

President's Message. February 2023.

Storms are brewing across the country but we here in Central Virginia have been spared so far this winter. The weather has been so unusually warm that the trees are breaking bud and the daffodils and crocuses are blooming already.

The other day it hit 82 degrees and when I was out mowing a pasture, I notice a Blacksnake moving around having no trouble doing so.

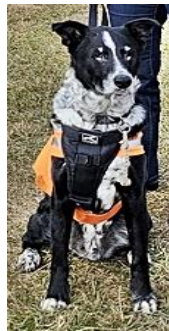


Winter Field Day 2023 was a big success for our participating members. (See our pictures on the home page having a separate access button at the upper left under the word "Home".)

We set up in a "Barn" using AC power and had three transmitters in operation. The membership elected not to run a 24-hour session, so we set up on Saturday and elected to operate from 9 AM Sunday until 2 PM that afternoon.

Our two HF rigs were each using DX-Commander antennae and our 2-meter simplex station was using a homebrew Yagi antenna fabricated from an old analog TV antenna mounted on a tripod.

The food was good, and the weather cooperated so everyone who attended enjoyed themselves including Marty the dog, although he declined to transmit.



The best times are spent together doing what we all love to do and that's Amateur Radio.

A reminder to be prepared for emergencies and regularly check your equipment and supplies in case they are needed at a moment's notice.

Be well and enjoy the hobby.

73,
Bill, K4FZE