

Random Thoughts Regarding AARG EmComm Trailer

- Why should we obtain/create a trailer?
 1. Emergency Service
 2. Community Service
 3. Community education
 4. Club activities, i.e. field day POTA weekend
 5. Club member education
- How would it be deployed before/during/after weather events?
 1. Deployment would be for all aforementioned events
 2. Deployment would require Board member approval
- Use during non-weather events – community outreach, POTA, field day, kids day etc.?
 1. Yes, we should use to maximum extent possible, realizing the priority will always be emergency events
- Where would it be stored when not in use, theft prevention?
 1. Members QTH, Volunteer
- What radio gear to stock it with – HF, VHF, GMRS, Winlink, Starlink?
 1. Phase I, VHF, UHF, GMRS
 2. Phase II HF
 3. Phase II winlink, Starlink
- Antennas, bandpass filters, batteries, generators, inverters?
 1. Develop inventory list for each phase
 2. The goal is to be fully self contained
- Emergency supplies, tarps, first aid, fire extinguishers, water?
 1. This will require 2 inventory lists, one for reusable supplies (always stocked in trailer) and one for consumable supplies (stocked for each event).
- How do we pay for it – Assessments, donations, grants - who is willing to write grant proposals?
 1. Funding will come from 2 sources, 1. easy to obtain, 2. difficult to obtain. The easier to obtain the lower the dollar value and conversely the harder to obtain the higher the dollar value. Donations and assessment are easy, grants are difficult. However we do have experience writing grants. I (WW4HG) will volunteer to help with this.
- Cost study needed – acquisition, equipment, maintenance, registration, insurance for trailer and radio gear, advertising (logo placements)

1. Even at a higher level, we need a project plan to include all aspects of standing up an EmComm trailer. This plan should include: cost study, purchase strategy, major players, time line,