220 Mhz 7 element home made beam

By WT2TT



This antenna was design by a friend of mine Tom WT2TT

I built mine to his speciation, a great working beam..

The elements were just a little long than needed So, I trimmed them to size I needed.

I first cut off the tops of the two folded dipoles that were hooked together, leaving the back one as a split dipole for the **driven** element. The forward one made as the first director.

Reflector 26 inches

Driven element 24 1/2 inches

Director (all of them) 24 inches.

Spacing from reflector to driven " 11 inches equals .2 wavelength

All other spacing 9 3/4 inches between elements (metal to metal) equals .18 wavelength.

Supposed to be best gain and f/b. Will be sort of high Q, so bandwidth is less. But don't need that much bandwidth on that band. Most of the repeaters are around 223 to 224 MHz.

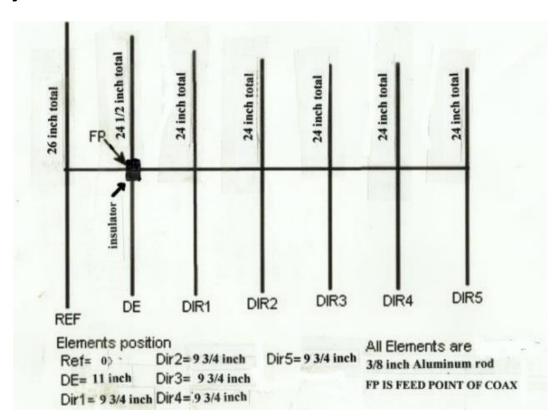
**the elements were riveted to the clamps and the clamps to the boom. I removed all the rivets and replaced with 1/4 20 or 10-32 machine screws/washers and nuts. In effect, put the antenna all back together again with the dimensions needed.

I drilled new holes thru the boom to get the new spacing of all the elements. This luckily came out well that could fit from end to end a total of 7 elements.

I feed the driven direct with coax, yielding a 1.2 to 1 SWR.

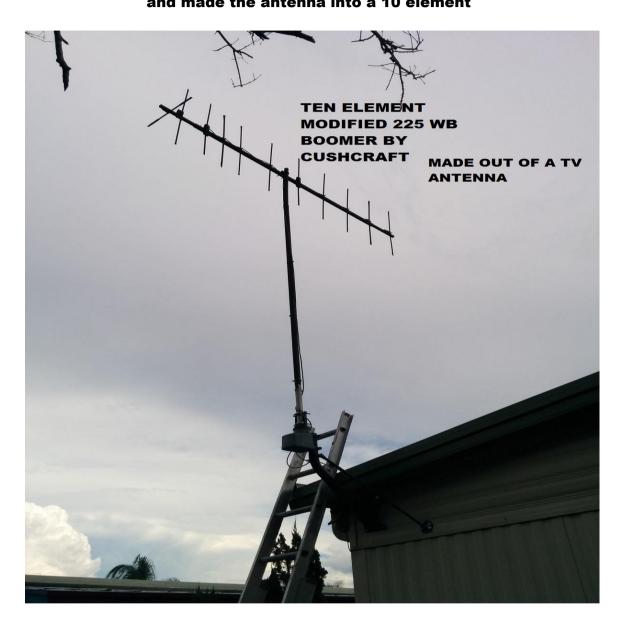
<u>(foot note)</u> If for some reason a element is to short a cheap curtain rod 3/8 inch will work,

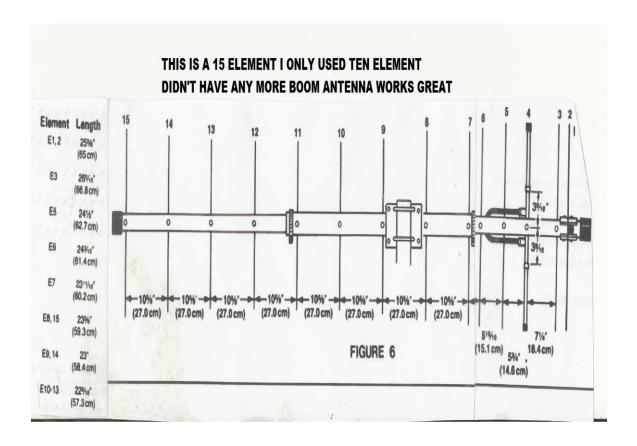
just a few dollars.



220 Mhz 10 element home made beam

The 7 element work great , I found some more material and made the antenna into a 10 element





HERE IS THE 15 ELEMENT PLUS 6 ELEMENT BACK DOOR, THE BEAM IS REALLY TIGHT NOW ABOUT 15 DEG AND I LOOSE PERSON WHOM I'M TALKING TO....



HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOUNTING POINT I USED OR MADE WITH WHAT I HAD TO WORK WITH, PLUS HOW THE COAX IS CONNECTED.













