## SCARSVOIP HUMOR FOR THE WEEK

## (IF YOU THINK YOU ARE A REAL HAM, DO YOU QUALIFY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW?)

You Might be Addicted to Ham Radio if:

- 1. When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
- 2. When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour-long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.
- 3. When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.
- 4. When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
- 5. Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
- 6. You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
- 7. Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.
- 8. You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
- 9. You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.
- 10. Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.
- 11. If you ever tried to figure out the operating frequency of your

## microwave oven.

- 12. When you look around your bedroom of wall-to-wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?
- 13. The local city council doesn't like you.
- 14. You think towers look pretty.
- 15. Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.
- 16. Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.
- 17. The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ DX" a few hundred times.
- 18. When you pull into a donut shop and the cops there on their coffee break ask if they can see your radio setup.
- 19. You refer to your children as your "Harmonics".
- 20. Your girlfriend or wife asks: "You're going to spend \$XXXX on what???
- 21. You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.
- 22. When you see a house with a metal roof, and your only thought is what a great ground plane that would be.
- 23. You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.
- 24. Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.

- 25. The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output"?
- 26. You buy a brand-new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.
- 27. You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.
- 28. A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay.
- 29. Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you had radio equipment in the front seat.
- 30. Your wife was excited when you were talking about achieving that critical angle, but very disappointed when you finally did.
- 31. During a love making session with your wife, you stop to answer a call on the radio.
- 32. Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox" hunt.
- 33. Talking about male and female connectors makes you feel excited.
- 34. You dream of big, comfortable, knobs, but not on women.
- 35. You always park on the top floor of the deck, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.
- 36. When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack and scan the property for possible tower placement.
- 37. When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps showing local elevations.

- 38. The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.
- 39. You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.
- 40. When your doorbell rings, you immediately shut down the amplifier.
- 41. Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew" is mentioned.
- 42. Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative".
- 43. You have used a person's name to indicate acknowledgement.
- 44. You become impatient waiting for the latest AES catalog to arrive.
- 45. You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.
- 46. You always schedule the third weekend in May for vacation.
- 47. You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid being close-lined.
- 48. You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy ice.
- 49. You and the FedEx/UPS men are on a first name basis.
- 50. You really start to miss people that you've never seen.
- 51. Your exercise machine is a Morse code keyer.
- 52. You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.
- 53. Your neighbors thought you were nuts when you ripped up your lawn to bury chicken wire.

- 54. Your next-door neighbor thinks that your wife is a widow.
- 55. Your wife has delivered meals to your Ham shack.
- 56. If you sold all your Ham radio equipment, you could pay off your mortgage.