

NCDXC Elmering Project

Course Description for “Simple Antennas That Work”

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While we can do many different things to improve or optimize our stations, without an antenna we can't get that RF energy into the air, nor can we receive the juicy DX out there that we want to work. Many hams new to HF are presented with a dizzying array of antenna choices, many of which seem the same, or at least it's hard to know enough to tell which of them is worth the time or money. To compound this, many manufacturers make claims that may not necessarily reflect reality. And then there's the problem of where to put this thing. I don't know about you, but my head hurts already!

This class will help you demystify some of the choices and decide what might work for whatever your situation might be. The emphasis will be on simple - something you can build or buy - and on works - proven designs that can get you on the air pretty quickly. We are not going to go for the perfect setup, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by how far you can get with a compromise antenna and location.

Come find out what things really are important to getting that last and most important part of your station working well enough to enjoy the magic of HF. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect, just work well enough to work some DX and, most importantly, have fun!