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WPA ARES Saturday Net time changed 1000 to 0900

The ARES Net on Saturday Morning has been changed to 0900 hrs. This was done because it leaves more off air time during Saturday. Please be sure to check into the Saturday Net on 3983 Khz at 0900 hrs. You do not have to be a ARES member. The WPA ARES Net has new information about ARES for the Western PA Section every week. Please try the Digital Net at 1100 hrs on 3583.5 khz USB Use FLdigi and Olivia .



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What will YOU do ?

Newsletter Spotlight

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What did we learn from FD ?

Where you prepared for Field Day ??? What did you learn from Field Day ? Do we need more equipment ?? It was wonderful to see the number of Hams that came to Field Day to help. I hope all had a good time and plenty of time to enjoy the day. I think we have a lot to discuss about emergency preparedness. How do we make next years Field Day better ?? It should have had a fixed 2 meter Fm station to direct people into the s ..

More Details

VE Session July 17 1000 hrs Charles Cole Hospital Door A Orange Parking lot

Weather Spotters Course Become a Weather Spotter

The Headwaters ARC members could all become Weather Spotters after attending a course for Amateurs. During the Field Day Weekend we have a tornado touch down in Potter Co. The members of the Headwater ARC need to have 2 meter FM radios in their mobiles and in their homes. Once a wx net is activated, we then would monitor a repeater and check the clouds for a storm. During the winter the WX Net could be used to monitor the snow fall and drifting snow. have had the weather training and think that it is good training for us. This is a way we can contribute to Potter County

Please send me your comments about Weather Spotters or Weather related questions.

The ARRL has a publication "Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio" a copy will be placed in the Coudersport Library .

I believe I have to contact the EOC for details on the Weather Spotting course.

Field Day Continued

Field Day had little or no planning. It seemed as an afterthought rather than a club activity. Scott, KB3JVD took the bull by the horns and pulling it all together. The site was close to most of us and had enough space for the stations. It seemed that with the members and friends the antennas went up easily. A thanks to the members who cooked and brought the food and beverages. It was well appreciated. A job well done for all those who made 2010 Field Day possible.

The ARRL Field Day is an exercise to communicate under adverse conditions.. This means setup radio station or stations under field conditions. Living in tents, trailers and makeshift conditions for 24 hours. The test is having your equipment perform as best as you can under the stressful conditions.

Ok, where does the emergency conditions enter the picture? Well, we would not set tents up in the snow or rain storm. However, during many Field Days over my past 50 years we have had rain, high winds and thunder storms. The emergency communication part is the passing of your ARRL section and designator correctly and quickly.

As a team effort the club worked well together. The part that was poor was the equipment needed to help communicate with less noise and interference. The most helpful piece of Kit would be a set of Headphone with a boom mic. Next would be a foot switch for PTT. This would allow you to have your hands free to type or write.

What have we learned from 2010 Field Day?

Field Day is fun and we should plan for next year!

Antenna Setup:

We need a device to shoot the antenna lines over the trees.

The mast erection worked very well.

Coax:

Here there were many splices in the coax. We should have longer continuous coax runs.

Tools:

Normal tools at Field Day are pliers, screwdrivers, small socket set, soldering iron, crimping pliers, sledge hammer, sockets, pullets and hardware and electrical tape.

The above should be part of everyone's Kit.

There were no VHF/UHF stations. No 2 FM meter talk-in station. Again, this was a short notice, and we did not plan very well.

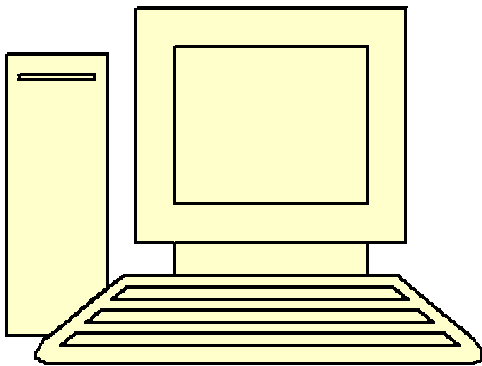
More members should become involved in operating. Even with the short comings it was fun and I hope all enjoyed Field Day.

July Breakfast
Pine Creek Inn Saturday July 24
Rt 6 west of Galeton, PA
All are invited for breakfast
Please let tell us if you know of
another place for breakfast

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Ham Test Saturday July 17 10am

We have openings for Volunteer Examiners
Please help We ask for only 1 Saturday per year



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www.hamradiodaily.com
<http://www.hwn.org>

I would like to ask for help in the publication of the newsletter. Conditions beyond my control have left me with less time than I had before. I must spend more time with my wife. We where i he Lehigh Valley last week having her tested. The results are v ular dementia. She can't drive, is irrational at times and becomes lost. As this progresses we may have to move into a elder care facility.
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