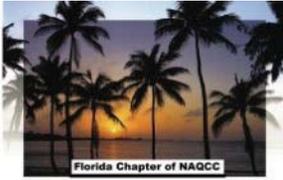


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Photo 1 and 2: Site of our valiant effort to contact any and all NAQCC members worldwide.

Despite a last minute weather cancellation of our scheduled November Portable Op in Cassadaga FL, a couple of NAQCC-FL members met at the scheduled location to see if the day could be salvaged. And salvaged it was with beautiful weather and reasonable band conditions.

John, W2IV #6150 and Don K3RLL #1905 gathered at Colby Park in Cassadaga with a KX3 and a couple of antennas as we searched the QRP frequencies for any lingering NAQCC members.



Photo 3: W2IV #6150



Photo 4: K3RLL #1905

The alternate agenda was to run some comparison tests between a 31' vertical wire on the far end of a homebrew 9:1 Unun against an elevated Hamstick with a single wire counterpoise.

Using the Reverse Beacon Network as our unbiased signal strength reporter, there were no surprises when the 31' Unun antenna handily beat the elevated Hamstick. But we had to confirm our subjective opinion with objective data, and for this, the RBN is very helpful.

John W2IV also made the valid observation that the Elevated Hamstick was more of a NVIS antenna in this situation than the 31' vertical wire which seemed to reach out much farther.

Pictured here are the Hamstick on a 5 foot base and the 31' vertical wire supported by a Jackite Pole stuck in the (FL) sand. Obviously, the elevated Hamstick antenna didn't have the advantage of height but many report good results with them so it was fun to experiment. After all, we ARE hams; aren't we?

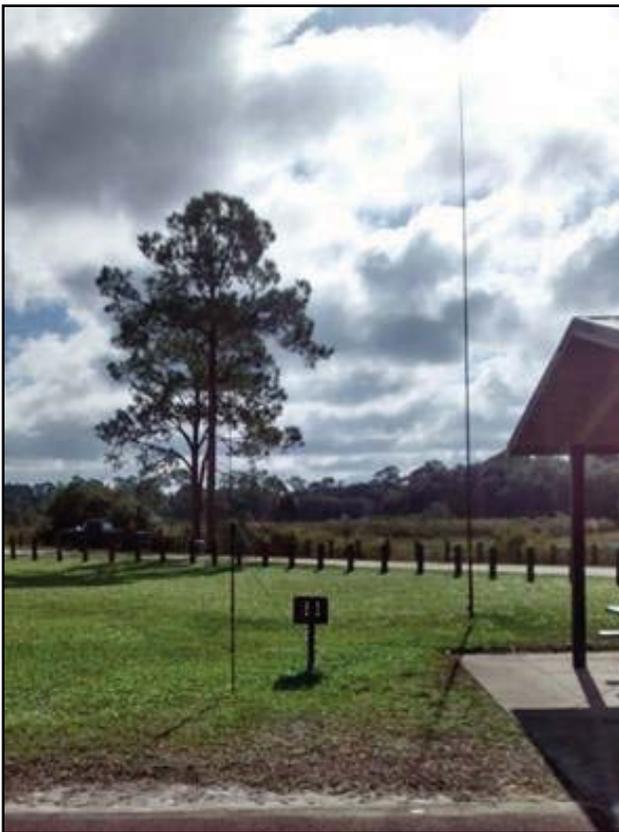


Photo 5 & 6: Antennas to be tested and compared. Surprise - the bigger one won!

Many thanks for those who listened for us including our most loyal remote participant, Curt WA2JSG in Carneys Point, NJ. Curt deserves some kind of award for 'remote participation' as he has helped ensure success at many of our field efforts.

NAQCC-FL is not planning on a December event at this time, due to holiday rush and some of our members will be traveling. Please listen for us in January. 73/72 NAQCC-FL