

what frequency?

I received a call this morning asking me to relay a message. I completed the task and then confirmed that it was done. Then another of our members called and asked why he was only hearing one side of the conversation - hi!

tip #1... don't make assumptions!

My first thought was that the original caller might have been transmitting simplex on the output of VE7RSI, but that wasn't the case. He was on VE7RGP on my A band and I was on VE7RSI on my B band! I had wrongly assumed he was on VE7RSI and replied there. As we were both listening to both repeaters, neither of us had realized what was going on! If I had looked at the screen, I would have seen it, but I didn't and I had made an incorrect assumption!

tip #2... announce where you are calling!

I don't do much scanning, but I normally listen to VE7RSI and VE7RGP on one dual-band radio, monitor VE7EMG on another, and monitor 146.595 MHz on a separate radio. This one is connected to my highest gain antenna. If the calling station had announced which repeater he was on, it would have prevented me from making the mistake that I did.

If you make a call and don't get a reply, try again but announce which frequency or repeater you are on, especially if the other station might be scanning. You don't have to do it every single time you make a call, but if you don't get a reply, try again but announce where you were calling!

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