

K9YA Field Day 2007

A Buccaneer is a lot to pay for Corn

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Art reflects life? Life reflects art? While pondering the insoluble, consider; the August 2005 issue of the *K9YA Telegraph* compared our Field Day experience to then popular *Survivor* TV series. This year, with a bit of literary license, it's the summer's flavor de jour—pirates of the bounding main.

Shipsape & Bristol Fashion

Another Field Day and the *K9YA Telegraph* team, a.k.a.

the CW Rogues, deployed an operating crews' complement that was reduced in number, but not in spirit. Our group of hearties included Mike, N9BOR; Steve, N9WAT; Art, WB9JKZ/W9BSA; and ye scribbler.

As zero hour passed we set sail upon the *Mare Nostrum* of the amateur HF bands in the good ship *Dipole*. The sea-lanes were thick as krill and it was exceeding difficult to find a suitable berth from which to signal "CQ FD" at 28-wpm. Old Sol swung his great arc west as we stowed many a contact on 20-, 40- and 80-meters in the ship's log.

Avast Ye Spirits

But, tiring it was, so our venerable sleeping vessel (tent), the S.S. Colander, "Old Leaky" to landlubbers, sheltered our fitful naps. It also billeted a detachment of fearful big earwigs, undiscovered until Sol's next appearance.

As wraiths and ghouls plague cinema pirates, Phantom CW Syndrome plagued us. Headphones on or doffed, eerie 600 Hz Morse tones had us tracing its source—without success—the pesky tones were trapped between our ears!

Speaking of ghouls, a blood-seeking tick clambered aboard Captain Mike's back in search of iron-rich vittles. The scurvy knave was sighted and keelhauled before he could drop anchor.

Blood was drawn—no cutlass involved—when a three-inch thorn pierced an old tar's pinky finger. The ship's surgeon soon put that right.

Land Ho!

On schedule and port sighted, we arrived with all hands on deck and broom secured to mainmast—another clean sweep for the CW Rogues! ■



K9YA Field Day Box Score

Class: 1A | Section: IL
Power Multiplier: 2 (< 150w)
Participants: 4
Hours Worked: 24

QSOs

1,234 CW QSOs x 2 = 2,428 pts.
Power Multiplier x 2
Total QSO Points 4,936

Bonus Points

100% Emergency Power	100
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS msg. to ARRL SEC	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
(10) Formal NTS msgs.	100
Site Visit by Elected Official	100
Site Visit Served Agency	100
Submitted via the Web	50
Total Bonus Points	950

Claimed Score 5,886



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