

Steve, KA4YMY, has been lining up the cost for materials and labor (tower climbing crew) to replace the 2M antenna and associated equipment at the top of the 1000' Hood Road tower. The total cost of a new 2M antenna, TX/RX crossband coupler, interconnecting coax and connectors, and labor is about \$5,000. The belief is that the antenna is faulty, but since the equipment is 10 years old we believe we should replace everything related to 2M. To raise this amount of money, we are immediately starting a fund-raising campaign and need to complete it by May 10.

You can donate through the PayPal donate button on the [www.charlottedstar.org](http://www.charlottedstar.org) home page or by sending money from your PayPal account to charlotte.dstar@gmail.com. The money will end up in our PayPal account. You can also mail a check to me at my address on QRZ.com. Checks must be made out to Roland Kraatz, or I cannot cash them. If we raise enough money to do the work, we will order the materials and schedule the tower climbers. If we fall short of the cost, we will remove from service the 2M D-STAR repeater at Hood Rd. The 70cm repeater will remain operational until something happens to its antenna.

73,  
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