

VHF Contests from an HF Contesters Perspective

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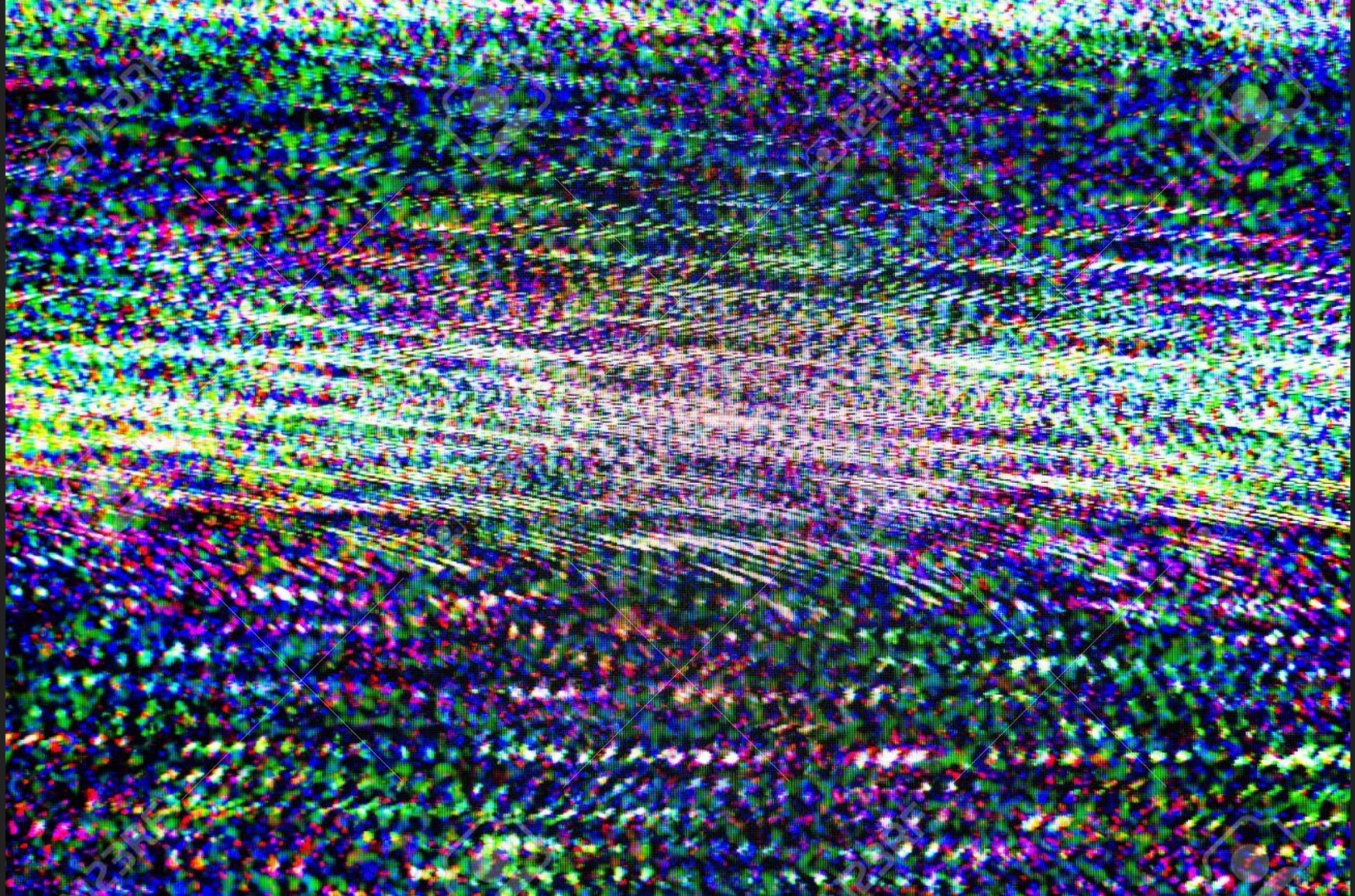
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But first a little...

History



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The background of the image is a color calibration chart, specifically a 30-color checkerboard. It consists of a grid of small squares in various colors, including shades of gray, black, white, and a wide range of primary and secondary colors like red, green, blue, yellow, cyan, magenta, and brown. The text is overlaid on the top portion of this chart.

now back to our
regularly scheduled
programming

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Some make contacts on bands above 10 Ghz



 **KENWOOD SSB TRANSCEIVER**

SEND H-SW VOX NB OFF FAST

MIC TUN CW USB LSB
ON OFF
PHONES MODE JJY/WWV

TS-520

LOAD METER
IP RF
ALC HV
LOAD
RIT
PLATE
7 14 21 28
3.5
DX PULL ON
MIC CAR
5
4 6 7 8 9 10
3 2 1 0
AF GAIN RF GAIN
5
4 6 7 8 9 10
3 2 1 0
BAND
14 21 28
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FIX R FIX
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POWER
ON OFF



GRID

PLATE



TRANSMIT



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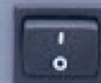


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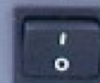
COMMANDER HF-2500

OPERATE



STANDBY

ON



OFF



TELEPHONE

















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manual select xvtr3

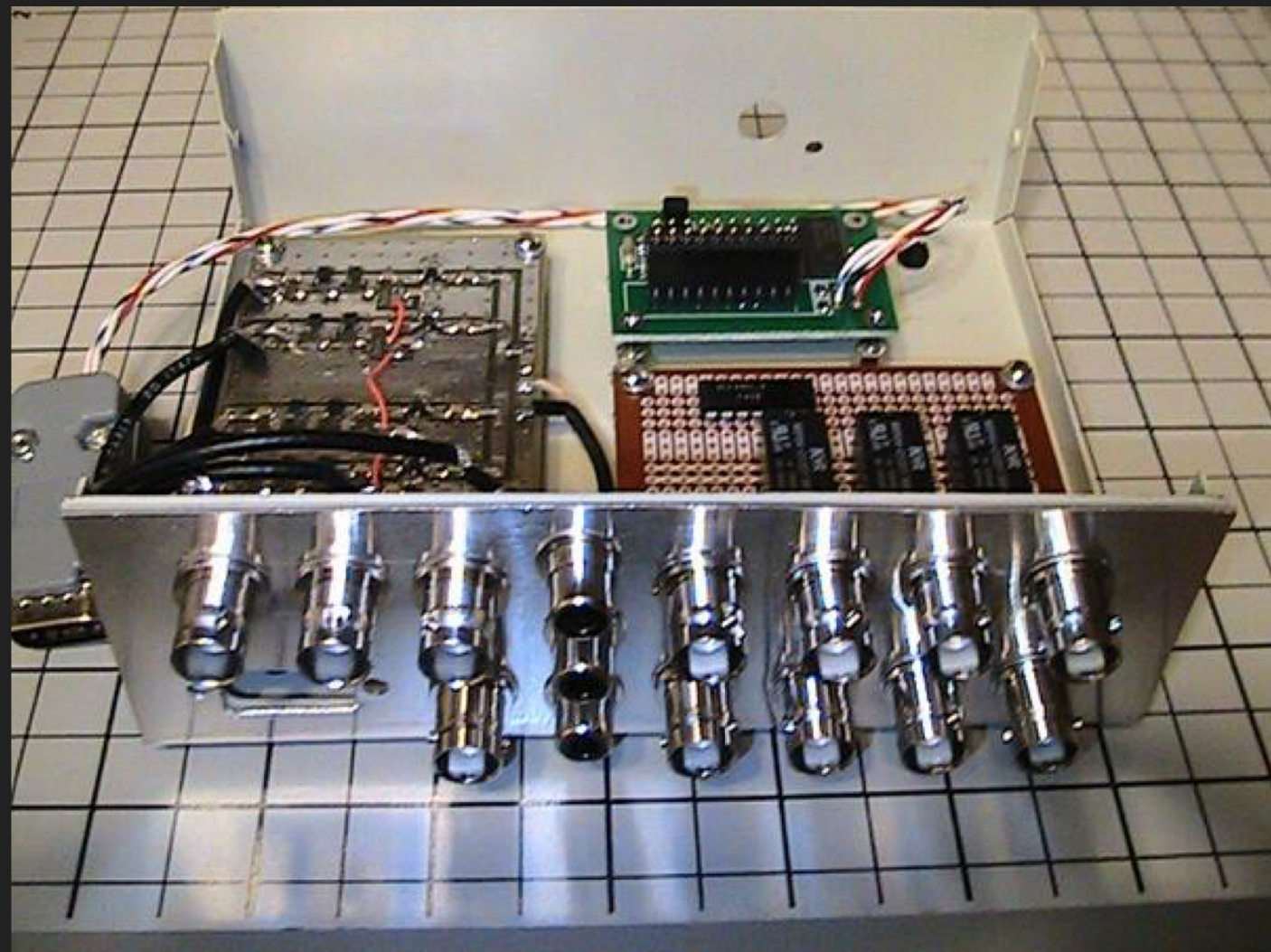
remote

manual bypass

Transverter Selector

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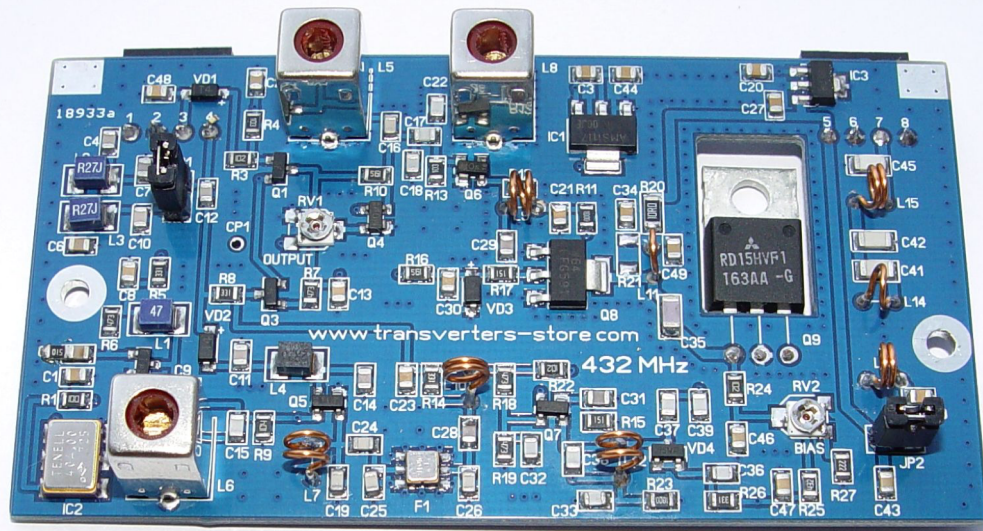












RF coverage from 325 MHz to 3.8 GHz



Simple software 'hack' will allow coverage from 70 MHz to 6 GHz



HF + 50 Mhz

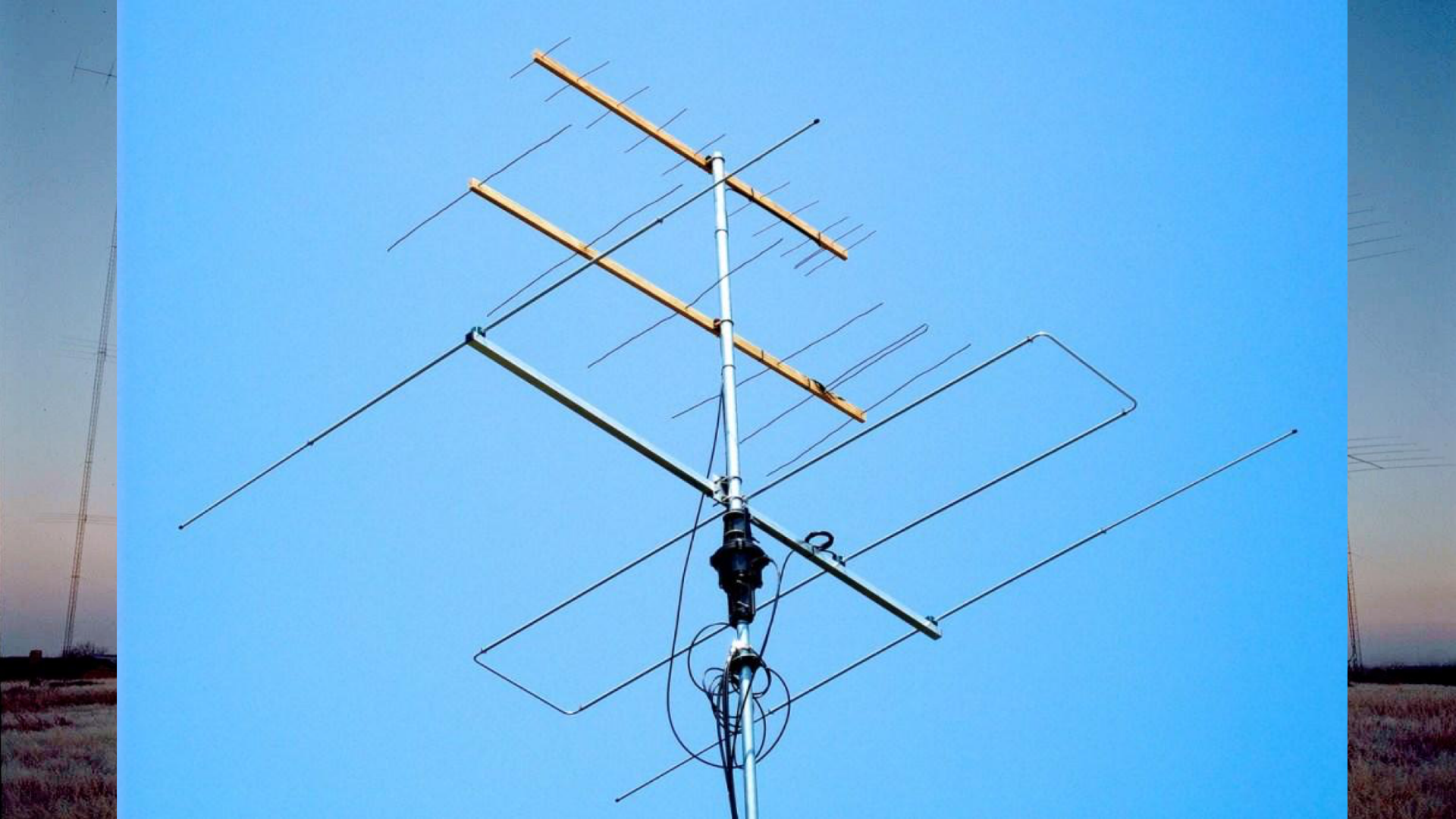
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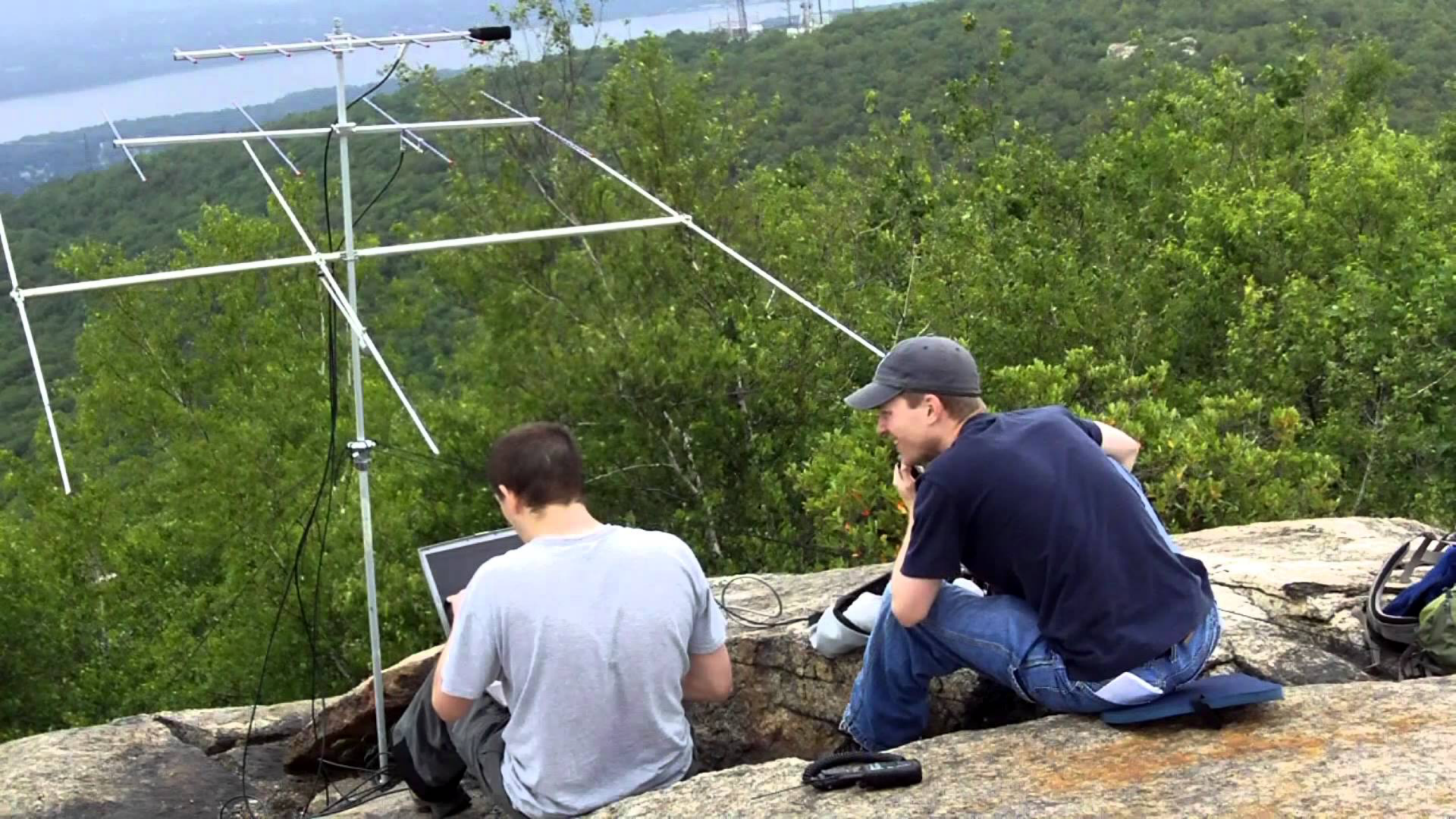
HF antennas are

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Assistance

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I find that the HF and VHF contest experience is
basically the same.

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