



FEEDBACK



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MAY MEETING

The meeting for the month of May will be held on May 7th 2004 at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon at 8:00 PM.

On the agenda for this month will undoubtedly be Field Day 2004. Some of the ideas on how to improve our score and "make Field Day more interesting" will be items such as interfacing the CW station to the computer using our existing Field Day Logging program. This can be done with relatively little hardware and programming. The idea will improve down time for such things as using the memory keyer. By using the computer, a mouse click is all it takes to use such functions as calling CQ, Answering a call, sending the report, logging the call, and the "goodby" (73, de W8NP) all with a few mouse strokes ! Also improvements for the Satalite station are in order. Perhaps an in-line amplifier will help? As Dan, N8DZM experienced last year, there was a heavy competition for the satalites from other clubs, etc. We need improvements in such areas as public information, traffic handeling, phone station operation & logging. Have any ideas? Bring them along to the meeting. Field Day 2004 is scheduled for June 26, 27th, 2004

PROGRAM FOR MAY

The program for May will be a presentation by Massillon Police Detective Bobby Grizzard entitled "Internet; Nature & Response." The program will discuss the investigations of sex offenses and other hazards of the internet. Detective Grizzard is a nineteen year veteran of the police department, over 15 of those years in the Detective Bureau Child Abuse Division. The last several years, part of his duties have included assignment to the Federal "Internet Crimes Against Children" Task Force.

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MARC MINUTES

April 2,2004

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 30 members and guests present.

MARC President Jim WA8GXM opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made.

Jim WA8GXM then asked to suspend reading the March minutes. They were accepted as stated in the FEEDBACK by Sandra N8TZB and second by Steve WD8MIJ.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF was absent so Perry W8AU handled her duties by giving the financial report. A motion was made to accept this report by Terry N8ATZ and second by Byron KF8UN.

Vice President Joe WD8BGW gave the correspondence report. He asked for helpers and baked goods for MARC's Safety Break May 7,8,&9th.

He gave highlights of other Amateur Radio Clubs newsletters. He also gave a list of upcoming Hamfests and VE test sites.

He said the program for May will be Detective Bobby Grizzard talking about Internet sex crimes investigations.

OLD BUSINESS

Jack N8LCS gave an updated volunteer list for the MS Walk. He will be doing Canal Fulton and Jason KC8LIN will be in charge at Quail Hollow.

Gary WC8W gave an update on how the Tech. classes are doing.

MARC Librarian Ralph K8HSQ gave his report.

Don W8DEF asked where we stood on the By-Laws update. He was told a new committee was in the works.

Field day will be June 26&27th at Petros Park. More will be discussed on this matter next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Byron KF8UN received QSL cards from the world, they will be on display the MARC shack .

Terry N8ATZ gave the SKYWARN results. There was good attendance, also normal morning check-ins when the sirens were heard. Everyone had a chance to meet Rick Alatore the new Stark County Emergency Director.

Jim WA8GXM told how four club members who are also volunteers of the Western Stark County Red Cross Chapter helped feed the many fire departments during the fire at Superior Dairy. They were Sandra N8TZB, Linda K8MOO, Don W8DEF and Jim WA8GXM.

Ralph K8HSQ asked about the 440 repeater. It's not done yet..

There was no other business so the meeting ended at 8:40 P.M. with motion made by Steve WD8MIJ and second by Gary WC8W.

After refreshments, Joe WD8BGW gave the program on Ham Radio Olympics.

Congratulations goes to Tomas KC8ZEH for winning the 50-50 for \$17.50.

Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC

DON'T FORGET SAFETY BREAK MAY 7th, 8th, & 9th.
You should have recieved a "reminder" card in the mail
with your scheduled date & time, if not please
call Anne, N8GAF & confirm the Scheduled time
for your shift !

... Dayton Hamvention Bound ...

By the time you read this the annual Dayton Hamvention will be only a few weeks away. I hope some of you have been able to make the mighty hamvention before, if not you are missing the Mother of all hamfests. There are over 500 inside exhibit spaces chock full of everything that has to do with both the world of Amateur Radio and computers. Outside you'll find over 2,500 spaces of flea market exhibitors. More junk in one place than you'll find even in Perry's (W8AU) garage and basement combined. Now that is a lot of junk ! It truly is an amazing event and I hope you'll consider making the trip. If driving there isn't your cup of tea consider taking the bus sponsored by the Tusco radio club. Full details are available on Jason – KC8LIN's website. A link is provided on the club's website to take you there. You can also visit the official hamvention website at www.hamvention.org for all the details. May 14–16 is the date, I'll be there along with several other diehard club members. The club has bought about 10 Hamvention admission tickets although a few have already been spoken for. I'm sure some are still available and you can pick up one come meeting night. Check with club Treasurer Ann – N8GAF that night.

.... Remote Email Access ...

I found a very neat item last week on the ARRL's website that I want to share with you. I am traveling a good bit lately and realized I couldn't keep up with my personal email for weeks at a time. Not that I'm that popular but I still like to keep up with the Spam I'm always pounded with. Like most of you when you want to look at your email you fire up your trusty desktop computer and log into your ISP to retrieve your email. That's fine unless you're out of town and away from your home computer. Then what ?

Using any computer with internet access or in my case my company computer I'm now able to retrieve my personal email wherever I am. How ? You simply log into a website at <http://mail2web.com>. Enter your email address and your password and any unread email is instantly available to read. The part I like best is this is a free service and as long as you don't delete the messages they will still be available to retrieve and file when you get back to your good old desktop system. You can send messages from here also; the only thing is the program will attach two extra lines to the end of your message that advertises mail2web. It's a great service that allows email access from anywhere, anytime. Try it you'll like it.

.... MARC Website News ...

Have you checked the clubs website lately? Your webmasters have been hard at work again posting new stories, bulletins as well as club happenings. The newest feature is a listing of club members license expiration dates. Currently posted are all the license expirations that are up in 2004. If you are an ARRL member, the League will send you a reminder card and can assist you in renewing your license very easily. If not, our ARRL VEC Gary Kline – WC8W will be happy to help you with this chore. We've also updated the clubs VEC Page to include some additional information that will also help you in renewing your license. The member expiration list is in a breakout box under Miscellaneous News. You can renew your license anytime within 90 days of your expiration date. Make sure you check the site if you're not sure of your license expiration.

**That's it for this month; see you at the club meeting!
Terry – N8ATZ**



Terry, N8ATZ, (sitting at the desk) with Don, W8DEA at the MARC E-Com trailer at the MS Walk. What a beautiful day to be "stuck inside" !

MARC MEMBERS ASSIST WITH MS WALK

Canal Fulton On Sunday April 18, 2004, eight MARC member assisted the Multiple Sclerosis walk in Canal Fulton on a beautiful Sunny day and nearly 80 degree weather. As can be envisioned, there were many walkers who turned out for the event, a 6.8 mile trek up the canal trail from Forty Corners Road to the Canal Park in Canal Fulton. This was the long walk. Many walkers opted for the short walk starting at Butterbridge Road, (about 2.5 miles) back to the park. Either way it was for a worthy cause. We had only one "casualty", a toddler pooped out on the long walk and mom & grandmother couldn't carry the little guy all the ways so the Lawrence Township "gator" (a John Deer 4 wheel drive ATV) was pressed into service. Thanks to the MS committee, a nice lunch was served after the last walker was back into the park. Those helping at Canal Fulton were: GARY WC8W, DON W8DEF, LINDA K8MOO, LARRY KC8RKU, TERRY N8ATZ, SCOTT N3JJT, DON W8DEA AND MS COORDINATOR JACK N8LCS.



A familiar site during the summer months, the Canal Boat St. Helens III shown here in "Dry Dock".

QUAIL HOLLOW

On Sunday, April 18, 2004, members of the Massillon ARC assisted the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by providing communications for the annual walk-a-thon at Quail Hollow State Park. A total of 500 people registered for the walk, with approximately 250 walkers taking to the trails. The weather this year may have been the best in recent memory.

Participants enjoyed a beautiful day with plenty of sun and temperatures around eighty degrees. There were a few last minute changes due to the rain Saturday night, but all went very smoothly. The day was completed just before noon without any injuries or serious incidents. APRS was also briefly tested during the walk. Communications coordinator Jason

Stroll, KC8LIN, is grateful for the help of the following volunteers: Sandra N8TZB was a liaison with the MS Event coordinator and net control; Igor WB8KEO and Rodger KA8FTS manned the rest stops; Jeff KC8KIX assisted with transportation in the lower parking lot; and Dan N8DZM provided communications from the Hartville Elementary staging area. Thanks to all for another great MS walk!

73's de Jason KC8LIN



The entire MS Crew at Quail Hollow (L-R standing) Jason KC8LIN, Jeff KC8KIX, Rodger KA8FTS, Dan N8DZM, Igor WB8KEO, (sitting), Rodger's wife Helen, Saundie N8TZB



Pictured are Jeff KC8KIX (left) and Dan N8DZM in the parking lot at Quail Hollow State Park.



**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 31, 2004**

PROFILE GENE BECKWITH W8KXR



Pictured above is the Ten Tech with various antenna matcher, and switches for testing SWR, etc.

A TOUR THROUGH "THE MEGA STATION"

Mr. Gene Beckwith W8KXR, world traveler, engineer, (chemist), author, and perhaps on of the most interesting fellow hams I have ever had the privilege to meet. His shack is perhaps one of the most prolific ham shacks I have ever been in. Word has proceeded my visit that I would be in for a treat, and I was not disappointed.

Gene was born in Batavia New York on December 11, 1940. He lived there until he went away to college in Rhode Island where he obtained a Master's Degree in chemistry. He held various jobs including a teaching job at his old alma mater. He moved to this area around 1968 where he began his career with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. He also began his International Career at that time. He traveled to the South Pacific, South America, Japan and almost did a stint in Mainland China, which he did manage to visit. And somewhere between college and traveling he married Marilyn.

Gene has always had an interest in Amateur Radio. He was first licensed in 1954 when he was 14 years old with a Novice call of KN2SFP. He later upgraded and kept the call of K2SFP. He upgraded to Extra Class in 1969 and got the call W8KXR, reflecting his Ohio residency.

As you can see in the pictures above and below, Gene is a true believer in multiple equipment and he has a radio for every purpose. He works mostly 160 meter ragchewing with friends and local hams. He also likes to work 10 meter AM and FM, some 40 meter sideband, AM and some 80 meter SSB. His main and favorite rig is a Ten Tech Omni 6 plus with which he works 160 but he has many vintage transceivers (such as Collins, Hamerlund, and Heathkit just to name a few) to work the bands. Among the various rigs mounted in his "main" station a Command Technologies HF 2500 HF amplifier caught my eye, Hey I have one of those! Gene said it was one of the "few" that is capable of working on 160 meters! And I agreed that you can't hurt the amp if you treat it right. He is currently working on a rack mount, studio quality, 160 meter transceiver, which I for one have just got to hear when he gets that thing on the Air!

Antenna's at the "Mega Station" consist of two dipoles fed with open wire feeders. One is dedicated for 160, the other is for 75, & etc. all Homebrew antennas. He has what Gene calls "Work In Progress" is a TA 33, also a 6 meter beam and a 20 meter dipole all to be installed on a 40 foot tower later on this year.

For those of you who don't know Gene personally, he is the author of several articles that appeared exclusively in *Feedback*. He has written *Techtopics* 1 through 16, articles which reflects the building of the "MEGA STATION." The articles details the rebuilding of various rigs and his search through various Hamfest trying to locate the many parts and equipment required for the project.

Gene is a past MARC Vice President and President serving the years of 2001 as Vice President and 2002 as President. I'm sure you'll agree, he has done a fantastic job of building the "Mega Station" The picture below is the entrance to the Mega Station Number 1 !



Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 658

April 26, 2004

The Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster DX Bulletin No. 658 BID: \$OPDX.658 April 26, 2004 Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio)

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, AB5K & the AR TelNet Clusters Network, K1XN & GoList, KF2HC, WW2R, NG3K, W3UR & The Daily DX, K4WLS, N4AA & QRZ DX, N4GN, K8SIX, K8YSE, N8BJQ, K9OT, AA0MZ, DF5AU, DL1EK & The DX News Letter, DL5AOJ, DL8AAM, EI4GK, F5CWU & La Gazette du DX, F5NQL & UFT, GU0SUP, GW3UOF, 11JQJ/IK1ADH & 425 DX News, JI6KVR & JA-IOTA Islands News, JR3TVH, OH2BN, SP2FAP and Bill Pasternak & Newslite for the following DX information.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. NODXA member Robert, **3B9FR**, was heard this past Sunday morning on 10 meter FM. He was heard on 29600 kHz between 1200-1400z working Europe.

3W9, VIETNAM. Jurgen, **3W9HRN**, was active this past Sunday on 15 meters CW/SSB. Watch between 21015-21020 and 21223 kHz starting around 1400z (also report at 0145z). QSL via DL1HRN. Also, look for Eddy, **XV1X**, who was active this past weekend on 40/20/17 meters CW between 1400-1800z. QSL via instructions on his Web page at: <http://www.xv9dt.com>

7Q, MALAWI (Update). The UK Malawi DXpedition continues to be active as **7Q7MM** until May 1st. According to their Web page, pile-ups are awesome, and they have uploaded some 10400 QSOs on Friday to their Web page. Their main supply of power is unstable, so please forgive them if they disappear on the air. The team was participating in the SP-DX Contest this past weekend. For more details, please refer to OPDX.650 and OPDX.655, or visit the UK Malawi DXpedition Web page at: <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com> QSL via G3LQP direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or via the bureau.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Operators Roger/G3SXW, David/K1ZZ, Robert/K3EST, Atilano/PY5EG, Tine/S50A, Robert/S53R, Charles/W6OAT, Bruce/W6OSP and possibly others will be active as **A6IAJ** in the **CQ WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th)** as a Multi-Multi entry. IMPORTANT: QSL to K2UO (U.S. Stations) and DJ2MX (non-U.S.).

AP, PAKISTAN. Bob, **AP2JZB**, was heard this past weekend on 12 and 17 meters SSB. Watch 24955 kHz after 0930z and around 18110 kHz after 1445z. QSL via direct.

CASTLE NEWS.....

- On **May 16th**, between 0600-1600z, look for many stations to operate from Fortresses and Castles in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Portugal, and participate in

“The European Castles Day”. For more details on information about castles awards programs, please visit the F6FNA’s Web page at: • <http://perso.club-internet.fr/f6fna/>

- Next Saturday, May 1st, Francois/F5JNE and Maurice/F5IYU will be active as **F5JNE/P** from the **Castle of Pancy Courtecon**, near the town of Chamouille. References are: Castle DFCF 02022; Canton Laon - 0212; Department - Aisne, 02; and Province - Picardie. Activity will be on 40 meters CW starting around 0630z. QSL via the Bureau.

EP, IRAN. Three stations were heard this past week: **EP3PTT**, **EP4HR** and **EP4SP**. EP3PTT was mainly active on 15 meters CW starting a little after 0900z. QSL via OK1LO. Hamid, EP4HR, was active on 15 meters SSB starting 1530z. QSL via I2MQP. Yar, EP4SP, was active on 21236 kHz around 1530z and then on 20 meters CW starting around 0000z.

Euradio (European Union Radio Amateur Celebration). The following event is sponsored by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. The IRTS will celebrate the accession of ten new states to the European Union by sponsoring ten special event stations over the Accession weekend. Each station will be twinned with one of the accession countries. Look for the following special event stations:

Special Event Special Event Callsign Callsign	Country Being Country Being Represented Represented
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EI25CY	Cyprus
EI25OK	Czech Republic
EI25ES	Estonia
EI25OM	Slovakia
EI25HA	Hungary
EI25SL	Slovenia
EI25LY	Lithuania
EI25SP	Poland
EI25ML	Malta
EI25Y	Latvia

In addition an IRTS HQ station will be on the air using the callsign EI25EU. Details of the Award available for working these stations are available on the IRTS website at: <http://www.irts.ie> A special QSL card commemorating the event may be obtained via the bureau or direct from: IRTS, P.O.Box 462, Dublin 9.

EUROPE DAY 2004 AWARD. To celebrate “Europe Day” on **May 9th**, the Polish “MK QTC Magazine” and “PZK Zwiasek Krotkofalowcow” will issue the “Europe Day 2004 Award”. Make 25 QSOs with stations from any territories of the European Union Member States on any HF or VHF+ bands between 0000 and 2359z on May 9, 2004. (Any combination of the number of QSOs and Member States will be accepted.) Send an extract from your log and 5 IRCs or 5 USD or 5 Euro to: Redakcja MK QTC, Suchacz-Zamek, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland. Deadline: 30th June 2004. The Award is also available to SWLs. Award dimensions: 297 x 210 mm. (additional info: qtc@post.pl). The European Union Member States: Austria,

Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom.

FH, MAYOTTE ISLAND. Andre, ZS6WPX, will be active as **FH/ZS6WPX** from **October 1-13th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters as well as 6 meters. Operations will be on SSB, Digital and some CW. QSL direct only via ZS6WPX (Not to ZS QSL Bureau!).

FP, MIQUELON. Look for Paul/K9OT and Peg/KB9LIE to be active on Miquelon as **FP/homecall** from the evening of **July 2nd** until noon local **July 11th**. This is a 100w operation, all bands 160-6 meters, from Room 5 at the ham-friendly Maxotel. They will have a 6m breakable beacon on 50.120 MHz. Emphasis will be on 6, 12 and 17 meters SSB for Peg and 160-30 meters CW for Paul. They plan on separate entries (one on CW, one on SSB) for the IARU HF Championship Contest. QSL via K9OT: direct with SASE, or bureau. No eQs! See their Web page at: <http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/>

(MORE) FRENCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES. More announcements of French activities and celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Landing in Normandy on 6th of June 1944 is as follows:

- **TM6JUN** - The **Utah Beach Museum** will once again activate the station **TM6JUN** from **May 31th to June 13th**. QSL via F5RJM.
- **TM6JDD** - For the French Championship VHF, the **TM6JUN** crew will be active on V/U/SHF using **TM6JDD**, from **La Pernelle**, grid IN99IO, on **June 5th and 6th**. QSL via F8KFE.
- **TM6BMC** - Some French operators from the Calvados and Eure Departments will be active on the **5th and 6th of June** from Mont Canisy on the Benerville/Mer Hills. They will be located in the WWII German batteries. Using the callsign **TM6BMC**, activity will be on HF, VHF and UHF. QSL per instructions.
- **TM6OCH** - The Radio Club Nord Cotentin, F6KFW, will be active as **TM6OCH** from **June 19th to July 2nd**. The main activity is scheduled on **June 26th** for the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Cherbourg by the US VIIth Corps. A special QSL card will be available via F6KFW.
- **TM6OVS** - (Update) To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation by the partisans, look for activity by **TM6OVS** from the **Vassieu en Vercors Partisans Museum** on **June 6th**. QSL via Evelyne, F5RPB.
- **F/ON6JUN/p** - The South Flanders DX Activity Group will send several operators to Ranville. They will be active from "The Pegasus Bridge Museum", for several days before, on and after June 6th, as **F/ON6JUN/p**. QSL per instructions.

GJ3, JERSEY. Johannes, DF5AU, informs OPDX that he will be active on the weekend of **May 8-9th** from **Jersey Island (EU-013)** with the callsign **GJ3DVC**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters (no WARC) on CW/SSB. He will also be active in the **CQ-MIR-DX-Contest**. QSL via the bureau or direct to GJ3DVC. If worked as **MJ/DF5AU**, the QSL route is via his home

INVENTION OF THE HT

(found from information on the internet; published in the West Park Radiops Log Volume 34, Number 3)

The "SCR-194" and "SCR-195" AM sets were the first US Army "walki-talkie" radios, designed by the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey and introduced in 1935, before WW II. These had to be carried on a soldier's back and were used by scouts and artillery spotters. The SCR194 operated in the 10.9 to 5.75 meter range, while the SCR-195 operated in the 5.77 to 4.62 meter range.

Then in 1942 came the first "handie-talkie", an AM unit designated the "SCR-536". The SCR-536 was about 1 foot long, weighed about 6 pounds, and had a typical range of about a mile, longer in good conditions. It operated in the 85.7 to 50 meter range.

The SCR-536 contained just about everything: electronics, batteries, microphone and earphone, and a collapsible antenna. It was often the first radio ashore, carried in a waterproof bag by the first assault troops, and was used to send situation reports and to call in naval gunfire support. First use was in the Allied landings on Sicily. Some units were captured by the Germans, who were highly impressed by the design. However, the initial SCR-536 design was less optimum for warm, humid tropical operations. In the South Pacific, the handie-talkies often suffered corrosion. Treatment kits were available to temporarily extend their useful life.

AM radio remained standard for aircraft through the war, though early "high frequency" gear was highly vulnerable to noise and had too few channels, making fighter control difficult. Improved "very high frequency" AM with larger numbers of channels proved more adequate. The British-designed "SCR-522" was built in very large quantities by Bendix for use with American aircraft. The SCR-522 provided four channels in the 3 to 1.92 / 100 to 156 MHz range.

COLOR TELEVISION AT AGE 50

On March 25, 1954, 50 years to the day color televisions went on the market, after the FCC established what modulation standard would be. As we all know, you can watch normal color TV programs on a black-and-white TV, due to the FCC making a decree that the modulation method for color TV did not obsolete the black-and-white units. Do you think that will happen again in 2006- 2007 when HDTV becomes the new standard? Well you bet your---- on it. They also say that the new 1954 color TVs cost about \$1000, although the price dropped quickly to about half that. That was a lot of money in 1954, say maybe 40%-50% of the cost of a new automobile. In 2004 would you pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 for a television set?

(written by AF8C from the West Park Radio Ops Vol. 34, number 3)

FIELD DAY 2004

Yes Field Day is just around the corner and we must begin to plan for the event now. Much help is needed to make this year a success. We want to bring you some facts about Field Day because there are a number of new members who may never have participated in Field Day.

First keep in mind that the event is a FUN event. It is designed to illicit the help of ALL the membership, not just a few. There is something for everyone to do at Field Day from set up to tear down, everyone's help is needed either directly or indirectly.

First: LOCATION, LOCATION !

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club will again host Field Day at Petro's Park which is located in Perry Township on Perry Drive just South of Navarre Road. If you know where the new Timken Steel Plant is, the park is located just west of the plant. We are on top of the hill overlooking the Petro's lake, a very scenic spot and great location for antenna's, etc. The park has a pavilion, electricity, and all the comforts of a picnic area. If you do not know where the park is, please ask one of the Officer's for directions. If you don't have transportation to and from the park, also please let us know so we can arrange transportation. We want everyone to experience Field Day !

Second: EXPERTISE

Everyone has a certain thing they can do such as operating CW or operating phone contest style, contacting news media, etc. We need people to help with set up, (antennas, towers, table set up in the pavilion and visitor's table etc.) This is one of the "fun" things to do on Field Day, there is SOMETHING for everyone to do! Set up will begin on Saturday June 26th at 9:00 AM at the park. The event will run non-stop for 24 hours and we will tear down on Sunday June 27th at 2:00 PM. Tear down usually lasts for about 2 hours (weather dependent) So let your Officer's know what your desire to do is and we will be grateful for the help. Even if you do not want to operate, that is just fine also. We will appreciate all then help we can get to make this a very smooth weekend!

Third: WHAT TO BRING

If this is your first Field Day, you naturally want to know, what do I bring to Field Day? The answer is: YOURSELF ! The only thing we ask is that all who are participating to bring a covered dish for the evening meal, everything else is provided by the club. All the equipment, shelter, meat, pop, etc. is provided by the club. (The only exception to this is the Satellite station which the equipment is provided by Jason KC8LIN, and Dan N8DZM and laptop computers which are owned by various club members).

Fifth: Operators, Operators, Operators! Yes we need operators who are dedicated to making contacts, weather a really experienced operator or someone just starting out WE NEED EVERYONE ! But then you ask I'm only a Tech Class, how can I be of help? Well the official ruling is this: Persons who are licensed and using the club call are under the supervision of the Club Station Trustee. He is "officially" responsible for the station. We will also have a "GOTA station. This station can be operated by persons of a lower class who maybe for the first time get on the HF bands. If we make 100 (or more) contacts, then this station will count for 100 points! The station is primarily intended for first time or generally inactive operators. We pick a Tech (plus) or General call sign from one of the members present to be used for the GOTA station. This means that the station MUST be operated in accordance of that person's license privileges. If the station is to be operated outside of the chosen call sign privileges, then a person of higher class (General or Extra) MUST be present and will act as the Control Operator !!! The correct exchange is the callsign / Higher Class licensee callsign. This also means that a non-licensed person can operate the GOTA station provided that the Higher licensed person remains with the non-licensed person as the Control Operator .

Sixth: Computers & Logging. I haven't asked Terry N8ATZ yet but I assume he and I will handle all the computers, making sure every station has one and do all the necessary logging and make the final reports to the ARRL after Field Day has ended (the computer makes this chore MUCH easier !).

. Want to learn more about Field Day and/or the ARRL? Then connect to www.arrl.org/services.html and all the material is open to you, and you do not have to be a member of the League to read the material. There is a whole lot of information on their web page.

Field Day this year is June 26 - 27, 2004. Mark your calendar so you can participate in one of the greatest events of the year!



May 2004

Monthly Planner

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