

Outside antennas

Posted by John - 02 Oct 2010 20:56

In a couple threads here and on RR people are cuious about antenna choices. At home I use two antennas, one, the tusty allround discone. I forget who makes this one I have up now but it's a good solid built unit that cost around \$80. The other is an Arrow Antennas Jpole, cheap, strong and although not made for it, it does surprisingly well on 800Mhz. It realy ups the HP-1's reception though on VHF High and UHF 400Mhz. The one I have is this one : arrowantennas.com/osj/j-pole.html It's on the back of the house and around 35' up. The discones a bit higher on a tower around 70'. Both get great results. On the discone I have recieved Ohio MARCS from around 60 miles away and Seymour Indiana SAFET site also near 60 miles away. On the HP-1 the other morning I heard Michigan City dispatch a medical emergency on VHF High from 137 miles away and regularly I hear Ft Wayne dispatch 90 miles away with the Jpole. Both are great antennas, but they are only as good as the coax too. I use LMR400 for all coax runs.

John

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Re:Outside antennas

Posted by John - 20 Oct 2010 22:16

Former dispatcher, you learn to pick out the good stuff :) lol

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Re:Outside antennas

Posted by darticus - 25 Mar 2011 17:12

Where are you located? I'm also in North West NJ (Sparta)and using the HP. I ordered a diamond srh77ca antenna to help reception but didn't get it as yet. Thinking of putting up a antenna on the roof or Attic. Maybe you can suggest an antenna or attic or rooftop install. I'm kinda new to this. Ron

UltraClassic wrote:

I have my HP-1, along with 5 other scanners, connected to a roof-mounted ST-2 antenna with an old GRE Super Amplifier 3001 in-line between the radios and the antenna. I live in northern NJ in a valley about 30 miles northwest of NYC and can hear most of the northern third of NJ. I can also hear all of NYC, Orange, Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam counties in NY. Because of my physical location my older Unidens usually go deaf once I turn off the amp but not my HP-1.

I must admit I've never used my HP-1 with the supplied antenna!

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Re:Outside antennas

Posted by jgiven1 - 26 Mar 2012 00:36

I just purchased a hp-1 and love it. I got a st2 thats up about 20ft. right now and works really good. I can pick up signals 60 to 70 mile away easy. very good set up. I live in the benton Co. Mo. Area on truman lake

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Re:Outside antennas

Posted by ke4ah - 19 May 2014 04:27

I am using an Antennacraft antenna with a Ramsey pre-amp inline. For the price, you can't beat it. Right now, I am hearing the Birmingham AI Trunking system. Both analog and digital. However, there is a band opening allowing me to hear them. I plan to upgrade to the Ferrite antenna and LMR400 coax. I have to get these items in steps due to being a disabled Police Officer on a fixed income but, it will happen:)

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