



# FN04xa 5 GHz Band Proposal

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A proposal for more contest points above 2 GHz if we want to invest in more microwave gear

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- We plan to add high power amps for 23 CM (1.3 GHz) down.
- We also plan to deploy 13CM (2.3-2.45 GHz). Higher bands?
- 6CM Amateur Radio Band: 5.650-5.925 GHz.
- 6CM Cordless Telephone Band: 5.725-5.850 GHz.
- Latest technology DECT phones in new 1.9 GHz non-ham band. Phones in the 900 MHz, 2.4 and 5 GHz bands are being sold off
- Not a phone band, 9CM (3.3-3.5 GHz) needs a transverter on each end. Without amp, probable contacts mostly with Rovers.
- Contest use of cordless phones is like Tellurometer use - if we lend one to make contact with our base station, it cannot be re-used in that contest. We would need to provide one for each club participant (legal above 2 GHz) plus one per visiting Rover.



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- A cordless base unit normally connects to a phone line from which the audio originates and sends it to a cordless handset
- Full Duplex communication of proposed phone, between the base and handset is digital spread spectrum, frequency-hopping within the 5725-5850 MHz cordless phone band limits (well within our 6CM ham band - 5650-5925 MHz)
- To be acceptable for a contest, the base must be modified to accept an external high gain antenna so that operation between base and any handset is possible over a distance of over 1 mile. We should then be able to work adjacent grids.
- To activate the base, in absence of a phone line, a Plain Old Telephone Set would normally be connected to the base.

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*This Uniden model uses frequency-hopping digital spread spectrum mode. Most cheaper models are analog FM and operate base-handset at 5.9GHz but handset-base at 900 MHz. The corded handset in this base replaces the P.O.T.S. for speech to/from handsets.*

- *Uniden Model TRU9488-3 with three cordless handsets*
- \$69 at XS Cargo (subject to prior sale)
- Base handles DSS addressing for ten cordless handsets
- Requires 9V power from wall wart (13V operation?)

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*No modifications are required for contest use of these sensitive cordless handsets. A high gain antenna on the base unit should allow full duplex contacts beyond a mile (adjacent grids?).*

- *Uniden TCX905 Expansion Cordless Handset for TRU9488-3 with charging cradle - available (new) by mail order from Tech Crazy in LA for US\$13.95 each (SPS), if not available from XS Cargo at a comparable price.*

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*Galvanized steel and stainless steel hardware for customer mast or tripod*

- *FAB Corp Grid 58-26 26dBi Parabolic Grid Antenna US\$58*
- Only 13 lb, rugged UV powder coated, low wind loading
- Bulkhead Type N female connector for feedline
- Base must be modified to add an external antenna connector for that end of the feedline - preferably also Type N female.



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## Impact on Contest Score of 6CM Band Operation

- QSO points: 50/144 - 1, 222/432 - 2, 902/1.3 - 3, 2.3 GHz+ - 4
- Contact with one station located in each of the three adjacent grids on 5 GHz (FN04, FN14, and FN13) scores 12 points.
- The above assumes that we cannot find a location in FN03 where microwave contacts are possible. Using a strobe we intend to find that FN03 location. Adding that additional grid would bring the total to 16 points per station contacted.
- Assuming ten handsets, the score could be 120 for three grids or 160 for four grids. With 15 handsets the scores could be 180 for three grids or 240 for four grids per contact.
- Scoring this many points on the lower bands is more difficult.



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- With our other WCARC priorities, is it worth \$200 to buy the TRU9488-3 and FAB Grid 58-26 antenna to start this project?
- Is it worth another \$130 to buy seven more handsets to max out the addressing capacity of the base unit (10)?
- Should we go for even more handsets (\$20 ea)? This is best done with a second base but the first base can be field-reprogrammed to accept a second set of up to 10.
- There would be no need to duplicate the Grid 58-26 antenna
- We should also consider buying a few more Tellurometers to lend out for 3CM (10 GHz)? VE3BFM has two. Others are available in SW Ontario, as most 3CM op'n now narrow band
- Should we also look at laser - scored as 300 GHz+ band?



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**Laser Beam Audio Communicator** **KIT** *Send Audio Over That Laser Beam!*

- ✓ Modulated at more than 16kHz for excellent voice audio fidelity
- ✓ Uses standard pocket laser module for ¼ mile maximum range (included)
- ✓ Each kit includes one transmitter and one receiver
- ✓ Includes microphone and digital AGC circuit for full audio range control

**TOP SELLER!**

**Laser Transmitter** **Laser Receiver**

Now you can talk to your friends over one of the most secure long-distance transmission types available, a laser beam! Our new laser beam communicator allows you to talk with pretty good fidelity to your friends up to ¼ mile away just using a pocket laser pointer.

The transmitter uses a microphone or external audio to modulate a laser beam on and off at a rate of more than 16kHz so the audio fidelity is much better than that of a telephone. A telephone is limited to 3kHz; the LBC6K is limited to 6kHz. The receiver includes filtering to remove the 16kHz carrier and leave behind the high quality audio, and then boost the level for use with earphones. To improve the fidelity of the system the transmitter employs audio AGC on the microphone to boost weak audio, and reduce loud audio so that the listener never misses a word. Each kit includes a transmitter and receiver, and pocket laser pointer. This gives you a complete one-way audio path. If you need full duplex, or two way, buy two at the special price! Receiver and transmitter are designed to fit in two pieces of 2" PVC pipe for easy mounting and alignment. Each runs on a standard 9V battery, DC adapter or AC adapter (not included). Audio output drives a standard personal stereo headset. Your friends will be amazed when they see you talking over that red laser beam! *(My kids built a couple of these, and were really amazed! But then they asked me why they couldn't see their voice change the laser beam light...I told them...um...ask your Mom!)*

LBC6K	Laser Beam Communicator Kit (Includes Receiver, Transmitter and Pocket Laser Pointer)	\$39.95
LBC6K2	TWO Laser Beam Communicator Kits. for Duplex or Two-Way Audio <i>(Save \$5.00!)</i>	\$74.95

- Ramsey LBC6K2 - At US\$75 per unit (full duplex) plus optics (if needed for communication beyond 1 mile), battery, microphone earphones and cases, this would be an expensive add-on band.
- Some claim 5 km range. Tom VA3NFA has a pair for evaluation.