

Call Capture Amplifier Enhances Wireless Signal

With the remoteness of much of XIT Wireless' 7,500 has always encouraged the use of an external antenna wireless phone manufacturers designing their phones more and more for customers who live in large cities, features like external antenna adapters are becoming a thing of the past. The Call Capture portable installation kit offers a solution. The unit comes with an exterior magnetic mount antenna for the outside of your car or truck. This antenna receives the signal and sends it to the bi-directional amplifier unit, which plugs into the 12 volt DC cigarette lighter in your vehicle. The amplifier increases the signal strength and sends the signal to a small internal antenna. This small patch/rerad antenna relays the boosted signal to your phone. With the increased signal strength provided by the Call Capture unit, the clarity of the calls is much better. Because the unit uses wireless technology, your phone receives the boosted signal with the added convenience of no physical connections between your phone and the antenna. Easy-in and easy-out portability of the Call Capture unit allow you to quickly change vehicles and keep these advantages with you anywhere you travel.

Mike McEvers, owner of North Texas Meter located in Dalhart, Texas, purchased three units for his company about two months ago. In early October, we called Mike to see if Call Capture was working for him. He was on a job about thirty miles south of Hereford when he took the call. We asked him about his experience with the unit in his vehicle. Mike said, "It's really amazing what it can do for you. I am really pleased with the way it has preformed so far." Before installing Call Capture, Mike was always dropping calls in the breaks going into Vega. Now he can talk all the way from Dalhart to Vega, if necessary, without losing signal. He thinks Call Capture is an awesome product and thinks everyone would be happier if they had one in their car and truck. He feels he

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XIT Open House

Each holiday season many XIT customers look forward to spending a part of the holiday season enjoying the open houses at XIT. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event at your nearest Customer Care Center. You'll see a lot of friends and neighbors to visit with while you chow down on some mighty

good snacks. You can spend a few minutes finding out about XIT's holiday specials and all the new wireless features we have to offer. And, don't forget to sign up for some pretty special door prizes before you leave. Who knows, you might be a lucky winner!

Dalhart and Dumas

December 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hereford and Stratford

December 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

XIT's Mission Statement

To provide high quality telecommunication services at the lowest possible cost to its customers.

200 Years of Service Honored at Awards Banquet

On September 21, 2007, General Manager, Darrell Dennis and XIT Director, E.H. Little, recognized the dedication and hard work of 16 employees and one board member for their many years of service to XIT and its customers.

Eloise M. Hass, Nancy Kimball, Brian S. McCoy, and Sandra C. Reynolds received 5 year awards.

Cory W. Bailey, Katherine A. Bailey, Simon Dahlsad, Kevin T. Foster, Lorren D.

Hallmark, David McCollum, Deniece Nicholson, Russell W. Routon, Mark D. Stilwell, and Jonathan A. Wyatt received 10 Year awards.

Sharon Ruland, received her 15 year award and Jerry E. Dorsett was honored with a 30 year award.

Director Gary Finch also received recognition for his 35 years of service on the XIT Board of Directors.



Service Award recipients pictured starting from the left, Director, Gary Finch, Nancy Kimball, Cory Bailey, Sharon Ruland, Sandy Reynolds, Jerry Dorsett, Deniece Nicholson, Kathy Bailey, Mark Stilwell and Lorren Hallmark.

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can hear a lot better now that his calls are boosted through the unit. Mike says the Call Capture unit even helps with calls when he is out of the truck. It improves reception up to twenty or thirty feet if he has the unit on. Mike now talks in places where he couldn't get enough signal to make a call before. It has really been a big help in some parts of Kansas. He said, "I really recommend it to anyone who is out West of Dalhart a lot." As far as he is concerned, it has been working like a charm everywhere he goes. Mike said give him a call if you have any questions. It's great to have a satisfied customer like Mike McEvers. He really meant it when he said give him a call.



Mike McEvers is sold on Call Capture. The signal strength is stronger. It increases call clarity. His laptop works better in the field and the installation was simple.

A Mountain Calls ... and Calls are Made

You may not know its name, but you are aware of its presence as soon as you enter the Enchanted Circle of Taos, Red River, Eagles Nest, and Questa, New Mexico. Rising to 13,161 feet, this majestic peak dominates the landscape for as far as the eye can see. Named for U.S. Army Major, George M. Wheeler, who surveyed much of New Mexico in the late 1870s and located in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains, Wheeler



Kordell, CJ and Mark tell David to stop taking pictures and hit the trail. Daylight's burning.

The climb is not a light undertaking. The Wheeler Peak trail starts at around 8,700 feet and rises an additional 4,500 feet on the nine mile trail. Most years, snow is around even in August and September. It gets very cold at night and sometimes storms, hidden by the mountain, come up quickly. You have to be prepared. David said, "Some sort of training is recommended before attempting a hike like this. We started by building up our endurance by walking and climbing, then walking and climbing with a load. You have to pack in food, clothes, sleeping bags, tents and everything you might need for three days of hiking and camping in the wilderness." David, Mark and the boys started their hike on a Saturday morning in August. They hiked by fast flowing streams; through a pine



Fallen timber in one of the high mountain meadows on the trail to Lost Lake provides the hikers with a comfortable rest stop and a scenic place to eat. Frequent stops on the first part of the climb helped acclimatize the hikers.

Peak is the highest point in New Mexico. It offers its challenge to all who see it ... come climb me!

XIT Installation Repair Technician, David McCollum has enjoyed hiking since he was a teenager. Because of his interest and enthusiasm over the past ten years, several XIT co-workers have put on their hiking boots and joined David as he attempted the challenge. Some made it to the top, some didn't. This year, Installation Repair Technician, Mark Stilwell and his son, 13-year-old, CJ joined David and his, 10-year-old son, Kordell, in the attempt. Mark has made the climb with David before, but this was the first time for the boys.

and aspen forest filled with the melody of song birds; ate their noon meal in a high country meadow with wild flowers all around, and enjoyed the scenery as they continued their hike that afternoon. Around 4:30 p.m. they reached the site of their base camp, beautiful, Lost Lake. A rain storm came up as they made camp on the lake shore. They quickly set up the tent and after it stopped raining, fixed supper. Later they sat around the fire and watched the sky fill with stars. Pleased with their first day, they finally went to bed. After breakfast the next morning, they broke camp and left Lost Lake for the second half of their

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Mark and CJ pause for a few minutes as the group looks for Big Horn Sheep after the ascent from Horse Shoe Lake. Behind them, the Sangre de Cristo mountains march away into the distance.

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assent. Above the tree line, they saw some Big Horned Sheep. David said there were just a few sheep when he started climbing Wheeler in the late eighties, but now there are huge herds of them on the mountain.

They reached the summit around 2:20 on Sunday afternoon. Mark said, "You can't believe how beautiful it is up there. Cameras don't do it justice." The boys were excited about reaching the top, and being the good telephone employee that he is, Mark pulled out his XIT wireless phone and let them call home and crow about their success. After enjoying the view for a while, they hiked over to the top of Walter Mountain, the second tallest

This beautiful part of New Mexico is not far from XIT's service area. If you've never been there, or its been a while since you made the trip, you might think about



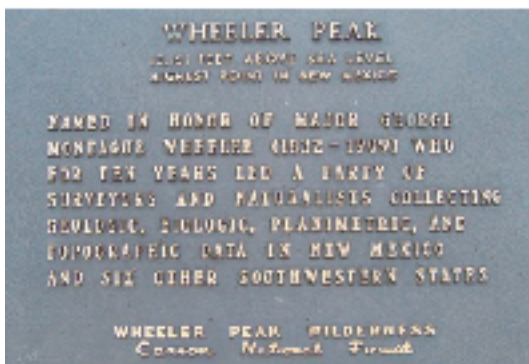
Kordell laughs as Mark does his "Can You Hear Me Now?" routine. Mark let the boys call their moms and tell them about the climb. Then, it was time to take in the view, which was spectacular. The mountain behind Mark's right elbow is where Taos Ski Valley is located. To his left just out of the picture is their next stop, Walter Mountain, the second highest point in New Mexico.



Climbing the highest peak in New Mexico was quite an accomplishment for this ten year old Texan.

peak in New Mexico. By evening, they were again at Lost Lake watching the sun go down and the stars come out. Next morning saw them on the trail back down to Red River. When they reached Red River, CJ and Kordell thought a refreshing shower and big meal seemed like the best part of the trip. As they wolfed down the burgers and fries, they talked excitedly about the trip. David and Mark realized the father-son trip was a huge success. The boys would remember the experience the rest of their lives.

it. Mountains are good for the soul any time of the year. If this trip sounded like fun to you, we think we know where you might find a guide.



For additional information on Wheeler Peak, you can Google Wheeler Peak, NM on the Internet.



XIT TECH TIPS

from guest columnist
Eric Spellmann

Online Programs Save You Money

Computer programs can be expensive, especially for non-profit organizations. Luckily, large Internet companies are putting free versions of previously costly software online.

Google Documents

Microsoft Office is considered the "standard" for business program suites. It includes Outlook (e-mail), Word (word processing), Excel (spreadsheet), and PowerPoint (presentations). More than 90% of businesses use these programs on a daily basis. With the average price of this suite running \$399, many small businesses are looking for a more cost-effective alternative. Enter, Google Documents.

Google is looking to go head-to-head with Microsoft, and their first shot across the bow of the Bill Gates empire is with Google Documents. Basically, Google has created online equivalents to Microsoft's programs:

Google	Microsoft
Document	Word
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Gmail	Outlook

Did I mention these programs are free? Remember, you don't download them to your computer; you use them on Google's site. Your documents are stored in a protected account on Google's servers. For some people, this feature may make them nervous from a security standpoint. However, realize that you will now have access to your productivity software AND data from any Internet-connected computer. And, your data is backed up daily.

Another useful feature of Google's offering is the collaboration options that open up. Multiple people can be working on the same document or spreadsheet at the same time. In addition, you can upload existing Microsoft documents into Google's system very easily.

So, what are you waiting for? Head over to <http://docs.google.com> and give it a try.

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Enter XIT Directory Photo Contest

How would you like to have your favorite photograph seen by thousands of people in the Texas Panhandle? XIT Communications is having a photo contest. The winner's picture will be featured on the cover of the 2008 edition of the XIT Communications Regional Directory. All entries should depict an area in which XIT provides service: Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Sherman and Moore Counties of the Texas Panhandle. There is not a particular category for the directory cover. Pictures may include, but are not limited to: a scenic view, people or animals or subjects portraying the agriculture aspects of our area. The winner will receive \$100.00.



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Remember, all photos must be received by XIT no later than December 31, 2007. If you have any questions, feel free to call the XIT Marketing Department at 806-384-3311.

Guidelines and Rules

- Limit of three (3) entries per person. Include your name, address and contact number on the back of each entry, along with a brief description of where the photo was taken and any other information describing the setting.
- Photos must be at least 5X7, if taken with a 35mm or an 8X10, if taken with a digital camera.
- Winner agrees to allow XIT to use the picture for advertising purposes in addition to having it featured on the cover of the directory.
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