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Subject: K5RC Antenna Issue

Greeting from the Virginia City Highlands, where we still believe in family values and democracy, and where the women are hotter than the wildfires.

This is in response to your coverage of the K5RC antenna issue in your September 2008 BullSheet at <http://www.tdxs.net/bs2008/Sep08.pdf>

First, the way I got copies of Tom's antenna documents was by using the link to them that he publicly gave out. They are at <http://vch-nv.us/VCHtowers.html>. I suggest you publish this link so your readers can make up their own minds about them.

Speaking about links, my analysis of Tom's antenna documents is at http://www.jmargolin.com/antennas/toms_antennas.html so your readers can decide for themselves if it is "poorly written" as you have stated.

I am surprised that you did not publish the links in your article. After I wrote my analysis, Tom was the first person I sent the link to. It was a matter of courtesy.

Second, why is Tom a "General" and I am only a "ringleader?" I want to be a General, too, except I am not the leader of the group opposed to Tom's proposed 195' tower. The leader is a very nice lady who owns property next to Tom's. When she asked me to sign the petition I said, "No, I'm sorry, I can't sign a petition to take away another man's toys."

Then she showed me the picture of the concrete pad he had poured for a guy wire anchor **on her property**. With that, Tom had crossed more than a property line, so I signed the petition.

And about "General Taormina K5RC directing the troops in full battle mode." You mean his friends from Northern California who come out here to operate his station during contests?

I am sure that Tom has invited all of you in Texas to come out to operate his station during the next contest. When you come, I suggest you find some time to visit Virginia City. Virginia City was a boomtown that started when silver (and some gold) was discovered there in 1859. President Abe Lincoln needed the gold and silver to keep the Union solvent during the Civil War so in 1864 he made Nevada a state although it did not contain enough people to constitutionally become one. Samuel Clemens lived there for a time. It's where he started using the name Mark Twain. Today it is a small tourist town that attracts people because of its colorful history and because it is where the Cartwrights on the TV show Bonanza usually went when they had business to do. (Virginia City was about to become a ghost town when Bonanza went on the air.)

If you visit Virginia City you will find that the people are friendly and polite.

You might try some of that yourself sometime.

Your article ends with the suggestion, "Keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers concerning this issue since it affects all of us regardless of locale."

The real way that Tom's antenna issue affects all of you is that your defense of his actions makes you look bad.

73,

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