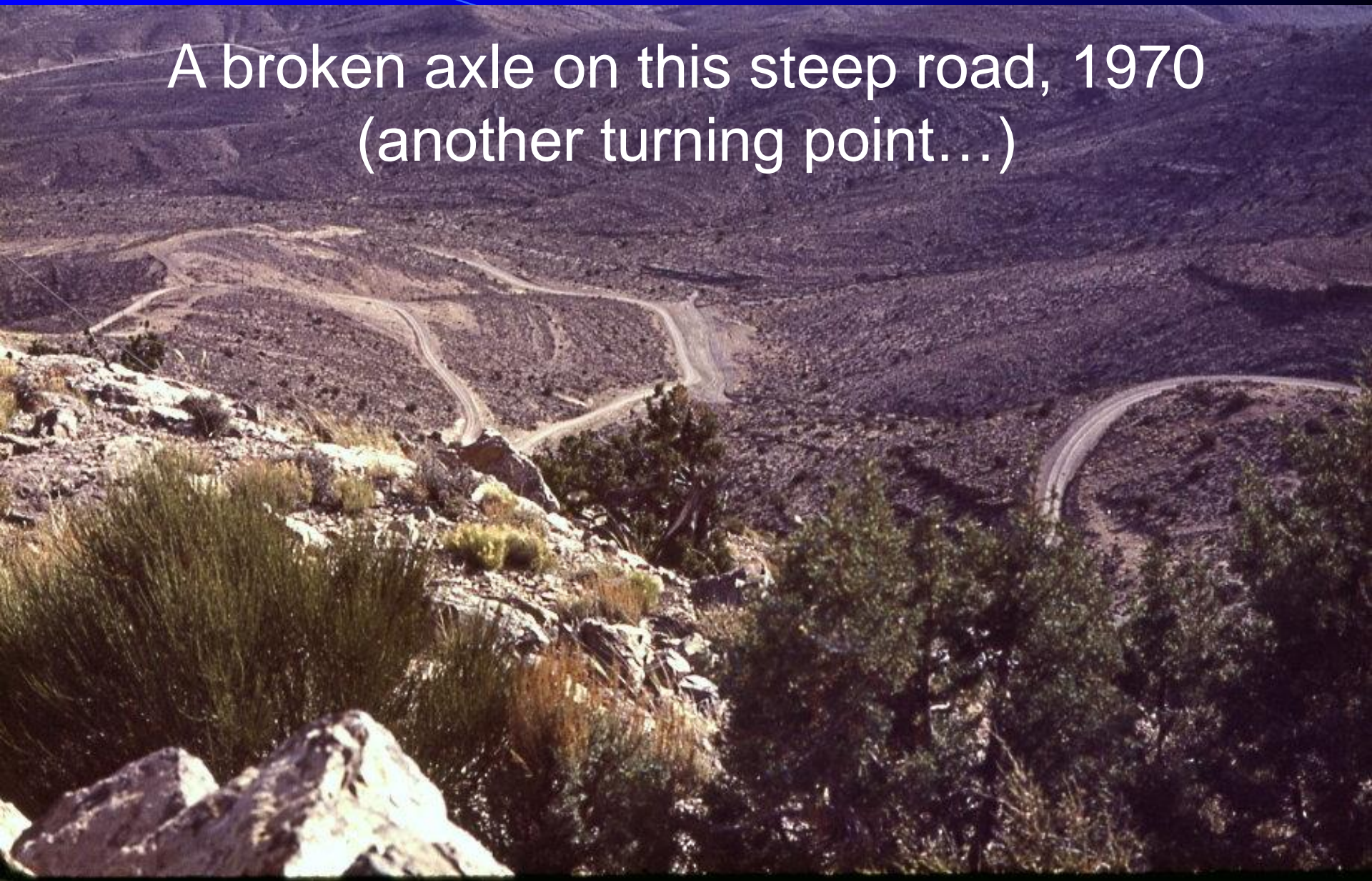
Antennas atop
Mt. Pacifico (DM04),
Elevation 7,500'





Mt. Potosi, Nevada (DM25), 1970

A broken axle on this steep road, 1970
(another turning point...)





The “cabover kilowatt”, 1970 (on QST cover, 1971)



A sampling of VHF operating sites used
by K6YNB/N6NB, 1957-2017

Alaska,
1970, with
cubical
quad for
20-6 mtrs.



Santiago Peak
(DM13) with Quagi
antennas, 1973



Portable moonbounce

Alaska, 1976



U.S. Coast Guard Base, Ketchikan (CO45)

16 3-element quads





Array under
construction



A rotating hub

Did this thing work?

Well, yes. It gave K0MQS state #50 for the first-ever Worked All States Award on two meters.

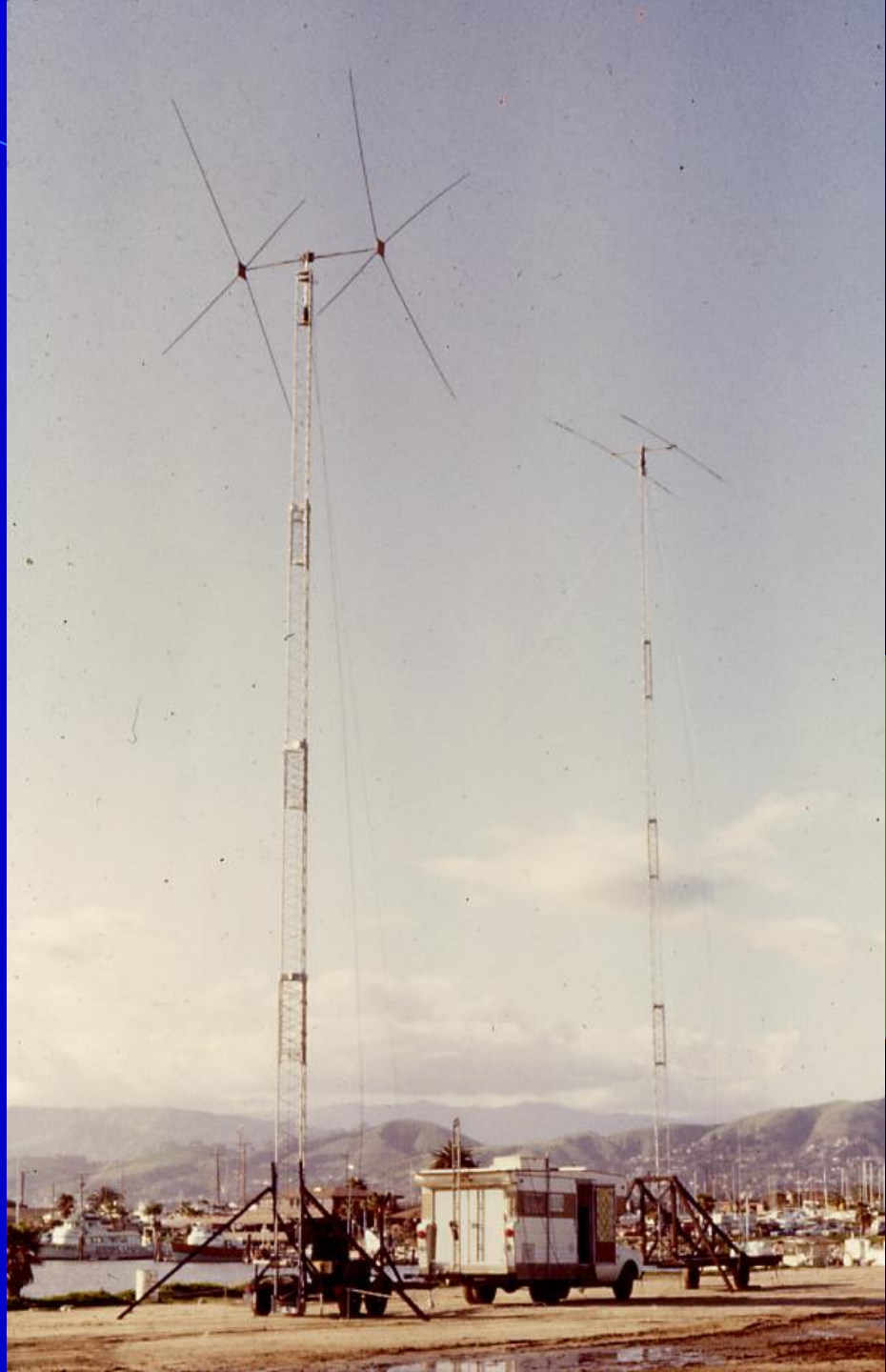
Utah Pass,
Utah (DM37),
1976





Home-built tower trailers, 1978

A side-by-side
test of cubical
quads versus
Yagi antennas,
1978



EME in 1978
on the Utah-
Nevada border
(with 20-meter
liaison)



Mobile moonbounce in two states



UTAH
STATE LINE





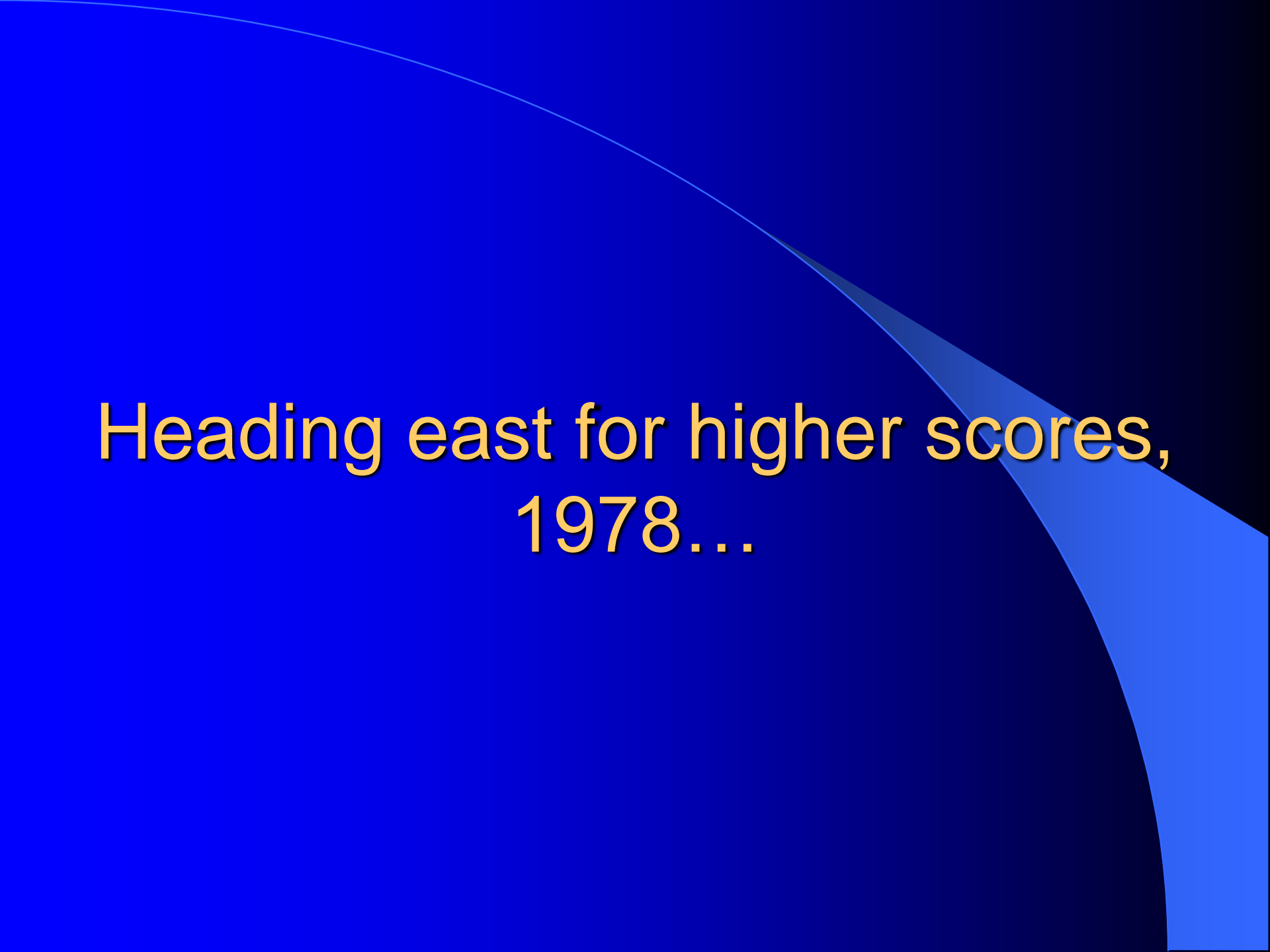
Another mobile moonbounce setup



Utah-Nevada border--again

Mt. Pinos, CA
with a VW,
June, 1977
(a national
record score)



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Heading east for higher scores,
1978...





Mt. Equinox, VT (FN33), 1978

Rentacar portable,
1978





Let's do this right (1979)









Mt. Equinox, VT, 1979





September, 1979
Mt. Equinox, VT
(a national record
pre-grid squares
that was never
broken)

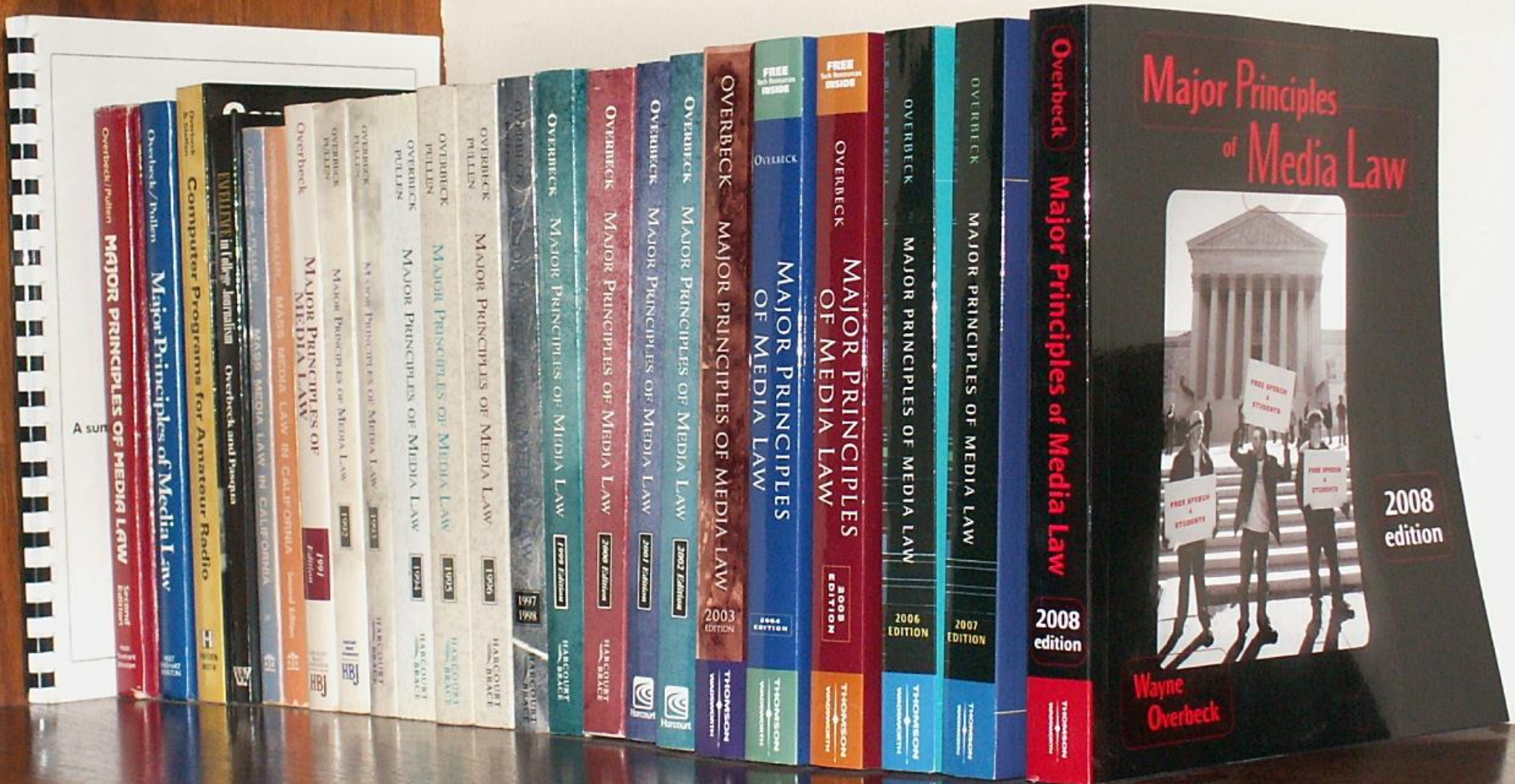




Central States and Dayton awards, 1978-80



Um, now what?



Writing law textbooks...



Attending ARRL board meetings (1984-92)

Building a cabin
and a contest
station on a
6,800' mountain



Back on the
road: 6,500
miles for a
January VHF
contest, 2003



On Sheep Hill (FN20)









Astoria, Oregon (CN86), 2003



N6NB/R in DM15, September, 2003

Midwestern rove, June, 2004 (20 grid squares)



Jetmore, Kansas (EM08), June, 2004



Eight rovers in one place, 2009





June, 2010: 10 rover stations, 15 operators



W6TAI with N6NB's rover





Some of the gavels won by SCCC

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Tower trailers again...

2012



Cape Cod, MA (FN51),
October, 2012



Bensalem, PA
(FN20),
October, 2012





Center, Texas (EM22), January, 2013



Newport Beach, CA (DM13), June, 2013

Madera, CA (CM96),
January, 2014/2015

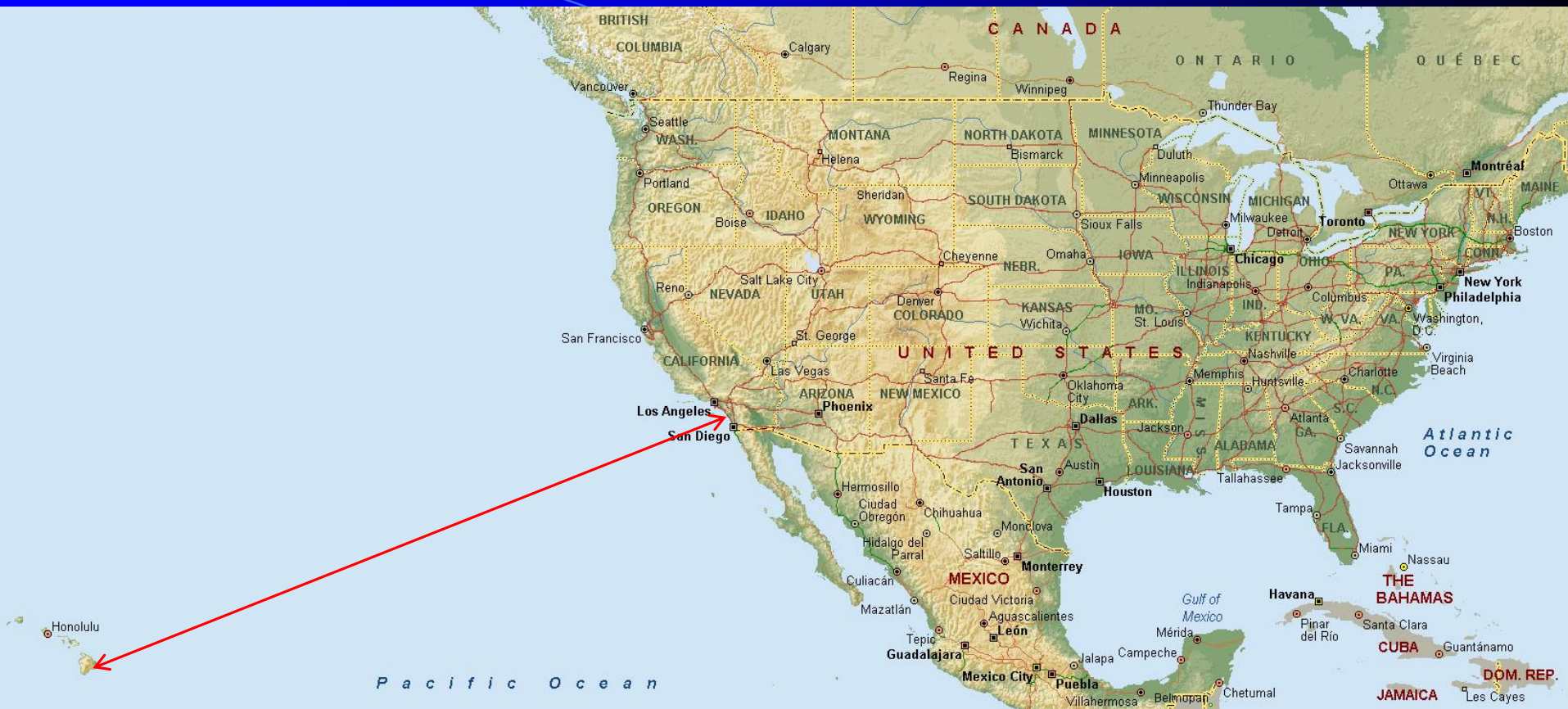


A Hawaii adventure: World DX records on .9, 2.3 and 3.4 GHz



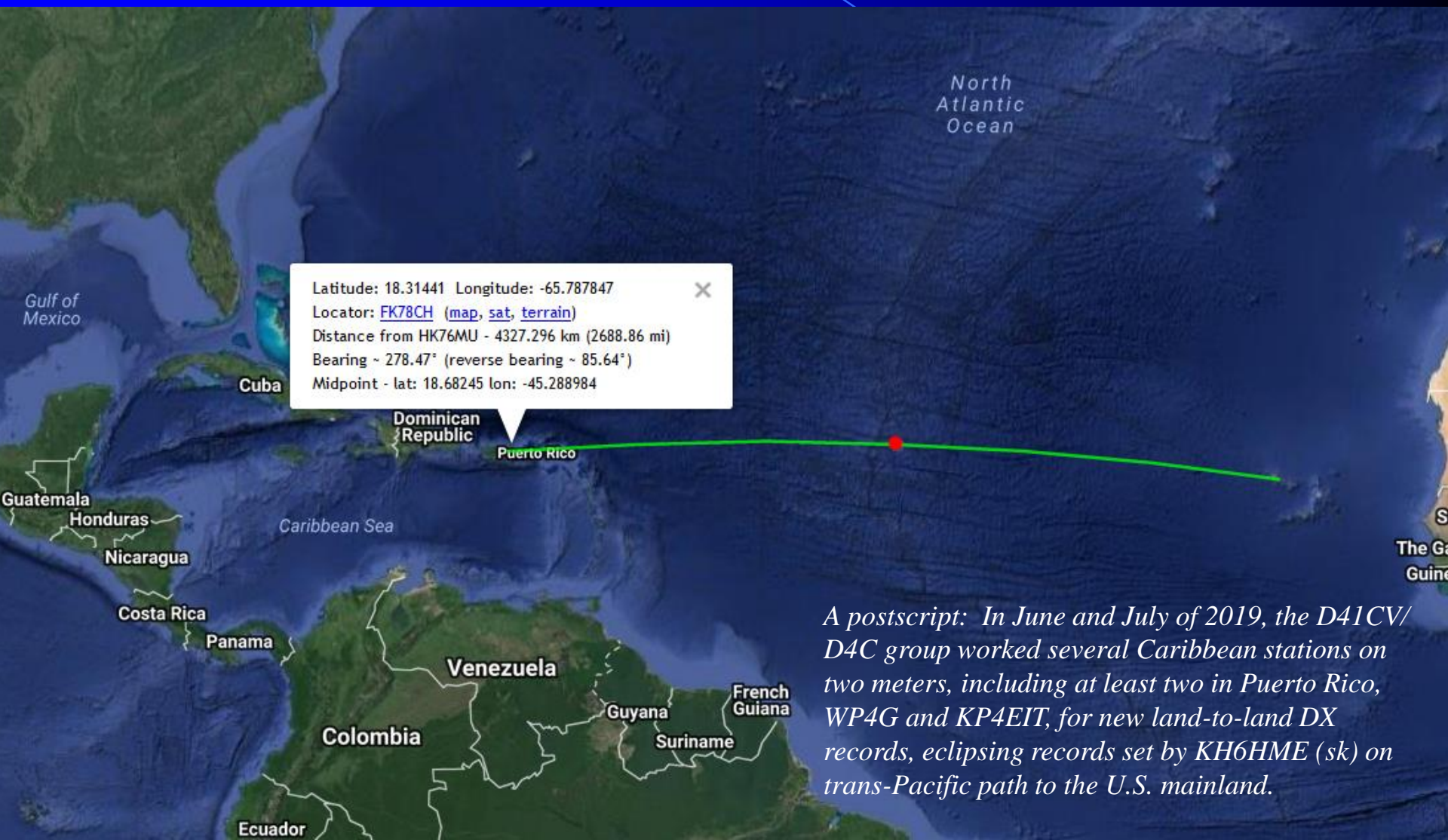


Above the duct...



4,024 km. on 2304 and 3456 MHz! (June, 2015),
4095 km. on 902 MHz (June, 2016)

Can the Atlantic be spanned on VHF+? Perhaps Puerto Rico to Cape Verde?



A postscript: In June and July of 2019, the D41CV/D4C group worked several Caribbean stations on two meters, including at least two in Puerto Rico, WP4G and KP4EIT, for new land-to-land DX records, eclipsing records set by KH6HME (sk) on trans-Pacific path to the U.S. mainland.



KP4/N6NB scouting sites in Puerto Rico, 2017



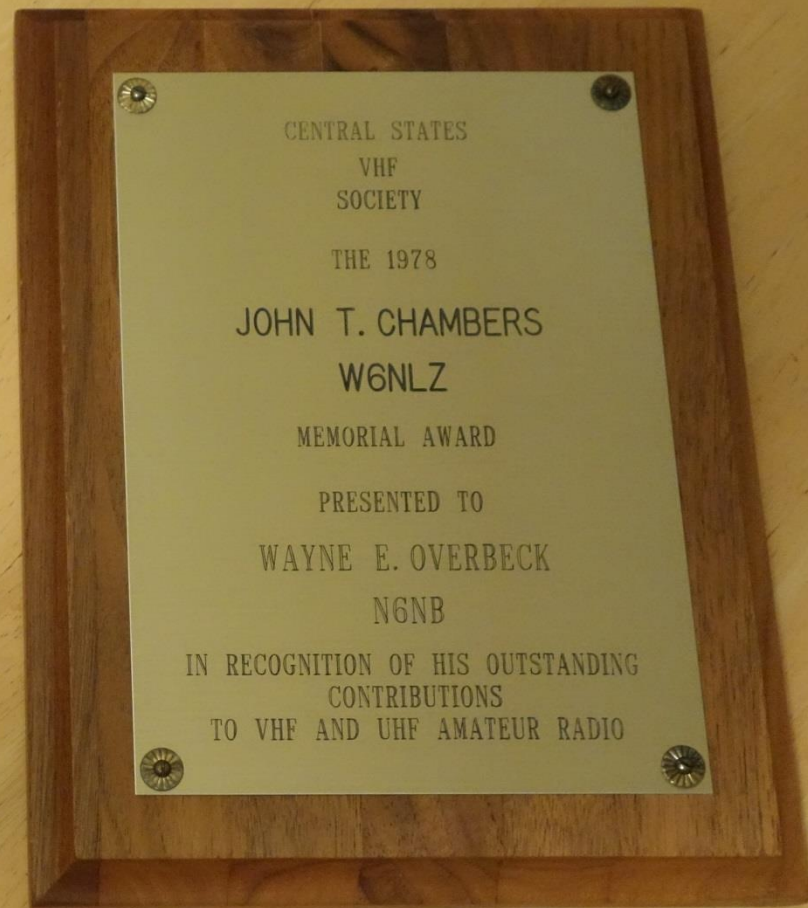
A hilltop B&B before the hurricanes...

Storm clouds in
Colorado, 2017
(still winning as a
rover after 60 years
on the air???)



VHF+ highlights of 60+ years

- 12 #1 contest scores nationally as a single operator in the section multiplier era (pre-1984)
- 23 #1 scores nationally as a rover in the grid square era (post-1984)
- 7 #1 scores nationally in the single operator portable category (post-1984)
- Antenna solutions like the Quagi
- Dozens of also-ran scores and forgettable boondoggles that aren't shown here...



Another John Chambers Memorial Award, 2015

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