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Thanks to all who attended our class on January 21st. We had some interesting presentations, including a really interesting session on First Aid. We also saw some of the new “rig in a box” on demonstration and a live Winlink session.

We hope you have the upcoming weather spotting classes on your schedule. The first class, **Basic Weather Spotting**, is **March 9th**, 7:00 PM at the Baptist Church in Chatham. We plan to meet first at 5:30 PM at Mario’s for Pizza (Mario’s is located at the entrance to Piper Glen) Join us if you can.

This presentation is from the staff of the Lincoln Weather office. This is an annual refresher class. Those of you have attended other classes know the staff from the weather office always have a great presentation.

On Monday, **May 15th** we will have, for only the second time, the **Advanced Weather Spotter Class**, presented again this year at the Wedeberg Conference Center, Memorial Medical Center, First and Miller Streets. This class will start at 6:30 PM.

Reservations are not necessary for either of these classes. You are encouraged to bring any hams that may be interested in weather spotting.

We also wanted to give you an early “heads up” on another upcoming activity. On Saturday, July 15th we are going to have a session experimenting on NVIS antennas. We have not picked out a location yet, but we wanted you to get this on the schedule.

NVIS stands for Near Vertical Incidence Skywave. It is a system being used by emergency groups for HF communications over short range. John Sams, WA9KRL gave an interesting presentation on this at our last on air meeting. Here is a list of web sites that John offered for those you want to learn more:

<http://www.qsl.net/wb5ude/nvis/>

<http://www.athensarc.org/nvis.htm>

<http://www.w0ipl.com/ECom/NVIS/nvis.htm>

http://www.tactical-link.com/field_deployed_nvis.htm

We plan to put up some NVIS antennas and compare signal reports from this antenna and a “regular” HF antenna.

We have some interesting programs planned for upcoming net meetings. We hope you will plan to check in. Nets are the second Thursday of the month, on the 146.689 repeater.

For any of you who have may have missed the announcement, the 146.685 repeater will now have a tone (94.8). This is the same tone as the .805 repeater. John says this will decrease some of the interference we sometimes hear from .685 repeaters in other states. John said the tone would be on soon.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support. We look forward to working with you in the New Year.