

Imagine for a minute you have some acquaintances who would like to dabble in electronics. You don't know these people well but you have chatted several times. One day these folks ask if they can come over and use some of your test gear. You say OK and they come and go.

A week later your in your 'lab' and you find one of your test meters does not work. You blame your friends and vow never to let them in your home again!

Well the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club is in a similiar situation. We have been using CKPR's tower and building for the last several years. Well as of yet we have not broken any test gear or hopefully worn out our welcome. But, we could be getting close! If we cause ANY problems for CKPR there will be a simple solution. WE WILL LOSE OUR REPEATER SITE. IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

Recently we have had some problems with our repeater. These problems are not due to lack of maintenance, poor design or any of the other reasons you may have heard.

Sometimes things just don't always work as well as we hope. This happens to design engineers, technicians and sometimes even to hams.

The solution. Possibly it is time to update our repeater system with newer gear and a new antenna. We would then be sure that we would not be taking up valuable time and possibly bothering the people who have granted us permission to use their tower, building and hydro at no cost to the club.

I can assure you that anything that causes a problem to a commerical TV station is simply REMOVED.

Back to your friends and the meter. You find it was set up wrong and always worked. The former acquaintances are now good friends.

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