

MARROWSTONE

WIRELESS

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It is amazing what a toll short wintery days takes on simple puny humans as they attempt to work outside with things often too delicate to imagine.

So, it is no surprise to see big silly grins when something simple succeeds. In Ken Nelson's left hand is the prize being pulled from the tube in his right hand. Just a bit of old painter's rag tied to a fishline the other end of which is nearly 300 feet uphill.

Using a shop vacuum we sucked that fishline the entire length of the buried pipe. Then we used it to pull the FTTH fiber cable from the street to the house where we mounted the converter box to the outside wall.

Yes, we have our first buried fiber FTTH connection under our belts! (In case, you missed it, FTTH stands for Fiber To The Home.) Slowly, we are making progress and we so appreciate the patience of those still waiting!

November also saw our software systems improve as we faced the challenge of policing our Local Area Networks in our neighborhoods. I wish to make clear that we do not have any capability to "see into your house." What we can do and must do is watch the traffic coming and going from each home for key signatures that indicate potential media piracy activities such as we reported previously. The good news is the detecting system works! We were able to capture such traffic over the Thanksgiving weekend and notify the homeowners affected. In all cases, the persons operating the questionable software were asked to not use such software on this community network and why. BTW: They were all guests not island residents...

Have a very Merry Christmas and may God bless you all!

Peace, David

