

The Robert F. Heytow Memorial Amateur Radio Club

IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNICATING—HAMS EXTEND THEIR REACH ON FIELD DAY

Amateur Radio Operators Hone Emergency Skills, Have Fun at Annual Event

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Woodstock, Illinois – FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT F. HEYTOW MEMORIAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES WILL CAP AMATEUR RADIO WEEK, JUNE, 18-25.

DURING AMATEUR RADIO WEEK, HAM RADIO OPERATORS PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES TO HEIGHTEN THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF AMATEUR RADIO. THE WEEK CULMINATES WITH THE ANNUAL PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE CALLED "FIELD DAY" ON JUNE 24 AND 25. FIELD DAY IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES AS HAMS OPERATE FROM DIVERSE LOCATIONS INCLUDING PARKS, FORESTS, SHOPPING MALLS AND THEIR OWN BACKYARDS. THESE RADIO STATIONS USE A HOST OF ALTERNATIVE POWER SOURCES INCLUDING GASOLINE AND DIESEL GENERATORS, BATTERY, WIND AND SOLAR POWER. FIELD DAY TESTS OPERATORS' ABILITY TO QUICKLY SET UP AND SUCCESSFULLY RUN PORTABLE STATIONS UNDER SIMULATED EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WHERE COMMERCIALY GENERATED POWER IS NOT AVAILABLE.

"COMMUNITIES SHOULD KNOW THAT WHEN AN EMERGENCY ARISES, WE ARE THERE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN," SAYS MICHAEL DINELLI OF SKOKIE, ILLINOIS. "WHILE PEOPLE MAY THINK CELL PHONES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES HAVE REPLACED HAM RADIO, WE STAND BY AS A TRAINED CADRE OF RADIO OPERATORS TO PROVIDE THE VITAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES OTHER SERVICES OFTEN CAN'T."

FIELD DAY IS A SERIOUS TEST OF SKILL AND INGENUITY, BUT IT ALSO SERVES AS AMATEUR RADIO'S MOST POPULAR "ON-AIR" CONTEST EVENT EACH YEAR. OVER THE WEEKEND OPERATORS TRY TO CONTACT AS MANY OTHER FIELD DAY STATIONS AS POSSIBLE. MORE THAN 30,000 AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA PARTICIPATED IN LAST YEAR'S EVENT.

THE ROBERT F. HEYTOW MEMORIAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB—K9YA—WILL HOLD THIS YEAR'S FIELD DAY AT BOY SCOUT CAMP LAKOTA NEAR WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS. THE EVENT RUNS FROM JUNE 24 AT 1:00 P.M. TO JUNE 25 AT 4:00 P.M.

"WE HOPE EVERYONE INTERESTED IN SEEING AMATEUR RADIO UP CLOSE COMES OUT FOR FIELD DAY," SAYS MICHAEL DINELLI, "AS A SPECIAL TREAT, VISITORS TO THE K9YA FIELD DAY STATION WILL EXPERIENCE OUR EXTENSIVE USE OF INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE AS WE CONTACT STATIONS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA."

TODAY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 670,000 AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN THE UNITED STATES AND MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION WORLDWIDE. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO AND HOW YOU CAN GET STARTED, CONTACT MICHAEL DINELLI AT 847-933-1043 OR K9YA@K9YA.ORG.

INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, 225 MAIN STREET, NEWINGTON, CT 06111 OR BY CALLING 1-800-32-NEW HAM. THE URL FOR THE ARRL'S WEB SITE IS [HTTP://WWW.ARRL.ORG](http://www.arrl.org).

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