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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SHORT SKIP



Field Day 2001 It's Time!

by Tom Ginsburg, K6TG (k6tg@k6bj.org)

Summer is here again, and there's nothing like camping out, having a BBQ, and how about some ham radio operating, too? It's time for Field Day 2001, our fun-in-the-sun, outdoors, overnight, radio operating and camping extravaganza!

Field Day takes place on June 23-24 at the former nursery site adjacent to the CYA camp at the top of Empire Grade in the Santa Cruz Mountains. There will be water, flush toilets and an outdoor shower available at the site, and we are looking forward to having numerous stations in operation again this year.

We will have access to the site on Friday, June 22 at 11 AM for getting a head start in setting up. Like last year, we really could use a good turnout of folks that day to come and help us set up antennas and stations. Once again, our goal this year is to have all stations up and ready to go when Field Day starts on Saturday morning. If you can help out this way, that will be great. There will be pizza on Friday evening at the site for those who help us get set up. On the other hand, if you can help us breakdown on Sunday, a barbecue afterwards will likely be your reward!

I am still in the process of tracking down operators and equipment for the event, although it appears that we have most of our stations are pretty well set. We will have a better idea by the time you read this, as a Field Day planning meeting took place on June 6th. If you have not spoken to me already about operating at

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How to Find It!

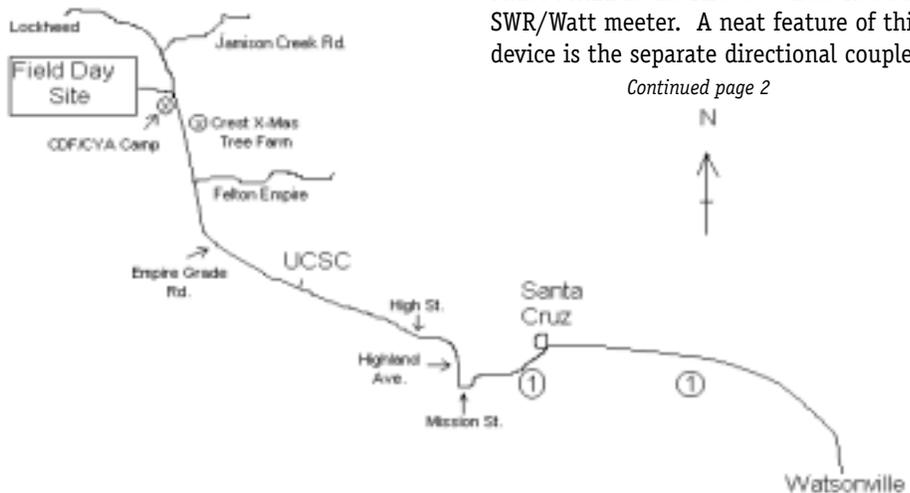
When: 11 AM Saturday June 23 ==> 11 AM Sunday June 24 (setup begins at 11 AM Friday June 23)

Where: The site of the former CDF Nursery just past the CYA camp at the top of Empire Grade Road in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Directions: Hwy 1 North towards Half Moon Bay. At the second traffic light, turn right on Mission St, and immediately turn right again on Highland Ave. This street becomes High St., which in turn becomes Empire Grade Rd past the UCSC main entrance. Continue 13 miles, watch for Crest Xmas Tree farm on right. Within one mile the CYA camp will be on left side. Look for "K6BJ Field Day" sign just past main entrance to camp, and turn left into the nursery site. Do not enter the CYA camp, please.

Talk-In: K6BJ 146.79(-) / KI6EH 147.945(-), WR6AOK 147.12 (+) from 11 AM to 5PM Saturday.

Bring: Sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, old shoes.



***** REMEMBER!** Make at least one contact, assist an operator to make a contact, or help out in any way, and your reward will be our fabulous BBQ on Saturday night! Help us set up on Friday and enjoy pizza provided by the club!

If you can't make it to the site - Please work us on these frequencies:

- VHF FM simplex - 146.55 and 146.49 MHz, no PL
- UHF FM simplex - 446.0 and 446.5
- Other FM simplex - 52.525, 223.5 and 1294.5
- SSB - 50.125, 144.2, 222.1, 432.1 and 1296.1

Field Day Raffle

We are going to add to the excitement of Field Day again this year by promoting a RAFFLE and the sale of the ARRL Field Day T-Shirt (check with W6WO if it isn't too late to place an order for the shirts).

This year the raffle will feature valuable items whether your interest is HF, VHF or UHF.

FIRST PRIZE is the MFJ-864 cross needle SWR/Watt meter. A neat feature of this device is the separate directional couplers

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CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JUNE 15, 7:30P.M.



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Prez Sez

"CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, this is K6BJ, CQ Field Day!"

Well, it's that time again, and this year looks like our Field Day operation is going to be better than ever. (We say this every year, but every year it's true!) I'll leave communication of the particulars to our very capable Field Day Commander, Tom Ginsburg, K6TG. Thank you, Tom, for once again taking on the organization and planning of this great event.

Participation in Field Day can take on many forms: you don't have to camp out for two days to help. We especially need assistance in set up on Friday, June 22, starting at 11:00 AM. Also our fatigued troops really could use a hand with break down on Sunday, June 24, beginning around 10:00 AM. Our culinary crew always appreciates a hand with food preparation and clean up for our BBQ on Saturday afternoon. All this is in addition to the obvious: making QSO's! Skilled contesters and beginners alike are encouraged to sit in as relief operators for our station control operators. If you can't make it up to the site, then please look for us on the air and work us as a home station on as many frequencies as you can. And finally, you can contribute to the cause financially by buying raffle tickets, which we will be selling at our club meeting on Friday, June 16, and at the Field Day BBQ. See you there!

—73, KQ6DV

Field Day Continued

Field Day or loaning us your equipment (see what we may need below), please call me ASAP at 479-1471. I need to have the station and equipment list finalized soon. I also will be at this Friday's club meeting, looking for last minute recruits. We would love to have you operate, and we will have plenty of room at our spacious site for you to set up camp as well!

At press time, here is some of the equipment still on our wish list. Please let me know if you can bring these items, or let us borrow them:

- Warbler kit for PSK-31
- Old laptops for logging: monochrome, 486 models running DOS will do just fine
- 220 MHz beam
- All-mode VHF/UHF radio
- 30 ft plus military mast
- Spare coax with connectors (minimum 50 ft lengths)

Also, we would like to set up and man a public relations booth, to distribute information about our club and ham radio to any visitors from the general public. Please let me know if you can assist with this important public service aspect of Field Day!

By the way, if you want to just come and operate for a few hours or even a half-hour, we would love to have you come up and do so! Even our most die-hard operators will need relief, and this will give you a chance to experience the fun of Field Day without an all-day or night



commitment. Even if you don't want to operate, you can still help out with logging. Those of you who want to just come up and observe the action are welcome as well, especially if you are unfamiliar with Field Day and just want to see what it's all about.

As usual, we plan on having our big Barbecue on Saturday for those at the site! We really need some chefs and prep people to step forward for the BBQ (which is always the highlight of our club's Field Day), so please let me know if you can help!

The accent on SCCARC's Field Day operations continues to be on having fun, and educating newcomers and the public about ham radio. Once again, we hope to build upon that tradition, and score more points than ever before!

So let's make this the best Field Day our club has had yet! I hope to see you there!

Raffle Continued

for HF and VHF/UHF that lets you connect two transceivers at the same time. Prize value: \$84.95.

SECOND PRIZE is the MFJ-7604 Ham Tool, a handy 14-in-1 item with a belt carrying case. Prize value: \$10.00.

We are inviting members to donate additional prizes so please come forward with offers.

Tickets will be on sale at the next club meeting and the Field Day site for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please support the effort so the club will break at least even. Thanks.

-73, K6TG

TRADE or SELL TABLE at JUNE MEETING



Bring your surplus radio gear to sell or trade. The table will be set up before the club meeting. Put a price on your goodie and have fun trading or selling: mics, connectors, handhelds and related equipment, receivers, transmitters, etc. Let's have fun!

—Dan AA6GD

FIRE ON WHEELS... COM 17 Burning



I have had several reply about the photos of COM-17 burning, and they have been asking things like "was anyone hurt" and "was it insured?"

The request to CDF, for the use of COM-17 at the Air Show, was made by Watsonville City Fire department. CDF contacted me and asked when and where should it be delivered. I was on my way from Scotts Valley to Watsonville Air Port when I passed the rig on the side of HW-1, just north of Vista Point. The CDF driver told me that they had a tire blowout. I called them from the airport to give them directions on where to place the rig when they got there. They told me at that time that it would not be coming. When I asked further he told me that it was burning. It seems that when they attempted to restart the rig, after changing the flat tire, the motor wouldn't start and then back fired, and the rest is history. They did not mention anyone hurt but I would assume that he would have said something when I was on the cell phone with him while it was burning.

We are currently working with CDF to put together an inventory list for insurance needs. In case anyone is interested, there were six government radios forward, two Amateur dual band radios and a government scanner aft, along with a printer and other Amateur hardware (Battery, Charger, Antennas, etc.).

It may be some time before insurance comes through but I am sure we will have something to replace it in time.

More later when I have it for you all.

—73, Bob Wiser, K6RMW

EC, Watsonville Area, ARES

ANTENNA ORDINANCE

Just in case you have not seen this note from Frank Barron here is what's cooking re the proposed ordinance.

Note that we will not see the changes to their previous draft until June 8th.

I anticipate that SCCARC will need be fully prepared and represented at the June 12th meeting.

Please stay tuned here on this vital topic.

TO: County Telecommunication Facilities Policy Advisory Committee

FROM: Frank Barron, Santa Cruz County Planning Dept.

DATE: June 5, 2001

RE: Update on Draft Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance

At their May 22, 2001 meeting, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors directed Planning Dept. staff to return to the Board on June 12, 2001 with an Interim Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance. The proposed interim ordinance is comprised of the latest draft of the ordinance (which includes many of the revisions suggested at the May 23rd Committee meeting and in subsequent comment letters) and will be in effect until the draft ordinance, or some future version of it, can be formally adopted. If you wish to view the latest version of the draft ordinance, it will be available at the County's website on Friday, June 8, 2001. The website address is: www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us. The Board will meet on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 to consider the proposed interim ordinance. Any of you are welcome to address the Board regarding the latest draft ordinance at this public hearing.

Thank you all for your input and assistance in helping us to prepare the draft Santa Cruz County Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance.

Frank Barron, AICP Santa Cruz County Planning Dept.

EVENTS

• Foothill Flea Market - 2nd Saturday of each month from March through October at Foothill College, Los Altos.

• Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, 7:00 AM to noon, all year.

• June 23-24 - San Francisco Section Convention, Ferndale, CA.

• July 28 - SNARS Hamfest, Reno. The Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society is pleased to announce their annual Reno

Hamfest. It will again be held in the parking lot at International Game Technology, 9295 Prototype Drive, Reno, NV, starting at 8:00 AM, running until 3:00 PM. Admission \$1.00; no additional charge for traders, vendors, & tailgaters. For additional info contact Bill, K7NHP, at 775-246-3756, or email at k7nhp@arrl.net. Talk in on 146.610-.

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MONTEREY BAY ACTIVITY

K6BJ / K16EH (Linked) • SCCARC Net Monday 7:30 PM 146.79- /147.945- 146.79- /147.945-

K6BJ / UHF • SCCARC Net Monday 8:30 PM 440.925 (PL 123)
• SC ARES Net Monday 8:30 PM 146.835-(PL 94.8)
• Watsonville ARES Net Thursday 8:30 PM 147.945-

K6LY (Monterey) • Monterey ARES Net Wednesday 7:30 PM
146.97- (PL 94.8) • NPSARC Net Wednesday 8:00 PM
444.700+ (PL 123) • Monterey Bay Traffic Net Nightly 9:00 PM
(Linked) • Monterey Bay Swap Net Wednesday 8:15 PM
• Newsline (Ham News) Broadcast Wednesday 8:30 PM
N6IYA (Felton) • SLVRC Net Thursday 7:30 PM
146.745- (PL 94.8) • SLV ARES Net Monday 7:30 PM
• Newsline (Ham News) Broadcast Sunday 9:00 PM

6 Meter Local Net 52.8 MHz (PL-114.8) Sunday 8:00 PM
SCCARC 10 Meter Net 28.308 MHz USB Monday 7:00 PM
Mont. Bay Chapter 191 QCWA :Tuesday, 7:30PM, AA6T repeater, 146.700-(NO PL).

SCCARC Calendar of Events

SCCARC Board Meeting 6:30	Friday	June 15
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	June 15
Field Day		June 22-24
SHORT SKIP deadline	Monday	July 9
Santa Cruz ARES	Tuesday	July 10
SCCARC Meeting	Friday	July 20

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The SCCARC Meets at 7:30 PM, on the THIRD FRIDAY of the each month (except December). Meeting are at Dominican Hospital, 1515 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz.

Visit the SCCARC Website at -

www.k6bj.org

CLUB E-MAIL: yourcall@k6bj.org

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

6/11	Jeff KF6BKG
6/18	Allen WB6RWU
6/25	Phil KE6UWH
7/2	Ron W6WO
7/9	Dave W6TUW
7/16	Tom K6TG



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Next Meeting June 15

“Field Day the Final Plans”

First Class