

President's Column

Welcome to a new year playing amateur radio. My philosophy as club president is twofold, serve the Department of Public Safety (our served agency) as best we can if we are called upon to do so and, second, have fun playing ham radio. I am not interested in petty politics so leave the attitudes at home when you come. The club is a way to improve our skills, share ideas and tips with one another, and have an excuse to talk radio. I hope to be able to get a variety of speakers in but also believe we have a lot of talent within our own group. I would like for us to get out and do more out of the building – play radio activities.

There are lots of ways to play ham radio, no one way to play is “better” than another, just different. Ham radio encompasses a pretty big tent. Some love contesting, some like public service events. Some are into satellite or moon bounce while others like playing with FT8. Some love SSB voice while others thrive on CW. Some enjoy POTA while others are happy sitting at home in front of their radio. Some swear by digital while others swear at digital. Participate in what you enjoy but be open to learn about other ways to play radio.

One tip that I follow is to have a SO239 double female connector screwed onto one end of each piece of coax I have, other than short jumpers. That way it is easy to join cables together or join to the cables in the trailer. And keep a couple spare connectors in the go box.

Think outside the lines, be creative but radiate!

73,
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