

A SIMPLE DESKTOP STAND



Here is a suggestion for a simple Desktop Stand for your HT.

The availability of lower cost handhelds (HTs) today makes it feasible to dedicate one HT just to monitor one or more VHF/UHF channels.

The unit shown in the photo is mounted – using its belt clip – to a readily available clear acrylic photo display stand.

The battery was replaced by the DC cigar lighter adapter available for it. The stand I used was intended for 4" x 6" photos – the kind in which a photo can be slid in between two closely spaced acrylic pieces – and cost \$1.25 at the local "dollar" store.

On the top edge, I used my bandsaw to carefully cut a

vertical slot about 1 inch wide by 1.5 long, to accommodate the HT's belt clip. It's important to get the HT as low as possible on the stand to reduce its tendency to tip. This particular stand was kind of "tippy" so, to further improve the stability, I added an aluminum base, about 4" x 3", cut from 3/8-inch aluminum plate.

A final touch was to use two of my blank QSL cards, appropriately cut and inserted in place of a photo, just to improve the overall appearance.

To be fair, this great but simple idea is attributable to the late David Faul, VE3TIJ, who sadly became a Silent Key on December 9, 2012.

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