N5AT FD2022 Recap

Set up in the parking lot of the Baptist Health College under two canopies operating as 1A with a YAESU FT-897D utilizing a single LiFePO4 20A battery for radio power. A Honda generator was used supplied power to two fans and a computer.

Temperature at startup was 97 actual with a heat index of 108... and getting hotter!





Antenna:



Carolina Window 135ft strung between two trees at 40ft.



Had a site visit from JM Rowe, N5XFW ARRL AR SEC and Bob Ideker WB5BI Past AR Section Manager.

John Nordlund AD5FU was onsite as a representative of the Arkansas Department of Health.

Pop up rain clouds along with wind, thunder, and lightening arrived at 1830L shut the operation down for two hours. Good thing we had 8 people on site to hold down the canopies!



Learned that is takes up to three operators at 0300L to decipher a call sign, category, and section when three stations on the same frequency are calling three other stations in three different parts of the country at the same time.

From front: Tim Lee AF5OI, Georgia Seward KB5VJA, and Bart Harrison KI5RQG at 0300L

Note: Field facilities in the background!