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NEW FIELD DAY RULES FOR 2001 DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE FUN

Field Day 2001 will run from 1800 UTC June 23 to 2100 UTC June 24--as always, the fourth full weekend in June. Typically a club or group event, Field Day is the most popular operating activity of the year--and one of the most enjoyable for hams of all skill levels. A few rules changes this year affect bonus points for Field Day scores.

- * The non-traditional mode bonus has been expanded from 100 to 300 points for doing three separate demonstration modes.

- * Packet is back and will be counted as one of the three demonstration modes, but to claim packet credit, you must set up a portable digipeater system. Existing, permanent packet networks do not qualify for this bonus.

- * You may earn a 100-point bonus if an invited local government official or representative of one of the agencies that ARES serves in an emergency visits your Field Day site. To earn this bonus, the invited official must actually visit the site, not just be invited.

- * The message-handling bonus has been changed. You may now earn 10 points per message, up to 100 points total, for origination, relay, and delivery of formal NTS messages. In the past, only messages received and relayed were counted. The Field Day participation message to the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator under rule 7.3.5 does not also qualify for bonus points under these rules.

- * This marks the last year that the extra Novice/Tech Plus station will exist in its current form. The Novice/Tech station is a non-counting transmitter, and its QSOs count for QSO point credit. The ARRL Membership Services Committee is considering several options to encourage participation by newly licensed hams.

- * The ARRL Contest Branch has compiled a 24-page Field Day 2001 Information packet, <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/01fdpack.pdf> . This document is available in hard-copy format by sending an SASE with four units of postage to Field Day Package, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

A.D.'s Comments:

The ARRL International DX Contest was a good time for me, I ran only on 10 meter and had a very good time and did well. The band was active from sunrise to sunset and from ocean to ocean. I hope you had as much fun as I did. If you miss it, try the CQWW WPX coming up on March 24 and have some fun! Talking about fun, we did have someone volunteer for Field Day! I believe we are going to have fun and a good score this year at Field Day. I have talked to him some about it and he has lots of ideas and he is looking for people to help out. So come out to the next meeting and see who is running Field Day this year. So let's give him our support and make it a good time and a great time for all.

73 KE4JZT, A.D

74 ps HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN
APRIL TO KF4AER, AB4VT,
KB2TRD, KE4JZT



From Jeff's Desk:

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather now that winter is over. But we sure need some rain. This is a great time for those antenna projects that we have been planning. I know I'll be doing some antenna work this weekend. If any members need help with their projects, let us know and we'll get a work crew together.

In the beginning of March, some of us operated the ARRL International DX Phone Contest. Conditions were great and we all made a lot of contacts and worked some new countries. There is another opportunity to have some on-the-air fun. March 24th - March 25th will be the CQ World Wide WPX Contest. Conditions should still be great for this event. So get on the air and have some fun.

For those members who are not around in June for Field Day, we will be showing a short video of our 1998 Field Day effort at our next Club Meeting on March 27th. Come to the meeting and see what our Field Day is like.

Next month I'll be telling you about the Florida QSO party that will be held in April.

73 for now, de NJ2F, Jeff

**Next Meeting
Tuesday
March 27, 2001
at 7:30 p.m.**

Dinner meeting !

The monthly dinner meeting was held again at the Pacific 41 Restaurant, on the 7. March 01. W0MIA Dick and Joan, where accompanied by there Daughter and her husband, while spending a few days away from the cold up north, in not so hot Florida weather. The way it looks, our group is shrinking more and more together. Normally in the season we have about 30 People joining us, but sorry to say only 14 could make there way to down town Naples. If it was not for Dick's Company, we could have filled one round table. But never the les, the chatting was great, so was the food, and everyone had a good time. Hope to see you all next month again.

The next dinner meeting will be on the 4. April, again at 6 o'clock PM. at the Pacific 41. Please give me a call at 598-1353, or send me an E-Mail at w2jq@peganet.com so that I can make reservations .
73 de Sigi W2JQ and N4SKT de Hanni.

Minutes of February 2001 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by KE4JZT at 7:30 p.m. on 27 February, 2001. There were 20 members and guests present. The minutes of the January meeting were read by K2ZEL and were approved by the members present. The treasurer reported that that the bank balance was \$1036.43 and that all current bills had been paid. The report was approved as read. A current membership report was given by the secretary. There are 65 members with 6 life members, 9 family members, and 50 full members as of Feb. 26, 2001.

It was reported that the 440 repeater was down at this time.

The vice president reported on the contests that were coming up during the month of March.

It was noted that the club needs a field day chairman of this year.

The 50-50 collected \$18.00 as the club share. The drawing was won by KB8UIN, Vince who contributed the share to the club. Thank you Vince.

The club business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Vice President , NJ2F, introduced Joe Goggin, K9KNW, who presented the program on High Speed Meteor Scatter techniques. He demonstrated the computer software and then the group retired to his mobile station to observe the on-the-air demonstration. Thank You Joe for a look at a different aspect of the amateur radio hobby.

Respectively submitted
G. Wm. Reynolds, K2ZEL
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Good DX to You




From the Editor:

This month we are featuring the QSL card of NJ2F our vice president. Jeff hails from New Jersey and moved with his family to southwest Florida. Jeff's family here is unusual as all are amateur operators, two daughters, two sons in law, and one xyl all with licenses. When they all get together for a family meal, they have their own ham fest. (that is a pun)

Well how is the editor doing. Some of you may have heard that I do not fly very well as I do not have wings. Two days after the last meeting I was trying to trim out the frost damage on the palms in the front yard and the ladder slipped. I came out of the tree, off the ladder into space and landed on my ankle spraining it badly. For the next week I hobbled on crutches, then graduated to a cane, and finally now can get around pretty well. Of course it put a good kink in my operating plans for the month. Also my xyl and mother have revoked my ladder and tree climbing licenses. That means that I will need help from now on when I have antenna work to be done. I was lucky in only spraining the ankle. It could have been a lot worse. A not of advice learned the hard way. When doing this type of work you need some help to at least hold the ladder.

Looking at my calendar I note that the hurricane season will soon be with us. Now is the time to check out the antennas and to check all the components of your shack to see that you are ready to assist this season if one of the storms should approach our area. It is a good time to do this as the weather is now at its best for this type of work. Be sure to change the oil in your generator and run the generator to check it output stability and adequacy to operate your station. Top off all the batteries and check the charge and then run the equipment using them and then recharge so all is ready.

Have you tried the K4YBH packet node lately???
See y'all at the meeting. 73 Bill de K2ZEL



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Club Information

Meeting Time:

**4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at The
Shepherd of the Glades Church
Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples**

Club Repeater:

K4YHB – 146.670 MHz (-600)

Club Digipeater

K4YHB—145.070 MHz

RACES/EOC Repeater

WB2WPA - 147.300 MHz (+600)

Club Chat Node:

CHAT – 144.970 MHz

ENAP Packet Node

WB2WPA-5 - 145.030 MHz

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Contest Corner

April

7-8 SP DX Contest

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21 PSK31 Rumble

21-22 Michigan QSO Party

28-29 Helvetia DX Contest

28-29 Florida QSO Party

For Sale

Nick's Stuff (N4QZZ)

Astron RS-35M

Paddle

ICOM HF XCVR IC 737 w/tuner

Dentron Big Dummy Load

some cables and wire

Call Marilyn at (941)262-0415

(note some of this may already be gone)
