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October is here and with it hopefully some cooler temperatures. Last month saw temps as high as 105 in the Lakewood area. Fall often brings in better DX conditions so that is a plus as well.

Current club projects include the substitution of the club repeater KK6NXT receiver with an SDR built around a Raspberry Pi 3 B and a front end dongle. Testing is ongoing and will hopefully improve the reception of weaker signals.

The long tower removal project concluded last month with club President Joe, W6MYN cleaning up the remains of the antenna and recycling the weathered tower steel as any eco-conscious club should do.

Travis, KK6EON reports that he has purchased a very fine Icom IC-7000 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver and is studying for his upcoming General Exam. The realities of using a HF station in a townhome- like environment will probably necessitate innovative antenna work, but the club is ready to assist with that project! Other KK6EON projects include getting a TV antenna to work in a “no antennas on the roof” housing covenant location and upgrading his magnificent audio system with newly rebuilt speakers. A possible move to a more antenna-friendly locale is in the works, says Travis.

Brett, WA6SXU is involved with a garage upgrade that will see a large number of previous project “ejecta” disposed of in order to build a more robust workspace.

Ham radio operators must often become a jack of all trades when building a workshop, and this extended project will be no different.