

# Cary Amateur Radio Club

## May 25, 2022 Newsletter

### Invitation to RARS Field Day – June 25-26, 2022

**FIELD DAY IS COMING!!! FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!!**

It's about a month from Field Day (Saturday & Sunday, June 25 & 26) and the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS) would like to invite all Cary club members and interested friends to participate in our Field Day set-up on the beautiful Carroll's farm near Apex (address below).

As one wag said, "Field Day is an emergency communications exercise disguised as a contest and ham get-together!" A license is NOT required. We'll have plenty of licensed hams to serve as the legally required "control operators."

In fact, there will be a special GOTA (Get On The Air) station for people with little to no experience! Kids are welcome (with adult supervision).

Last year we were for 6A and we expect to be that again this year, but we need one Band Captain and lots of operators... you can always use more operators!!

We will be setting up starting at 10AM on Friday, following the ARRL Field Day rules. If you want to learn about station set-ups, putting up antennas, and setting up the famous AB-577 "rocket launcher" mast, formerly with the US Army, THIS is the place to be! Yes, it's work, but also a lot of fun and learning.

We essentially take meadows and wooded areas, turn them into independent communications centers (with our own generators) with world-wide communications capabilities, and then turn it back into a meadow on Sunday afternoon. It's an amazing transformation!!

Back at 10AM on Saturday for final set-up, with official Field Day operating going from 2PM Saturday to 2PM Sunday. Yes, we'll be going all night, depending on band conditions and availability of operators.

Even if you have NO EXPERIENCE, we will train you if you like. We use both an radio operator and a logger (on the laptop computer) at each station, so after

observing a while, you can begin doing logging... simple, just typing into the laptop. Then, if you like, after participating up close, you can slide into the operator's chair and make contacts yourself. It's fun for me as a 50+ year licensed ham, and fun for people just doing it for the first time.

We want to make a lot of contacts, and we also want to have fun, and we do both!!

In between set-up and operating and logging, there's lots of chances to fellowship with other great ham operators, swap stories, hear about things you may not be familiar with and just enjoy being around other people who agree that ham radio is a GREAT hobby!!

And FOOD!!! Friday night we'll have pizza for the Friday set-up crew, and Saturday night we'll have a catered meal (including, but not limited to BBQ!!) for all the gang. And all day all three days, there will be lots of cold water, soft drinks and snacks... calorie counting is NOT allowed!!

Sunday lunch will the abundant left-overs!!

We can use both phone and CW ops, so if you like the dits and dahs, we have a place for you!!

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like more information, [curt@w4cp.com](mailto:curt@w4cp.com)

Field Day comes but once a year... DON'T MISS IT!!!

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