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SATERN Delivers New Tower to Salvation Army HQ in Traverse City

Team Elmer's and CARC assist in raising the tower

By Ernie Abel, K8RCT

On Friday, November 4th the 50 foot aluminum tower arrived in the back of a Salvation Army, EDS truck. EDS is the Emergency Disaster Services branch of the Salvation Army. Several CARC hams are also members of the EDS group.

Bob Dennis and Dave Johnson, co-coordinators of EDS from Grand Rapids brought the tower up and assisted us in installing the tower base. The base is a 4'x4'x4' hole which gets filled with concrete once the base section of the tower is lowered into the hole. **Jim Marco, WB2LHP** also came to assist in the installation – thanks Jim!

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New Tower Installed at SA HQ



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New Tower Installation at SA HQ

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This project could not have been done without the extremely helpful assistance from **Team Elmer's**. I have included several photos of how they excavate the hole by sucking out the dirt.

Wow, I'm never going to hand dig another tower base again!



Team Elmer's- evacuating a hole!



Jim Marco, WB2LHP

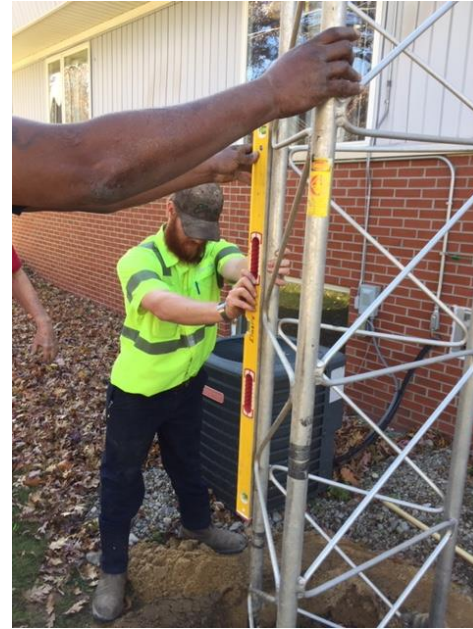
So, what's next?

The CARC is going to install an array of antennas on the tower. We want to cover the HF, VHF and UHF bands from the club room.

By the way, the club room is officially the SATERN room in keeping with Salvation Army protocol.

Jim Marco and the board of directors will be discussing which antennas to install on the new tower.

I'd like to get this project completed before we get snowed in for the winter. (see page 3)



Team Elmer's- Making it plumb



Team Elmer's- filling that hole!





Message from the President

Ernie Abel, K8RCT

There is a lot going on these last two months of 2020, so I wanted to let you know what's going on and why it's important, so you are aware and can plan your participation in club activities around the holidays. . .

Why it is important that the CARC supports the Salvation Army

First of all, how many ham radio clubs have their own room for their use? Also, we have the use of the big room in the basement that we can use just about any time. We have access to the building whenever we need to get in. If we want to continue to enjoy the benefits of using the Salvation Army building we need to show the administration that we are good partners.

The SATERN group is the "official" amateur radio organization that has access to the building. Luckily several of our members are already SATERN volunteers so we have an official presence and access at the Salvation Army facilities. Yes, we really need more SATERN members and I'm hoping that you might volunteer to join us. The great thing about SATERN is that you always have the option to decline any requests for your services. However, if you are adventurous you might want to go one of their deployments.

Another reason we have joined the SATERN team in just simply wanting to give something back to the community. As you can see from this special edition of the "Juice" there are plenty of opportunities to help our community. Personally, I enjoy the great folks at our Salvation Army post and there is a special feeling about helping out - especially during the holiday season.

Hopefully you might want to join us, If so, I have the applications with me. The only requirement is that you have to undergo a background check. As I mentioned earlier, no bank robbers need apply!

To let me know you would like to volunteer in some way, click the link below, or send me an email at k8rct@arrl.net

Click Here to Volunteer

Here's what needs to happen between now and snow-fall- to make the SATERN Station functional in our club-room.

1. Decide what antennas to purchase and install
2. Decide how to place the antennas for maximum efficiency
3. Bolt the tower sections together and mount the antennas and feedline.
4. Pull the tower up into position. Team Elmers's has agreed to stop by when we erect the tower and give us a hand.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE SALVATION ARMY

THE SALVATION ARMY IS LOOKING FOR SOME VOLUNTEER HELP THIS SEASON. HERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO HELP THEM OUT.



Bell Ringing



Money counter



Food Pantry

The Salvation Army is again ringing the bell for the Red Kettle fund drive. The CARC board has agreed to help out again this year.

As you know, the Salvation Army is our sponsor and one of our served agencies. We want and need to keep a good working relationship with them. We are again assigned to the Olson's store on North Long Lake Rd on Saturday December 12th from 10 AM until 7 PM.

We will be getting out a sign up sheet for you to pick the hour (s) you would like to work.

Personally, I really enjoy ringing the bell at Christmas. It gets me in the Christmas spirit!

Every day during the Kettle drive the money is counted and banked. This is done in the morning at 8:00 AM and lasts about an hour.

No you don't have to count all the change, they use a change counter for the coins and a bill counter for the bills. I'll be you can also get a good cup of coffee and maybe a donut.

If you are interested you can let me know and I can help you sign up to count money. The only requirement is that you would have to get a background check. No bank robbers need to apply, hi!

the Salvation Army operates a food pantry two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) form 9:30 to 11:30 AM and from 1PM to 3PM.

The job is to assist people with collecting the food items that they need. You can imagine the demand for food during the holiday season. I'm signing up for the afternoon shift on Thursdays.

Once again it is our chance to help people during this holiday season (and I'll bet you can also get a good cup of coffee).

As you know, the **Salvation Army** has been a huge supporter of ours. They let us use a room for our club/project room. They let us use the downstairs meeting room for our board and club meetings. Well folks, its time for us to support the Salvation Army now. We have been asked to ring the bell, count the money and staff the food pantry.



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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday December 8, 2020
6:00 pm arrival, 6:30 pm Dinner
The Elks Lodge

HO, HO, HO, It's time for the annual Cherryland Amateur Radio Club Christmas party!

Be sure to join us for this years Christmas party. As in the past, we will be hosting the party at the Traverse City Elks club. The date is **Tuesday, December 8th.**

We start arriving around 6:00 PM and have dinner around 6:30 PM or so. You can order off the Elks Club menu so there are a good variety of choices for dinner.

Once again we will be presenting **this year's Ham of the Year.** It's a surprise Please come and congratulate the new HOTY.

The Elks club has rearranged the seating so that there is ample social distancing for everyone to meet safely. As we do in restaurants, we wear our masks until seated.

Something a bit different this year is **a drawing for door prizes.** You will have to come to the party to find out.



Please Click the red button below to let us know you intend to come, so we can plan the number of tables & arrangements for the room.

Let us Know You Are Coming

THANK YOU!

The Elks Lodge #323
625 Bay Street
Traverse City.

(This is the junction of US-31 and M-72, or Division and Grandview Parkway.)