

Field Day 2008 Claimed Bonuses

Waltham Amateur Radio Association & Clay Center Amateur Radio Club W1MHL (+ W1CLA) 2A EMA

Compiled by Eliot Mayer, W1MJ

100% Emergency Power

All stations were powered from 100% emergency power. The main power source was a Honda 1600W generator.

Media Publicity

The local newspaper, the Brookline Tab, was invited to cover FD. They responded that they didn't have a reporter available, but would publish a brief article if we sent one in. We did so. Details follow.

----- Forwarded Message

From: "Clossey, Erin" <EClossey@cnc.com>

Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:07:32 -0400

To: Marek Kozubal <mkozubal@dexter.org>

Subject: RE: Amateur Radio Field Day event in Brookline June 28-29

Hi, Marek,

Thanks for the heads up. Unfortunately, I don't have anyone on this weekend, but if you want to send us a brief write up and/or photo, I would be happy to run it.

Best,
Erin

Erin Clossey, editor
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marek Kozubal

[\[mailto:mkozubal@dexter.org\]](mailto:mkozubal@dexter.org)

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 5:03 PM

To: Clossey, Erin

Cc: eliotmayer@yahoo.com

Subject: Amateur Radio Field Day event in Brookline June 28-29

Dear Erin Clossey,

My name is Marek Kozubal and I work at the Dexter and Southfield Schools in Brookline, MA. I am also vice president of the Clay Center Amateur Radio Club here at the Clay Center for Science and Technology.

On the weekend of the 28th and 29th Clay Center Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the Waltham Amateur Radio Association for this years field day event. We have invited members from the Waltham and Brookline emergency management teams to come join us in our display of emergency preparedness using radio communication. We also will be inviting members of the general public to come view our activities and have some displays and information available about amateur radio.

I don't know how much you personally know about HAM or amateur radio, however the technologies that we have helped bring into everyone's daily lives includes cell phones, On-Star, and world wide communications. Over 1,800 HAMs were involved in the aftermath of 9/11 with volunteer responders already reacting 5 minutes before the second plane hit. During the Katrina aftermath HAMs handled over 100,000 messages in the 3 days after even though the Governor of Louisiana said no messages had been passed in or out of the area.

We will be having people of all ages operating during the 24 period from 2pm Saturday till 2pm Sunday including school aged kids as well as adults.

The Brookline TAB has run articles about HAM radio in the past and we would like to see your newspaper cover our event and get the word out about amateur radio operators do, our interactions with various levels of emergency management, and general operations using this form of communication. I have attached a copy of the invitation letter that was sent to the chief of police in Brookline. A similar letter was sent to emergency management in Waltham.

Our main coordinator for field day is Eliot Mayer who can be reached at 617-484-1089 or you can email me back if you have any questions. We also have a web page setup at <http://www.wara64.org/fd> describing our plans for the event.

Any interest you have on covering this event would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Marek Kozubal
Vice President, Clay Center Amateur Radio Club Waltham ARA / Clay Center
ARC Field Day 2008

----- End of Forwarded Message

Amateur radio Field Day article and pictures

Saturday, July 5, 2008 12:13 PM

From: "ka1mom@aol.com" <ka1mom@aol.com>

To: EClossey@cnc.com, eliotmayer@yahoo.com, bphinney@dexter.org

Message contains attachments

[BrooklineTab2008.doc \(30KB\)](#), [CC-ARC_operators.jpg \(272KB\)](#), [GOTA_station.jpg \(217KB\)](#), [W1MJ_CW.jpg \(287KB\)](#), [VHFstation.jpg \(274KB\)](#)

File: BrooklineTab2008.doc [Download File](#)

Ms. Clossey:

Here is the short version of the Clay Center Amateur Radio Club (CC-ARC) / Waltham Amateur Radio Association (WARA) Field Day activities. I left out such quirks as fog so thick we cast shadows on the sky and how we learned that sparrows like chili. As for pictures, I include a few converted to black and white and shrunk to about a quarter their original size. The W1MJ picture is Eliot Mayer of WARA who used the event as a training session for the CC-ARC members on how to do emergency operations smoothly. The shot of the other main station with CC-ARC members includes Alex Richman, the fellow in the hat, taking a rest while another student repeats "CQ Field Day from W1MHL." using a callsign in honor of WARA's 70th anniversary. The GOTA (Get On The Air) station shows where visitors were allowed to talk on ham radio with a licensed operator's hand on the power switch as "controll operator." That station used the CC-ARC call W1CLA. The final picture is both a long view of the site and a shot of the special 6 meter VHF station. Thanks to weather across the country we reached Minnesota on a band where the range is usually about 150 miles.

Please let me know if you need any more information about CC-ARC or ham radio in general. I have quite a few specific items, many of which were available in our information table at the Field Day event.

Thank you for your interest in our event. Since everyone ended the weekend already starting plans for next year, you can expect more detailed information and more advanced warning next year.

-= Bill McIninch, Jr. =-

Clay Center Amateur Radio Club: students practice for emergencies, talk to the world.
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Members of the Clay Center Amateur Radio Club (CC-ARC) at Dexter and Southfield Schools in Brookline spent the last weekend in June pulling an all-nighter of a different sort than

most students: they set up and ran their own emergency station, much like those used during Hurricane Katrina, as part of the annual Field Day exercise. Field Day is a serious test of emergency operating skill, but it is also a contest for fun and the largest "on-air" operating event each year.

How did high school students in a club barely four years old start such an adventure? Club president Alex Richman (KB1NTR) invited the Waltham Amateur Radio Association (WARA), founded in 1938, to combine resources with the Clay Center group. Eliot Mayer (W1MJ) and others from WARA were happy to add their time and expertise. Together they raised antennas, set up tents, and planned a working schedule for all involved. Together they made 1,735 contacts in a busy 24 hours with some of the 2,900 stations participating across the US and Canada.. Some of those present were ready to handle actual emergencies as SKYWARN severe weather spotters for the National Weather Service if the expected severe thunderstorms arrived.

Ham Radio Field Day is also a public demonstration. It's a chance for visitors to ask questions, to use ham radio with the help of the club members, and to pick up information on ham radio in science, education, and other fields. Some of the dozens who visited this year will be at the Clay Center Sci-Tech camp in coming weeks studying for their own licenses.

Haven't the Internet and other technologies made the Amateur Radio Service obsolete? Today, with Morse code tests gone from license exams, there are nearly 700,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States, over 14,000 in Massachusetts, and 75 in Brookline. Licensees range in age from 4 years to over 100. A hundred more countries have ham operators than have UN membership. Hams bounce signals off the moon to help calibrate radio telescopes. They built the oldest working communications satellite. Their experiments became cell phones, WiFi, and OnStar. The next decade will see them send a probe to Mars. A century has passed since it started, but amateur radio is still building the future, and CC-ARC will be part of it as they have been part of the communications network for the Boston Marathon. They are amateurs only in the way Olympic athletes are: they don't get paid for what they do.

For information about the Clay Center club: www.cc-arc.org

For information about the Waltham club: www.wara64.org

For information about the Amateur Radio Service: www.arrl.org

Public Location

We operated from the Dexter-Southfield School in Brookline, MA. Families of the school's Summer Science Camps were invited, and many visited over the course of the weekend.

Public Information Table

We setup a public information table. Here is the visit log:

Visitor Log - Sheet 1 of 2

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY
Clay Center and Observatory - Visitor Sign-in Date(s): 6-28-2008

Time IN	Time OUT	Visitor Name(s) Please PRINT!	Number of adults	Number of children	Company / Organization you represent	Affiliation, Dex-Sf parent, aium, summer camps, volunteer, none, etc.
1:30	2:10	William Ricker	1	1		ARRLEMA
1:54		Seongae Kim	1	1		Summer camp
2:18		Kurt Reimann	1			KB1PSF
2:18		Lincoln Littlefield	1			
2:18		James Goodwin	1			
2:19		Jonathan Goodwin	1			
2:35		Forrest Gasdia	1			Camp/Artisanry
2:58		BILL YEE (WLYEE)	1			FCMA/USAR/ARTEI
11:50		Bruce P. yott	1			KCIUS
15:26	16:40	Sam Borstow	1	1		K15CB
15:30		Phyllis Krantzman	2	1		Sci-Tech / KB1NTR
16:00		Scott McKee	1	6		NTSEM - TEXAS
17:00	15:00	BILL McINCH	1	0		K1MOM - CC-KAP & CO-FOUNDER
17:30		Terry Stader K1BSCP	1			MEMA Region 1
16:30		Steve Schwarz	1			W3EVE DEC ARR

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DEXTER SCHOOL

617 522 8166

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Visitor Log - Sheet 2 of 2

Clay Center and Observatory - Visitor Sign-in

Date(s): 6/28/08

<u>Time IN</u>	<u>Time OUT</u>	<u>Visitor Name(s)</u> <small>Please PRINT!</small>	<u>Number of adults</u>	<u>Number of children</u>	<u>Company / Organization you represent</u>	<u>Affiliation</u> , Dex-Sf parent, alum, summer camps, volunteer, none, etc.
7:15	7:45	David Gasdia	1			Parent
7:43		Simpson Mark	1			
10:45		JAN RIVKIN	1			
10:45		Nach Rivkin		1		Summer camp
10:45		Debbie Kadish	1			Parent
12:10		Sarah Becking				Parent
12:30		Peter Kjares	1	1		SUMMER CAMP Vendor at MAC site
12:30		Propp family	2	4		Sci-Tech Camp
13:30		Takao Omura	2	2		Summer school

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Message Origination to Section Manager

Message transmitted to K1YCQ at 0230 GMT on 6/29/08:

NR 1 R W1MHL 23 BROOKLINE MA JUNE 29

ARTHUR GREENBERG K1GBX
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WATHAM ARA AND CLAY CENTER ARC HAS 15 PARTICIPANTS AT CLAY CENTER AT DEXTER SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL IN BROOKLINE MA X NO ARES MEMBERS - ELIOT MAYER W1MJ

W1AW Bulletin

Copied from W1AW on 80M SSB, Saturday night:

Special bulletin #7. From ARRL headquarters, Newington, Connecticut.

June 27, 2008

To all radio amateurs

This is the W1AW Field Day Bulletin

Few events in Amateur Radio generate as much excitement as ARRL Field Day.

This weekend thousands of operators and participants will complete over one million QSOs, whether operating CW and single side band or using newer digital modes such as Olivia or JT65.

The main purpose of field day is simple -- have fun.

Clubs from across all time zones will hear the new educational activities bonus to broaden the knowledge base of their members.

This is W1AW.

The fastest and best way to submit your basic Field Day summary is to use the [http://www.bravo4hotel dot net](http://www.bravo4hotel.net) [<http://www.b4h.net>] web form.

Complete the summary sheet online and then email or mail the supporting documentation. When you use the online submission form, you earn an additional 50 bonus points. Complete information is found at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/fd.html>

This is W1AW.

However you do it, just remember to get on the air this weekend and have fun.

A record 2331 entries were received for ARRL FD 2007. May you receive 59 signal reports from every ARRL section as you participate and help set a new record in 2008.

73.

Alternate Power Site Visitation by a Representative of a Served Agency

Our visitor was Bill Yee, Communication Manager for Massachusetts Task Force 1 of FEMA. See guest log above.

Alternate Power

We made 8 QSOs using a 24 ampere-hour gell-cell battery charged from a homebrew solar panel before and during FD. The rig was an Icom IC-706 running 40W output.



All QSOs were on 40M SSB on Sunday 6/29/08. Times are in GMT:

1416 W1QI 2A CT
1419 N1DXX 1D DE
1422 N1EV 3A CT
1423 W3D 2A DE
1425 W2EA 6A SNJ
1429 K1BKE 4A NH
1431 N1FD 7A NH
1432 NW2C 2A NLI

Youth Participation

We had 2 participants under age 18 that completed at least one QSO:

Eilif, KB1NYQ, Age 13 – Made 372 QSOs – more than any other participant at our FD!
Forrest Gasdin, Age 16 – Visitor at our GOTA station, made 2 QSOs.