

## BCARES Supports 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Froze-Toes Bike Race.

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More than 150 riders participated in the Columbia Bike Club's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Road Race, the Froze-Toes Race, held in north-east Boone County. Boone County ARES (BCARES) supported the race with communications even though the temperature was all of 7 degrees F at race time. The race consisted of 7 events over the 31 mile road course through the prairie into Audrain and Callaway counties with ham radios at each corner, start/finish and Net Control. The Boone County Fire Protection District provided their Command 2 Emergency Communications vehicle for the NCS and a 30 foot mast for our vertical. A 2M directed simplex net provided full circuit coverage and kept race officials aware of where each group was on the course as the races progressed. One rover BCARES vehicle provided information from the last riding person as the various events progressed. Amateur operators providing communications included: KE0MI, NS0Y, KC0MGG, KV0S, AB0SE, WH6EB, KC0WGB, AC0MP, and N0AXZ.

The collage shows some of our operating positions including the warmth that NCS enjoyed inside Command 2!



No bicyclists, or hams, were harmed in the running of this race.