



**The SFDXA Sep 13, 2017 SPECIAL REPORT — Hurricane Irma damage to K4FK.**

Pete Rimmel, N8PR, reports the following (paraphrased):

"I was up at FMC today, and the HF tower came down along with all antennas on it. The cables were stressed when the tower came over. We must test them all...

We need to inspect the antenna on the repeater tower. It has been generating some static noises since Irma and may have a crack in it or be partly broken. It is working at the present time, but for the insurance claim, if it is damaged it should be included.

The Repeater tower and guys are okay and the 80/160 meter dipole is still up. Anyone who wants to, can use the station on that dipole with 100 watts and the internal tuner.

I hope that this finds all members safe and recovering from Hurricane Irma. Mark, K2AU, lost his SteppIR and reports a hole in his roof.

That is the only bad news I have heard.

Any other tales of woe? We will re-activate "Antenna Busters" when possible to help with any member's antenna problems, and of course the rebuild of the K4FK HF station at FMC.

We are planning a web page on the SFDXA web site with photos of the HF tower and antenna damage. Some pictures of the damage are included here.

73,  
PeteR, N8PR

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