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GE to the Groups,

First, we want to say thank you to all those who have supported us with this amazing radio project. We are firm believers in what Jack, Al and others have created – an easily adaptable radio that is the perfect test bed for those who often ask, “What if?” The message boards are full of technical discussions and comments, revealing the radio’s popularity and we are proud to be a part of that. If there was a Medal of Honor for the people involved with the design and testing of this project, each one certainly deserves one.

It’s been a long journey fraught with surprises and hazards. After much thought and discussion, we have decided not to do another full kit run. We are a small nonprofit with limited volunteer and financial resources. Another run will tie up over half our cash for an extended period of time, preventing us from bringing new kits to the market and doing additional runs of existing kits. Kits provide the money that enables us to put on OzarkCon each year, so that commitment never strays far from our minds. In addition, we worry about volunteer burnout and trying to manage the distributed packaging work necessary to complete a run in a reasonable amount of time. The two kitters working the T41 kit suffered burnout, I being one of them. We don’t want a repeat. Even with using the compatible V12 PCBs, there would still be over 20K parts to deal with. Not an easy row to hoe for a small nonprofit.

Although we are not going to proceed with another complete kit run, we have had preliminary discussions with Jack, Al and Bill K9HZ about providing prepopulated PCBs, leaving the non-SMD parts to the hobbyist. As those discussions progress, we will continue to keep you up to date.

We will post updates as they happen on these reflectors and on our website.

Thank you for all the support you provide so OzarkCon can continue engaging QRP enthusiasts for many years to come.

72 – Ron – AG1P  
4SQRP Volunteer Secretary/Treasurer