

April 2016

April brings us rain, and the echo of last year's preparation for Field Day which was a lot of fun!

The club last year worked quite a few stations from under the trees at a local park, working entirely on battery power. Several eyeball QSO's occurred from local hams and interested people. All seemed to know that we were radio amateurs and we looked as if we were having a good time.

Being prepared for an emergency is always a dicey activity, and last year proved the same when it became a challenge to shoot lead weights over tree branches with our slingshot. Perseverance paid off however and we were able to string lines quite high and get some good contacts.

This coming Field day will encourage us to get even more contacts and perhaps move further afield. Previous Field Days have had us in remote desert spots not particularly suitable for Field Day, but the idea of emergency communications is to be able to work stations wherever an emergency finds you. Field Day as we are often reminded is not a contest. Except that the proof of the pudding as it were is to be able to work stations from your own situation. Optimizing the opportunity is what makes Field Day a great event, something to try and surpass all previous efforts while having some fun doing it. Finding yourself under a velvet black sky with a large meteor storm overhead during the early morning hours is just frosting on the cake! Enjoying the cool breezes under the trees of a local park is also nice!

Anyone interested in working the upcoming Field Day with the club is welcome to contact us and make plans, since planning is what Field Day runs on!