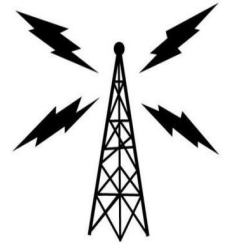




# DFARG Signal



Incorporating Palmetto Amateur Radio Club



Field Day 2021 is almost upon us. While we still have one more club meeting before Field Day weekend, June 26-27, and club activity is likely to be a major topic of discussion at both the May and the June meetings, this seems like a good time to reflect on the history Field Day and what constitutes a “successful” Field Day activity.

In the June 1933 edition of QST magazine, there was a one-column announcement stating that for 27 hours starting at 4:00 PM on the second Saturday in June there would be an opportunity for “portables” to go into the field to contact as many stations as possible. The objective of the contest, in the words of F.F. Handy, W1BDI, was to “...

test portables wherever they may be available... [and] if successful...to make it an annual affair.” QSOs with fixed stations counted as 1 point, contacts with other portables counted 2 points, and contacts with DX stations counted 3 points. Total score was all QSO points multiplied by the total number of ARRL sections combined with other countries worked. The winner of the 1933 Field Day, announced in the September issue of QST, was W4PAW, a non-club group whose members made 62 QSOs with a multiplier of 28 ARRL sections and countries for a score of 1876 points.

Obviously, ARRL considered the event successful, as we are now in the eighty-eighth year of Field Day! The June 1936 Field Day was so pop-

ular that a second one was held in August of that year. The Field Day Message was born the following year as 10 points were awarded for a single properly formed and serviced message to League Headquarters stating the number of operators, location, conditions, and power. In 1941, single start and finish times were established as 4:00 PM EST Saturday and 6:00 PM EST Sunday, respectively. As ham activity generally was halted between 1942 and 1945, so was Field Day. Since then, however, with many changes in rules involving modes, stations, power, and licenses Field Day has continued to be a major landmark on the calendar of many hams.

As is true of many aspects of Amateur Radio, there is a wide variety of opinions about what makes a “successful” Field Day.

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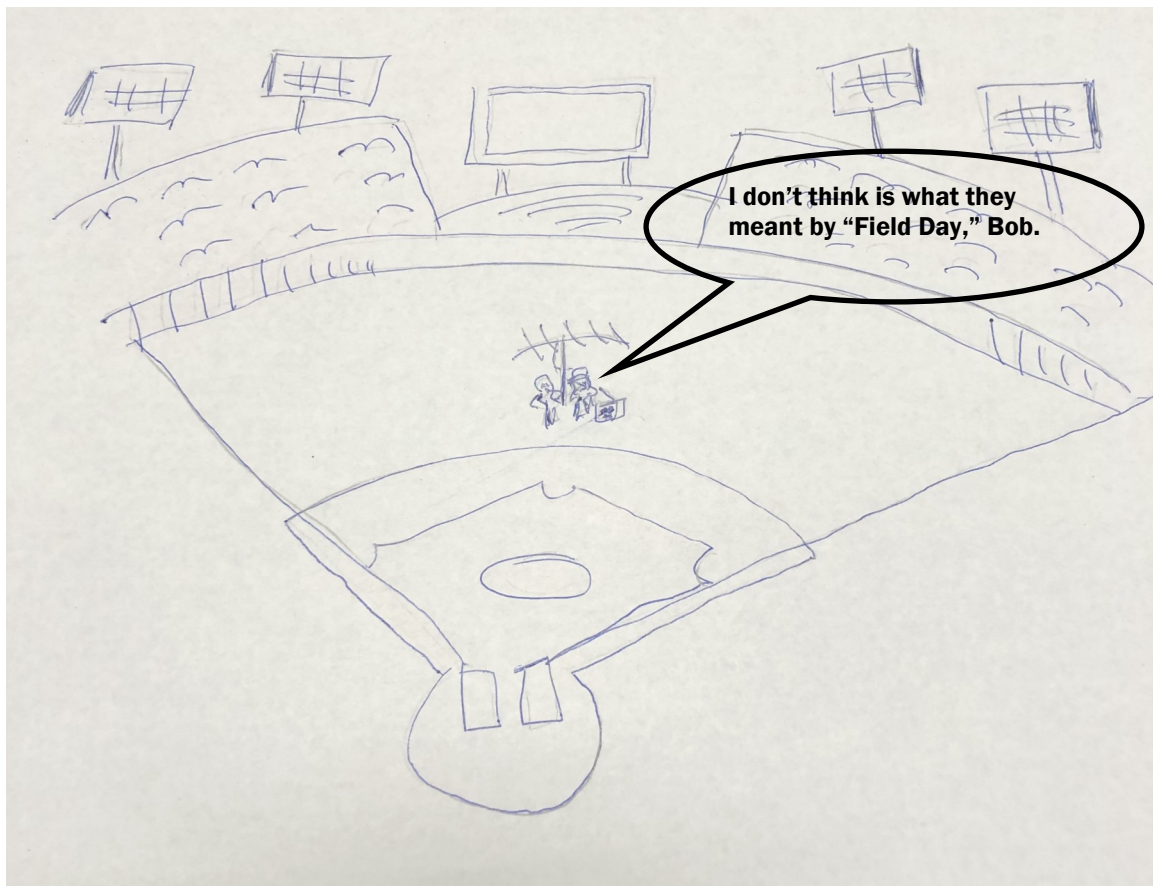
For many clubs and individual operators, the contest aspect of Field Day is paramount. Strategies for maximizing the number of points and multipliers abound. For other clubs, field Day is seen as an opportunity to engage the public about amateur radio. Clearly, ARRL combines these two ideas in its awarding of bonus points for media publicity, operating in a public place, manning a public information table, providing an educational activity,

visitation by government or agency representatives, and social media activity. Some clubs view Field Day as a purely social affair, an opportunity to get together with other club members for a day of ham radio fun in which points are a subsidiary concern. Many hams focus on the technical challenges of field operation, exploring differ-

ent power sources and antenna configurations.

Whatever your interest in Field Day, whether technical or social, educational or contest-oriented, social or private, mark the weekend of June 26-27 on your calendar and plan to get on the air!

## Ham Humor



## Upcoming Regional Hamfests and Conventions

**05/22/2021 - Mobile Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**

**Location:** Mobile, AL  
**Website:** <http://www.w4iax.com>

05/29/2021 - Wormfest  
**Location:** Pinellas Park, FL  
**Website:** <http://w4orm.org/>

06/12/2021 - 2nd Annual Pre-Field Day Tailgator Gathering  
**Location:** Dade City, FL  
**Website:** <http://dadecitymasoniclodge.com>

06/12/2021 - K4KDI Summer Tailgate 2021

**Location:** Orlando, FL  
**Sponsor:** South Conway Baptist Church

06/12/2021 - Ole Virginia Hams Tailgate  
**Location:** Manassas Park, VA  
**Website:** <http://w4ovh.net>

06/19/2021 - Black Warrior Hamfest  
**Location:** Northport, AL  
**Website:** <http://BlackWarriorhamfest.org>

06/19/2021 - Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention, ARRL Tennessee State Convention

**Location:** Knoxville, TN  
**Website:** <http://WWW.W4BBB.ORG>

07/10/2021 - Cave City Hamfest  
**Location:** Cave City, KY  
**Website:** <http://www.ky4x.org>

## Regional Net Schedule

All Times in Eastern Time Zone

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<a href="#">South Carolina SSB Net 1900 3.915</a>						
	<a href="#">Coastal Carolina Emergency Net 1900 3.907</a>						
	<a href="#">South Coast Amateur Radio Service 0800-1100 7.251</a>						
	<a href="#">Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net 0700-1100 14.300</a>						
	<a href="#">Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network 1100 14.265</a>						
	<a href="#">7240 Club 1000-1200 7.240</a>						
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1930		Little Mountain 147.210 + T156.7					
2000		<a href="#">Kershaw ARC</a> 146.775 - T156.7	Sandlapper SSB 50.250		Calhoun ARES 146.670 - T 156.7		
2030	<a href="#">Columbia ARC</a> 147.33 + T 156.7		Lexington ARES 147.000 + T123.0	<a href="#">Columbia ARC</a> 147.33 + T 156.7			
2100	<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> 146.550 Simplex				<a href="#">Greenwood</a> 147.165 + T 107.2		<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> First Saturday 3.959
	<a href="#">Ridge ARC</a> 147.255 + T123.0 after simplex						

## March, 2021 Minutes

John Miller called the meeting to order and asked everyone to identify themselves by name and call sign.

Old Business: The internet is back in the building, but the City has to authorize our usage of it. It is supposed to be brought up at the next City Council meeting this month.

New Business: An inventory of the Club's surplus items has been made. Items with a value has been priced and the rest of the stuff is free for the taking. All the worthless items will be disposed by Tim Smith in the next few days. Jim Walters has the price list for the items of value and they will be offered to club members first, before offering them to the public for sale.

John Seibels mentioned that we need to present a program to help draw members back to the meetings.

The radio contest for last year was won by Charlie Brown. This years contest is underway with the goal to make at least one contact/day by any mode. At the end of the year a prize will be awarded to the winner similar to last year.

The question was raised by John Seibels as to our participation in Field Day in June. Apparently the YAGI antenna is working and it is just a matter of venue TBD.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 PM

### 6. Attendance Roster:

WA4LDU	Joe Price
N2NAT	Nat Smith
K4IG	John Miller
K401W	Tim Smith
W4JUS	Jim Lamb
WB4FOC	David Caaham
K4AXV	John Seibels
K4FI	Doug Welburn
WB4YYA	Al Buchulz
WB22WEO	Don Drzewoszewski
W4EFZ	Jack Jackson
W4DRH	Hugh Sammons

Submitted by  
James W Lamb, Jr  
Acting Secretary

## Upcoming Contests

May		June	
21	<u>Hamvention QSO Party</u>	5-6	<u>KY QSO Party</u>
22	<u>YOTA</u>		<u>RSGB National Field Day</u>
29-30	<u>CQ WPX Contest CW</u>	12	<u>VK Shires Contest</u>
		12-13	<u>Portugal Day Contest</u>
		19-20	<u>All Asian DX Contest</u>
			<u>Battle of Carabobo Int'l. Contest</u>
			<u>Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest</u>
			<u>WV QSO Party</u>
		26-27	<u>King of Spain Contest SSB</u>
			<u>ARRL Field Day</u>

## Upcoming DXpeditions:

Start	End	DXCC	Call	Info
May10	Jun15	Niger	5UAIHM	CW; 40 20m
May17	May24	Balearic Is	EA6DF8AN	HF VHF; CW + digital
May20	Jun20	Nigeria	5N7MSF	20m 15m
May23	Jun05	Martinique	FMOQ3R	160-10m; only CW
May25	Jun15	Christmas Isl.	VK9XX	80 40 30m; mainly FT8
May27	May30	Monaco	3A/IW1RBI	30-6m; CW SSB FT8
May30	Jun30	Tonga	A35JP	80-6m; CW, SSB, FT8
Jun03	Jun14	British V.I.	VP2V/NC3Z	By NC3Z as VP2V/NC3Z
Jun10	Jun12	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	40-6m; FT8 CW SSB
Jun30	Jul03	Alaska	KL7RRC	40-6m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h)

For more information go to <https://www.ng3k.com/>

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