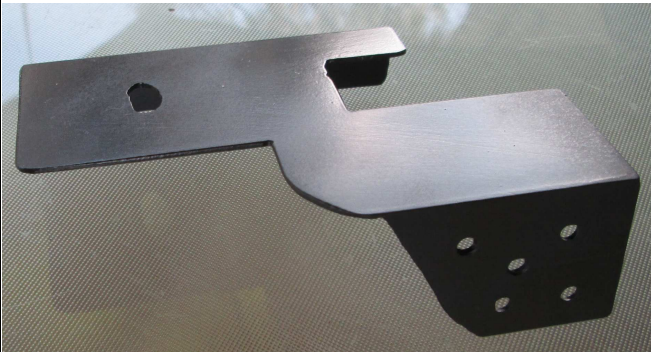


I went a couple of years using a Baofeng UV-5R in the family car (Kia Soul) with it hooked to a mag antenna, battery eliminator and a speaker/mic. There is not much room in a Soul for this kind of thing and all was complicated by two other factors: (1) The Soul is a six speed stick (RV towable) and (2) my wife did not want holes in "her" car.

My first thought was to look at cell phone mounts and the only one that looked promising was a vent mount unit, that would be good as it would keep the 5R from overheating during long QSOs. I did not buy the vent mount for fear of breaking the vent but went home and thought about it. Using some scrap a jigsaw, hand drill, Dremel tool and a file I solved my problem.



The 3" aluminum channel above was scrap from building our cabana. Sides are 1.5" ID is 3".



The shape and location of cuts were determined by the vehicle and made to fit the UV-5R. A little more crude than I would like but not too bad for hand tools working outdoors. The radio locks in and rides well.



This side view shows the full 1.5" portion with the holes and the 3/4" side cut.



I used 3 screws to hold the bracket in place.



The finished instal has the UV-5R over the vent with the mic clipped to the cable.....

Problem (2)..... is now a HAM.....

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