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Yesterday's exercise was a lot of fun, and we successfully completed the objectives we set out to achieve for Operation Crosstalk and NVIS day. I was encouraged by the amount of participation. It was interesting that we did not have a lot of atmospheric noise, and I was able to work several stations, but I copied a lot more stations who were unable to copy me. This was likely due to my choice to set up a slinky dipole that was extended to a total length of 32 feet, I would probably have been heard by more stations if I had set up a full-sized dipole.

However, this was one of the objectives of the exercise. That is to experiment with NVIS optimized antennas to learn more about what works and what doesn't. Armstead, AE5OQ provided the feedback that this exercise showed that at EOC locations, we don't need antennas that work DX but instead are optimized for NVIS and regional communications.

As of this evening, there have been twenty-two log files submitted for the exercise. We will continue to accept log submissions for the next few days. We plan to process logs and generate participation certificates by the end of the week. I emailed a link to all ECs last night for a shared drive folder to share pictures from your Operation Crosstalk stations. Please upload any pictures so we can update our coloradoares.org website.