

Vice-President's Column

On February 14th, there was an issue with the 146.97 machine during the time when the Wednesday net should have taken place. Since then the issues have gone back to normal, however it made me think about emergency preparedness. Though we have an annual SET, Field Day, and more to show our ability to operate on a moment's notice, I don't think there would be such a positive outcome if there were to be an actual emergency given no prep time.

One of the best ways to be prepared is to know your equipment, and even better, regularly testing your equipment. At February's Emcomm meeting, we practiced setting up one of the club's Go Kits to a club laptop and sending a WinLink email. After some time, we were able to get the email sent, however we were faced with different errors and troubles during the exercise.

How does this relate to everyday hams? A big part of club activities are being able to successfully transmit information via different methods of communication. A great way to practice these preparedness skills are learning to exchange information, like an RST report, or learning how to properly participate in an information net, like at a community event. Sussex County is looking for volunteers for the CODEL marathon and we also have field day coming up. Both are great opportunities to learn a new skill.

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