

609th's TPS-43 radar van\* at Cannon was serial number 19 but its antenna was ser no 2. Our antenna #19 was destroyed in a windstorm/tornado/large dust devil in July 1972 and Sacramento Depot (SMAMA) sent the antenna from a Westinghouse demonstrator set to replace our antenna.

Along with antenna #2, they also sent radar van #2 with the instructions to try to get it up and running. (Van #2 was in VERY disrepair when we got it!)

Van #2 was shipped back to SMAMA in the spring of '73 and antenna #2 was permanently married to our van #19. (Antenna #19 was ultimately condemned as being too costly to repair.)

\*Note that the equipment shelters for the TPS-43 radar series were known as "vans".

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