

Here is a review from Iain in Scotland along with photo's from August '05



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Hi to all at Degen Designs,

My name is Iain MacAlister, callsign MM0TFU. I thought that you may be interested to know that I have one of your wonderful Vwave antennas (serial no EDB000016) here in South West Scotland. I recently bought the antenna from Stewart Cooper GM4AFF. Stewart was fortunate enough to win it in the raffle at Dayton, but was unable to make space for it at his QTH, so decided to let it go to someone who could. I was that lucky someone!

I am a member of the Ayr Amateur Radio Group (GM0AYR), and last weekend we participated in the Lighthouse weekend as GB2LT, operating from Turnberry Lighthouse on the SW coast of Scotland. I thought it would be fun to take along the Vwave and give it a try, as I had not yet had time to test it at home.

The rest of the guys in the club were very interested in it, as none had heard of the antenna before. Many commented on the excellent build quality, and the ease with which it went together. When assembled, it looks very impressive, it certainly is different.

We put it onto a short mast around 20 feet, and hooked it up to a Yaesu FT8800, fitted in my Mitsubishi SUV. The performance was excellent, bearing in mind that we were only a few feet above sea level. We could hear a repeater on the outskirts of Dublin, Republic of Ireland approx 150 miles away, and although the 2M band was very quiet, we worked a number of stations that all gave excellent signal reports.

Our best DX was a guy on top of a hill about 100 miles away, who gave me a 58 report. He was using 2w into a rubber duck on his handie! He was a good 55 with me. We were all astounded by the results.

I have attached some photographs of the Vwave on the temporary mast at Turnberry Lighthouse.

I look forward to installing the antenna in a more permanent position at my home QTH, although this probably wont happen this side of the winter.

Thanks for making such a great antenna, and hopefully the word will spread!

73 from Scotland, Iain MacAlister, MM0TFU.