

President's Column

It's springtime and time to play with antennas. I recently put up a 10/15 meter fan dipole. The doublet I use has lots of lobes on 10/15 meters due to its long length compared to the frequency and I thought I might be missing some signals. I was also interested in seeing the loss introduced by the tuner compared with a resonant antenna. It is nice not having to adjust the antenna tuner when switching to the 10/15 fan. The last few days ft8 on 15 meters has been very active in the daytime and I have picked up a number of new maidenhead grids. So far my observations between the two antennas are inconclusive. Unfortunately I was shortsighted in running only 2 HF coax lines to my shack. One is connected to my 4BTV vertical and the other I use for experimenting. I may have to invest in a remote antenna switch.

Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in field day in June. Join in the festivities and camaraderie.

Whatever you do, get out and be radioactive while having fun.

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