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FIELD DAY ISSUE

This issue contains the Field Day spreadsheets, directions to the Field Day site, the Equipment Policy, and other material normally found in the June issue. **Field Day begins Friday evening, June 25** with the traditional pot-luck dinner at the Field Day site. Operations begin Saturday with the set-up of the various stations.

At 2:00 pm, the stations go on-the-air, and the Field Day radio operations continue until Sunday at 2:00 pm.

MARA Club Meeting Thursday, July 1

MARA's monthly meeting will be held July 1 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg. Dinner starts at 6:30, Business meeting at 7:30,

PVARC Club Meeting: Friday, July 2

The Page Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its bi-monthly dinner meeting at the Brown's Restaurant in downtown Luray on Friday evening, July 2, at 6:00 p.m.



VARA Club Meetings Cancelled until September

The regular July monthly meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association is cancelled. At the June meeting, the club voted to suspend club meetings for July and August. Enjoy your summer break!

VARA President's Message

It has been a beautiful hot summer day and it looks like summer has arrived. This past Thursday I attended the final planning meeting for Field Day. It looks like everything is falling into place, except there is still no one who has stepped forward to set up the tables etc. for the Friday evening pot luck, and no one to keep coffee and donuts going all night Saturday night. I guess coffee lovers better figure on doing it themselves?? And who among us needs more donuts anyway?



This morning (Fri June 11) several of us went up to the FD site and did the mowing and site prep. We left home around 8:30am and I got home about 2:30, so it was quite a job this year. It seems the grass has grown exceptionally well.

While there, we had a nice cordial visit from the Forest Service and they had good things to say about how well our group conducts themselves and they were especially complimentary about how we have always cleaned up after ourselves. The one uniformed official has been with them since we used to meet back at the old site, so it's obvious they have been keeping an eye on us for a long time. I was a bit concerned that we would get in trouble for "damaging" the natural habitat by mowing the grass, but that went well. We did not get "permission" to mow, but we were not reprimanded either.

Thanks to Gordon WA4FJC, KI4QQZ, W4PJW and N4BCC who spent several hours cleaning up the Field Day site this year. Mention was made that it's about time that MARA took a turn at preparing the site next year.

If anyone wants to come visit the site early, there will be several of us there at least a week in advance. Some of us are planning to go up this coming Wednesday June 16th and we will be there till FD is over. The ones I know who plan to be there early are W4PJW, N4BCC, K4DJG and possibly WA4KKL. KD4UPL is planning to bring his solar trailer up on Friday and N1QEQ is bringing his camper up sometime during the week too. If you do come for a visit in the evening, remember to bring a jacket and wear long pants. You can plan on it being 10 to 15 degrees cooler at nearly 4000 feet ASL.

Now for just a short announcement regarding VARA. At the June meeting, we voted to again cancel club meetings for the months of July and August. Attendance is usually pretty sparse during those months and a lot of folks are either on vacation, have company or are busy doing yard work. Regular meetings will resume in September.

See you at FD.
 Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW,
 President VARA

PVARC President's Message

Sorry, neither the June nor July PVARC President's message arrived before the publication Deadline. Someone want to check on him?



MARA President's Message

I first of all want to apologize for the lower than expected audio level during the viewing of the Dxpedit-
tion DVD "BS7H, Scarborough Reef (2007)" at our June MARA meeting. I had tested the new video pro-
jector and its built-in speaker system using a movie DVD I have. It seemed loud enough then but when
we viewed the DVD I had to turn the audio gain all the way up and it still was not loud enough.



Anyway, I am sorry. I bought my own copy so anyone who would like to may borrow mine to view in the
privacy of their home. Please do not hesitate to borrow it. We will have some other DXpedition DVDs for club programs in the
future. If need be, maybe we can rerun the "BS7H" one again in the future.

It does not seem possible that a whole year has passed since last year's Field Day but ready or not, it's here with all the excite-
ment and fun to be had by all. It is nice getting together with VARA in our joint efforts along with the fellowship. Think Field
Day!

I earned my number in the Virginia Fone Net (Note the correct spelling of "Fone). I have checked into the VFN (and the Virginia
Sideband Net) for more than 50 years. I never did really realize what one does to join the VFN until I took Clayton Towers,
K4RHQ, to the annual VFN Dinner at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant at Mount Crawford, a couple of miles from my home, in April. I
discovered that 50 check-ins are required within 90 days. The net meets twice a day so I had obtained more than 50 in a little
over 1 month. On May 28, 2010 I received number 43. There is a maximum of 150 members on the VFN roster and inactive
members who do not check in regularly are "weeded out" and replaced with new applicants.

At the VE ham test session on Saturday, June 12th, my youngest brother, Richard, KE4PHQ upgraded to General Class after
17 years as a Technician Class licensee. Now we can QSO on HF instead of just on VHF/UHF.

As you already know, David Fordham, KD9LA, our excellent Monitor Newsletter editor and treasurer, is going away to Colorado
in a few days and will be back in July. This is why the Monitor is early in this month of June. Have a good and safe trip, David!
We are grateful for the fine job you do as the Monitor editor (and as treasurer).

Jeanne and I will be going to Merritt Island, Florida to visit her daughter, Rachel, on June 30th when Jeanne retires. I will not
be here to preside over the July 1 MARA meeting so David, KD9LA will preside as we do not have a vice president after the res-
ignation of Chris Shirkey at the May MARA meeting.

Keep up the good attendance of our meetings. My best and thanks to all.

*Ellsworth Neff, K4LXG,
President, MARA*

Volunteer Examiner (VE) Session Report for June

We had another very productive test session on June 12. We had three new Technician class licenses earned, two General class licenses,
and three Extra class upgrades. Thanks to the following VE's for their help: **ROBERT VANFOSSEN, K4DJG === RAY RICHIE K4NRA
=== E.C. SHOWALTER, KG4KUR === RICHARD HAXTON, KC3AN === JIM LEHMAN, W4POL === GERALD NAUMAN, KN4FM === MICHAEL
TURNER, K4MIC === MIKE McKAY, W4AZR === ELLSWORTH NEFF, K4LXG === GAYLE SHULL, KU4XN**

Our next testing session will be Saturday, August 14. As a reminder, the August test session will be using the new Technician exam ques-
tion pool Pass the word, and see you there.

Gayle Shull, KU4XN

Mike Solomon, KJ4RM, SK

Michael Solomon, 65, of Waynesboro, passed away May 29, 2010 after a 4 year battle with multiple myeloma. Mike fought the disease with strength, dignity, and courage.

Mike was an active member of VARA, and well-known to those hams in Waynesboro, Fishersville, and Staunton.

He was born April 3, 1945 in Queens, New York. For many years he was a Physics Instructor at Danville Community College. He also worked for VDOT and DCR in Richmond.

Mike took early retirement so that he could take great cycling adventures with his wife, Betsy. He loved the outdoors, hiking, swimming, paddling, cross country skiing, and, especially, cycling.

Mike would fix just about anything and was ready to help family, friends, and strangers repair whatever was broken.

Mike will be missed by his loving wife, Betsy Solomon. He is also survived by his children, Heidi (Solomon) Klein and husband Steve, Gary Solomon and wife Jennifer, and his step-daughter Erin Potter and husband Gene Byard; his grandchildren, Ryder & Gabe Klein, Skye & Porter Solomon, and Baby Byard; and his sister, Bonnie Singer and husband Allen Neff.

He will be missed by so many friends who thought of Mike as family.

Wayne Bowyer, N4EYZ, Hospitalized

As reported last issue, Wayne Bowyer, N4EYZ, was hospitalized in May with a sudden onset of neurological problems. Wayne is well-known in the local ham community, especially in and around Augusta County, as being the Safety Director of the Shenandoah Tower Service company. At last report, he was beginning to respond somewhat, answering questions with a slight nod or shake of his head. This lends hope that chances for recovery are good, although his progress is slower than hoped. Wayne still has a long way to go and could certainly use continued prayers and faith. His family appreciates the cards and messages by ham operators. It is hoped that his family can bring in his VR-6X so that he can begin monitoring the local frequencies, providing him some much-needed stimulation while he recuperates.



Mystery Hams of Last Month

In case you're not an old-timer, the mystery hams in last month's issue are (left) Jim Broyles, K9GCS, and (center) Cathy Paine KE4FKJ, and husband (right) Mark Paine WA4E.





Field Day Equipment Policy

Adopted by the MARA and VARA Amateur Radio Clubs.

Be it understood that:

As a participant in Field Day operations, whether a club member or visitor, you are using equipment that may belong to someone else. Care for it as if it were your own.

No repairs or modifications, no matter how slight, shall be made to any equipment without the owner (or owner's designated representative) present.

Any apparent malfunction of the equipment shall be reported immediately to the owner.

Be it further understood that:

Equipment which is brought to the Field Day site and made available for use is done at the owner's discretion, and said equipment should be supervised by the owner or his/her designated representative.

Any damage to, or failure of, the equipment at Field Day will be the responsibility of the owner, and NOT that of the sponsors, organizers, or management of the Field Day Activities.

Field Day General Spreadsheets

Event	FIELD DAY 2010	jUNE 26-27 2010
Location	Mountaintop Field Day Site	
FD Frequencies	Talkin 147.470 or repeater 147.225	
Call Sign	W4XD	
Station Class	2A plus Nat Power/UHF-VHF/Satellite	
FD Chairman	N1QEQ	
Assistant Chairman	NN4JM	
Scoring / totaling / Entry	K4PZC	
Pin Committee	N1QEQ	
Band Plan Coordinators	w4pjw k4pzc n4xu	
SITE PREP	KI4QQZ AND OTHERS	
PUBLIC OFFICIAL	LETTERS TO STAUNTON AND H'ARRISONBURG	N1QEQ
Pads / Pencils	W4PJW	
PUBLICITY	AA2BF	
Gasoline - 20 gal VA	N4BCC	
Gasoline - 15 gal	W4ZAO	
Signs for each Station	N4XU	
Signs at road	MARA VARA STORAGE	
water-4 15 gal jugs	NN4JM	
Porti-John - 1 week early	NN4JM	N1QEQ
Toilet Paper	!!!!!! --- !!!!!	Bring your own just in case!
Pictures	AA2BF	FOR BONUS POINTS
LOCATION TO ARRL	W4PJW	
Site Prep and mowing	KI4QQZ AND OTHERS	
BACKUP GENERATOR	W4ZAO and W4GRC	

Field Day Welcome Center

Welcome Center	NEED COORDINATORS	
Registration	N1QEQ Bob	Make up sign in sheets
Display Table	N1QEQ Bob	material in storage
Coffee Pot	Welcome Center	in MARA storage
Tables	In VARA STORAGE	
Awning 10' x 20'	MARA Club	MARA Storage
Awning 10' x 20'	VARA Club	VARA Storage
Pads / Pencils	W4PJW	
Power	W4PZC	



Field Day Station Number 1 – Phone Station

In Charge of Station	WA4FJC	Ass't N4BCC
Location	Southwest Corner	
Shelter	W4PJW Jeff	
Table	pjw storage	
3 Chairs	n1qeq	MARA storage spare
Mast	Sectional fibreglas mast n4bcc	MARA
Antenna 1	N4BCC	
backup antenna	carolina windom n1qeq	
Coax for all Antenna's	MARA & VARA Clubs	
Radio	n4bcc	
Tuner	in radio	
Power Supply	in radio	
Computer	K4PZC Sandy	
Computer Log	N3FJP with Updates / Sandy K4PZC	
Power	k4pzc	
Power Cable	VARA Club	
Lights	bring extras if you have them	
Info Packet	k4PZC	
Grounding	in storage	

Field Day Station Number 2 – CW Station

In Charge of Station	NN4JM	
Location	North	
Shelter	k4djg	
table	in trailer	
Chairs	w4pjw	
Mast	MARA	
Antenna 1	Extended double Zepp W4PJW	
Coax for all Antenna's	MARA & VARA Clubs	
Radio	FT950	
Power Supply	nn4jm	
Computer	w4pjw	
Computer Log	N3FJP with Updates / Sandy	
Power	n4bcc	
Power Cable	n4bcc and clubs	
Lights	in trailewr (K4DJG)	
Info Packet	K4PZC Sandy	
Grounding	W4PJW	ground straps in storage

Call Sign	K4MRA	
In Charge of Station	N1QEQ	
Helper	W4ZAO and AA2BF	
Location	Center	
Table	In trailer	
Chairs	N1QEQ (3)	
Shelter	KD4UPL	
Antenna 1	Dipoles NN4JM	Zepp until FD W4PJW
Antenna Tuner	AA2BF; N1QEQ backup	
Antenna Switch	NN4JM	backup aa2bf
Radio	751 A VARA (clubs)	Backup?
Power supply	self-contained	
Computer	K4PZC Sandy	
Computer Log	N3FJP with Updates / Sandy K4PZC	
Power	solar charged battery	
Lights	in trailer	
Info Packet	K4PZC Sandy	
Grounding	KD4UPL Matthew	
Operating Modes	SSB and CW (key AA2BF)	spare str key N1QEQ

Field Day Station Number 3 – GOTA (Get On The Air!) Station



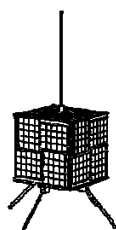
In Charge of Station	Group effort	
Assistant	K4NRA K4RMY and others	
Location	East Side, Near Woods	
Shelter	KI4QQZ Scott	
Table	VARA	
Chairs	N1QEQ (3)	
Tower / Mast	MARA Storage	
Rotor	rotor in tower section	
rotor controller	mara storage	
block and tackle	james nn4jm	backup from mara storage
extra rope, etc	MARA Storage	
Antenna 1	Six Meter Beam	MARA Storage
Antenna 2	2 meter beam	K4NRA
coax for antennas	mara storage use only 9913	
Radio 1	K4RMY Bryan	
Radio 2	K4NRA Ray	
Amplifier 1	tbd	2 m bkup N1QEQ 100 w
Power Supply	K4RMY Bryan	
Power Supply		should have a spare
Computer	K4PZC Sandy	
Computer Log	Sandy N4pzc	
Power	N4BCC Benny	
Power Cable	nn4jm James	
Lights	storage	ck w/Ki4QQZ
Info Packet	K4PZC Sandy	
Grounding	Mara storage	

Field Day Station Number 4 – VHF and UHF Station



Field Day Station Number 5 – Amateur Satellite Station

In Charge of Station	KI4QQZ	
Location	in VHF/UHF area	
Shelter	UHF/VHF if needed	
Table / Chairs	tables/chairs if needed	
Radio 1	ki4qqz	
Antenna 1	Ki4QQZ	
Coax for all Antenna's	MARA/VARA storage	
Amplifier 1	Ki4QQZ	if needed
Power Supply	KI4QQZ	if needed
Computer	For logging - K4PZC Sandy - Digital Station	laptop-K4RMY if available
Computer Log	K4PZC Sandy	
Power	benny n4bcc	
Power Cable	james nn4jm	
Info Packet	Sandy K4PZC	
Grounding	mara storage	



Field Day Station Number 6 – Natural Power Station

In Charge of Station	N1QEQ	
Location	GOTA Station	
Shelter	KD4UPL Matthew	
Table / Chairs	N1QEQ (3)	
Antenna 1	dipoles 20 40 80 NN4JM	
Radio	GOTA 751A	
tuner	GOTA	
Computer	K4PZC Sandy	
Computer Log	N3FJP with Updates/Sandy K4PZC	
Power	solar in trailer	
Lights	some in trailer	others-bring if you have any
Info Packet	K4PZC Sandy	
Grounding if needed	same as GOTA	
PLEASE NOTE: FIRST FIVE (5) qso'S TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY AT START OF OPERATIONS		
PHONE STATION TO BE SHUTDOWN UNTIL FIVE NATURAL POWER QSO'S COMPLETED.		
Phone station to be notified when com-		

Bonus Point Spreadsheet

Description	Points Each	Max Points	Advance Work	Done By Date	Followup Needed?*	Responsible	Job Done?*
100% Emergency Power	100/xmtr	200	Call for available equip.	1-Jun	Call list of owners	Steere, Rinehart	
Media Publicity	100	100	Press release	26-May	Press release or article	Slade	31-May
Setup in Public Place	100	100	4 Signs for site, Nat. Park pik		Signs posted, Pix on FD	Keller/Slade	
Information Booth	100	100	Pix, handouts, visitor's log	1-Jun	Set up table and man at site; take pix.	Keller + Steere	
				1-Jun	handouts	Slade - pix	
						Steere - Handouts	
100% Copy ARRL FD Bulletin	100	100	Note Friday Evening Times	25-Jun	Sat. (if fills needed)	McDowell, Slade, Neil ?	
NTS Message to ARRL SM/SEC	100	100	Compose formal msg	28-May	Send from site	AD4TJ	
Formal NTS Messages Handled	10	100	Compose msgs	28-May	Send from site	AD4TJ	
Satellite QSO Completed	100	100	Plan station setup		Help, & good luck!	Newlen	
Natural Power QSOs completed	100	100	Plan station setup (as W4XD)		Reminder, help	McDowell, Slade	
(Min. 5 QSOs: solar, wind, solar chgd batts, water gen, but not just batts)			Pik of KD4UPL van		Delay start of CW op; Gather hand-log of 1st 5 QSO's	Rinehart, McDowell delay Slade gather logs	
Site Visit by Elected Official	100	100	Invitation	13-May	Confirm	Steere	
Site Visit by Served Agency Official	100	100	Invitation	13-May	Confirm	Steere	
Educational Activity on Site (ham radio class or demo site participation)	100	100	Line up presenter	13-May	Confirm, help set up	McDowell (J-Pole mfg)	
Youth Element Achieved (≤ 18 operators, at least 1 QSO each)	20	100	Line up operators	12-Jun	Confirm	Steere (Scouts)	
GOTA Bonus (Basic) - K4MRA	50	50+	Line up operators		Confirm	N/A	
GOTA Bonus (QSOs)	20pts/20 QSOs/Op	100/Op+ 500max	None	None	Compile list of ops # of QSOs each, plus indicate coach; take pix	Keller(G), Slade(X), Steere(G) - Coaches	
†GOTA Max Total 500, dbld if coach present!						Slade pix	
FD Result Submitted Using b4h.net Applet	50	50	Slade - Prep check list of required documentation	Done	Gather and prep, send		

* Required Docs for Bonus Points:

Proof of all bonus points claimed required or the points will be disallowed. Proof for each may be in the form of photographs, copies of visitor logs,

copies of press releases issued or newspaper articles printed, marked log excerpts showing satellite and Natural power QSOs.

A written statement signed by a club or group official will suffice for the Emergency power, Public Place, Information Booth, and Site Visit bonuses.

You must provide serviced copies of any messages claimed for bonus credit. (Note: FD message to SM/SEC does not count for 10 point NTS message bonus.)

A copy of the W1AW bulletin must be included with the entry submission.

All documentation should be forwarded by Herb (AA2BF) ASAP after FD to the MARA/VARA FD coordinator Sandy (K4PZC).

Directions to the Field Day Site

If you pay attention and can follow the road signs, it's simple - just go to exit 240 on I-81 and follow Rt 257 to the west till you get to the top of the mountain and take the dirt road to the right. At the first opportunity make a left turn into the clearing - you have arrived. Now in more detail for those who need a bit more clarity.

Go to the Mt. Crawford exit on I-81 just south of Harrisonburg. It is exit #240. The exit ramp puts you on Rt. 257. Follow 257 toward the west. Be advised that 257 makes several turns along the way. The first turn is at Bridgewater where you turn right on Rt 42 toward Dayton (you are still on 257). As you approach Dayton, 257 turns left (at a stop light). Follow 257 to Ottobine where 257 turns left at a stop sign. The next turn is at the Briery Branch service station store where 257 turns right. At this point, you are about 15 - 20 minutes west of I-81.

Follow 257 till the road narrows and becomes one lane paved forest road and starts up the Shenandoah Mountain. Go (slowly) up the mountain for about 4 miles. Once you start up the mountain, there will be no intersections and no chances to make any wrong turns. After climbing and climbing and climbing, you will come to an intersection where the paved road makes a sharp left, a dirt road goes straight ahead and another dirt road veers off to the right. Take the dirt road to the right. There will likely be a small metal sign pointing to the right.

Follow this dirt road past the first clearing (about 100 yards) and continue for several hundred more yards to the first opportunity you have to make a left turn into another clearing— you have arrived. If you come to a small road which angles off to the right, you just missed it.

Remember to dress warmly (nearly 4000' elevation) and "if you want it, bring it with you".

The clubs provide a porta pottie but that's it - no McDonalds no water fountains etc.

GPS INFO: Most GPS's let you put in coordinates and then they will take you to that spot. Here's the coordinates in a couple different formats. **38.488, -79.216** or **38.29.17N, 79.12.59W**

Cut out this page and bring it with you! Remember, talk-in will be on the 147.225 repeater until you get within simplex range, in which case move to 147.470.



MARA Secretary's Report – May 6 Meeting

Attendance: Members: 19 Guests: 3 Total: 22

Introductions made all around.

Ellsworth (K4LXG) conducted the meeting.



Reports:

New Members:

1st reading: None

2nd reading: Linda Adams (KJ4UED), Darlene Piotrowski (KJ4UDZ), Kevin McDonaldson (KJ4LDL) and Jerry Rensch (N3MEV). Approved.

Secretary's minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the May minutes as printed in the Monitor.

Treasurer's report: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the report as printed in the Monitor. As of May 28, 2010 we have a balance of \$2,957.19.

Groups:

ARES/RACES:

Bryan (K4RMY) reported that the May 15th drill with the ECC was very successful. It was a great learning experience and well worth the effort. They were very pleased with the turn out as well.

VEC Session – The next VE session will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12th at the Woodmen of the World building in Dayton.

Public Service:

July 16 – 17: Bridgewater parade

Labor Day weekend: Mountain 100 foot race

Announcements: Congratulations to Gerry (K4RBZ) for making the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll!

Old Business: The next Field Day meeting will be held next Thursday, June 10th at the Mt. Crawford Burger King. Make sure you have your calendars marked for the ARRL Field Day on June 26 -27th.

New Business: None.

New Call or Upgrades: None to report.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

50/50 – Was not held due to lack of tickets.

Program: Video on the Scarborough Reef DXpedition.

*Submitted by:
Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC,
MARA Secretary*

MARA Treasurer's Report – May 28, 2010 to June 15, 2010

Beginning Balance May 28, 2010 (last report)	\$ 2,957.19
Add: no deposits, no new memberships, no 50/50 at the June meeting:	\$ 0
Less: no expenses submitted during the period	<u>\$ 0</u>
Ending Balance as of May 28, 2010	\$ 2,957.19

Submitted by David Fordham, KD9LA, MARA Treasurer



VARA Secretary's Report – May 4 Meeting

The VARA held its meeting June 1, 2010 at 7:00pm with 19 people attending.

Gordon Batey WA4FJC won the 50/50 and returned it to the VARA.

Secretary's report was read approved. Treasurers report was read and approved.

ECs report by David Tanks AD4TJ: Its hurricane season again so be prepared - make sure all batteries are good, and generators are running - be ready. Also David is now officially an old man as he retires - means he is now eligible for membership in the freeloaders net.

Field day committee: We still need help with hospitality people and operators. Remember we really need folks to operate through the early morning hours. Come on down no matter what license class - we need your help. If you cant come you can still help by contacting FD stations at home - your class is 1D unless your running a generator or battery, then your class is 1E. Remember class C is mobile. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/2010%20Rules.pdf> for the rules.

Speaking of field day, Bennie has always provided us a generator for FD, so we decided this year to cover its maintenance and repair costs

The VARA has decided not to hold another meeting till sept 7 2010.

Also was mentioned that 700mhz portable devices will no longer be allowed after June the 12th.

*Steven Grant W4IIV
VARA Secretary*



PVARC Secretary's Report – June 4 Meeting

President Mark Hensley/N4YSA called the bi-monthly business meeting of the Page Valley Amateur Radio Club to order in the Page Memorial Hospital facility in Luray at 6:00 p.m. All present were members with the exception of Mary, XYL of Paul/N4PJI, who was warmly welcomed.

Mark/N4YSA called for a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as published in The Monitor. The motion being made and seconded carried unanimously. Calling upon the Secretary/Treasurer he then asked Sparky/KD4KL to give the Treasurer's Report, which was approved as submitted. The club treasury (the "Lock Box") currently holds \$289.00 including the receipt of \$12.00 dues paid by Don/KE4SRI last month. A copy of the spreadsheet was made available.



The meeting was turned over to PVARC Vice President & Chairman of the Field Day Committee - Dave Firestone/K4DPF to finalize plans and make assignments for the upcoming 2010 ARRL Field Day on the weekend of June 26th & 27th. In Summary:

PVARC will operate a Class 1A (single station). Following a lively discussion, it was agreed that the actual setup would begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m. local, which will allow 24 hours operation from 2:00 p.m. (1800 UTC) Saturday until 2:00 p.m. (1800 UTC) Sunday. (The option of setting up later, in order to obtain an additional 3 hours operating time, was rejected.) Dave said he had bench tested all the radio and computer equipment and has installed all the necessary logging & digital modes (PSK31 & RTTY) software. The following members agreed to provide the following:

Mark/N4YSA – Backup CPU, grounding rod(s), "bazooka" antenna launcher, primary AC generator (1st of 2 required)...

Morgan/K4RHD – Field Day Chef(!) food menu, backup 100W rig, solar power capability, portable antenna, backup AC generator, tower sections...

Sparky/KD4KL – Member "on-site" sign-in sheet, PVARC banner and mounts, PR Release to Courier newspaper (2 weeks in advance)...

Dave/K4PDF – Primary AC generator (2nd of 2 required), capture of ARRL bulletin & NTS message using WL2K, ARRL Field Day pins...

Paul/N4PJI – Tower sections, corn on the cob...

Geoffrey/WD4LYO (confirm) – Guest book, PR info table, bulletin board, member nametags, operating schedule (operators & loggers)...

Potential official visits: Dave/K4PDF will attempt to contact Angie Fox & Gene Stewart and Morgan/K4RHD will talk to Sheriff Thomas and possibly the Mayor of Luray.

The Saturday "set-up" will be determined by the Secretary's calling list & the tear down & clean up on Sunday will be an "All Hands Evolution," so "BE THERE!" Also, a reminder to everyone operating or visiting, please bring your digital camera and take pictures for our club album.

In wrapping up comments, Morgan/K4RHD passed out a copy of the Field Day Menu and asked if there was anyway we could come up with an estimate of the number of members and family or guests that he could plan on. Sparky/KD4KL responded by indicating that he was in the best position as Secretary to contact each member individually and come up with an estimate within the next week or 10 days. Mark/N4YSA then suggested that a stipend of \$75.00 be given to Morgan to offset food expenditures. It was moved and seconded that The Club provide \$75.00 to cover expected food costs & the motion carried unanimously.

Finally, Sparky/KD4KL passed on important information provided by Dave Fordham, Editor of The Monitor regarding the importance of keeping the FCC informed of any change of address. Citing several examples of local amateurs that have lost their licenses, all members were urged to check the FCC/ULS database to verify all information is correct. The LAST THING you want to do is lose your operating privileges and start all over again taking amateur exams to get back on the air again.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1847.

Submitted by

Sparky Terry, KD4KL

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