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My Mk V display was not as bright as I'd have liked, but I wasn't sure about reducing the value of that resistor to 5 ohms. I checked the value of the original 18 ohm resistor and found it to be 17.73 ohms, so at least I know the original value had not drifted upwards. I chose to start with an 11 ohm replacement and that did the job for me. It brightened the display just enough and I'm less worried about the inverter drawing too much current. VA3CR.net describes what appears to be the true solution to this problem of dimming - reducing the length of the high voltage wires feeding the display thus reducing the capacitance and increasing the voltage reaching the display.

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