

Station of the Month - AF5VA - July 2020

The July Station of the Month is a mobile station belonging to Roy Reed (AF5VA). Geared for emergency weather and response, Roy's mobile shack includes a Kenwood 710 G dual band radio, as well as 4 Handy talkies. These are set up with a 300-amp alternator, a 100-amp hour, deep Cycle Battery, and a smart battery isolator. Roy also runs a 21" touch screen for radar and a Davis weather station along with his ham radio set up, as well as emergency equipment including: remote control 360° led flood and spotlights, a med bag, CERT bags and a go kit. Roy can often be found with this setup on the road during adverse weather as a member of the Grayson County ARES team for weather spotting. As a member of this team, Roy provides real time weather updates via community led nets to the National Weather Service (NWS), alerting them to ever changing weather conditions in the Grayson County. This on the scenes data helps the NWS to keep the public aware and safe during emergency weather conditions.

Although Roy already has a spectacular weather spotting and emergency response setup, he has plans to upgrade his mobile shack in the future with a Kenwood 480 SAT HF radio, lithium-ion batteries, and 200 watts of solar power. These upgrades will allow him to continue to serve the community to the best of his ability.

Thank you, Roy, for sharing your station!

If you would like to have your station featured as our GCARC Station of the Month, send me an email at: angel@n5apj.net.

73, Angel Staten - N5APJ

