



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex —ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 171,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

What is Amateur Radio

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

BAARC Field Day Schedule of Events

The Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club is inviting all local Amateur Operators to come and join in on the F/D activities that will take place starting Friday afternoon June 23th around 1 pm and ending Sunday noon June 25th. Again this year we will be operating from the Crow Wing County Fair Ground located in South East Brainerd. You can operate the Club Station from the ECOM Trailer or bring your own antenna and equipment and see how well your portable station will work. If you like you can camp overnight or just come for the day. *Another great Club Activity that you do not want to miss....*

Friday June 23th Mid Afternoon

Deliver Communications Trailer to FD Site
Camping available at FD Site Friday & Saturday Night
Bathrooms and electric power are available
Event Talk-In Frequency 147.600+ T-141.3

Saturday June 24th Morning

8:00 am Breakfast Downtown Brainerd at Northwind Grille

9:30 am Set-up communication trailer, install antennas and check out radios & support equipment.

11:00 AM Amateur Radio License Exam Testing

1:00 pm Field Day Operations starting time.
On-Site communications on 146.58 Simplex

5:30 pm Potluck Supper meal at F/D Site. Bring something good to share.

BAARC Field Day Operations from Saturday June 24th 1:00 pm thru Sunday June 25th 12:00 Noon

Sunday June 25th

12:00 Noon Teardown of Antennas and Equipment.

Note: Bring a Dual Band H/T or have your Mobile on to keep in touch with all that is going on and to stay informed of any activity changes that might occur during the BAARC 2017 Field Day Exercise.

Frequency coordination will be required between operating stations.

Talk-In Frequency 146.700 + T-141.3

On Site Frequency 146.58 Simplex

Again this year we will be using the n3fjp F/D Contest Log 5.4 to log all of our contacts. To download this software go to <http://n3fjp.com/fieldday.html> and download the ARRL Field Day Contest Log 5.4 The username for this software is WØUJ and the password is 29694.

Please Note: To minimize interference to other stations operating please limit your power to 50 Watts.

Need to find our F/D location - ARRL Field Day Locator, search Call Sign WØUJ

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>