

Vice-President's Column

Winter Field Day has come and gone. We use these events to learn what works and what doesn't work. We recollect things we learned previously and because we do not use that knowledge regularly it slipped through the memory banks into the area of the brain that holds it for future use. Not quite into the abyss, but hinging on. We may do and say things that are meant to be right at the time, but after further thought and personal observation, it could have been done better, and in a more tactful way. I relearned that I can not be at the site for extended periods of time. Even though I felt good at the time it took two days to recover, and was still a little fatigued on the third day. I made a commitment with myself and the club that my body could not fulfill. For that, I apologize to the club for not being able to help with the Sunday take down. Cancer has taken most of my strength and energy away from me, I can't do what I used to do. I need to reassess my future abilities and Commitments.

There were only three that were there on Sunday for take down, Larry, K3LT, Nick, N3YMS, and Paul, N3BUH. No one else showed. I commend them on their dedication to fulfill their commitment to be there. I want to especially thank Nick for his time and his personal equipment, and what was borrowed that he was able to provide for the event. He was able to fill all the borrowed equipment with fuel, at his expense. The site is excellent. I hope it could be made available for future events.

We will have some work parties to improve the trailer's ability to serve us better. We need to get rid of the spider web inside the trailer, under our feet, and make it less confusing, and more stable. Another thing I learned years ago is never think I'll just stay home, others will be there, because the others are thinking the same thing.

Summer Field Day is coming up in June. We go from the freezer to the heater. What we learned from Winter Field Day, we need to put into practice at Summer Field Day. We, as a club, need to reassess what our abilities are. Realistically what can we do successfully?

Operators are the real problem. Operating is not a difficult thing to do. In the next few months we will have a demonstration of what is needed to make a successful contact. For those that think you can not do it. It is really not difficult. It takes a little patience, but yet with some perseverance anyone can do it.

I want to thank everyone for the time and assistance you were able to provide, it is really appreciated. We had a good showing of new members. I hope to be able to work with everyone in the future to get to know you better.

Sorry it's so long winded. My message is to reassess and fulfill your commitment.

I'll reluctantly get off the soap box, I know you have better things to do than listen to me.

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