

VC2C – TeamZone2 – CQ WW SSB 2002 And the Degen Baby Boomer BBQ10 quad

TeamZone2 – a trip to a logging camp approximately 200 km north of Matagami, PQ took place in October 2002 for the CQ WW SSB DX contest. As part of the 10M team for this Multi-Multi operation, we had the offer to use a Degen Baby Boomer BBQ10, which is a small mono-band 10m antenna in addition to a Hy Gain 5 element yagi.

The yagi was installed on a 50 ft tower (the tower on the left in the picture) and the 2 el BBQ10 (on the right) was on a 30 ft military surplus push up mast and a TV rotator. Asim Zaidi, VE3XAP, the owner of the BBQ10 and mast, arrived the day before the contest and we assembled the quad, which took no more than 20 minutes and mounted it on the mast. The BBQ10 is a small, portable, light weight quad, but the mechanical construction is superior – it unfolds and locks into place and is ready to go!



The first time we tested it, using a Elecraft K2/100, the quad, fed direct with RG-213 50 ohm coax, was well under 2:1 SWR across the phone portion of the 10M band. During the contest we put the BBQ10 directly to Antenna2 on Icom IC-746. The yagi was connected to a Yaesu FL2100 amp and then to Antenna1 on the IC-746. The BBQ10 appeared to perform barefoot as well as the yagi with the amplifier! We left the BBQ10 pointed at Japan and used it exclusively for working Oceania and Asia.

For the size, weight and ease of installation, this antenna would be a great addition to have along on a Dxpedition or any operating event where portability and solid construction are required.

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