

June 2016

Field day is this month, as is. On Saturday June 25th, the club will try and secure a spot at Signal Hill Park in Signal Hill, Ca.

Set up starts around 11am. Our plan is to try and field as many operators as possible, with computer logging and vertical and multiband dipole antennas.

In preparation, Joe W6MYN and Brett WA6SXU will set up a temporary portable station, battery powered, in the park on Monday, June 6th to check antennas and conditions. The park has a good altitude and should provide a nice take off angle for both antennas.

Anyone wishing to join the club's field day outing is welcome to join us. Please contact the club via our email link.

Work continues on a satellite system and logistics for field day. The plan for field day is to continue as a fully battery powered station setup, with solar panels this year providing extra energy. A full report of the success of the solar charging will be in next month's newsletter.

Member's reports:

Joe- W6MYN continues work on his 5 –band Hexbeam antenna, having replaced the PVC spars with fiberglass ones for more rigidity. Joe will be providing one of the field day stations for field day, complete with auto-tuner and multi-headphone amplifier for comfortable operation (operator and logger).

Travis-KK6EON reports continued work on several projects including one of his favorites, classic electronic gear including a Sony CDP308ESD with mechanical issues, improving speakers (Travis is the man to talk to about audio reproduction), and is also working on gear including TEAC's, and even dishwashers. Travis has done quite a bit of travel in recent months, for training sessions including Chicago for a major Automobile company.

As for DX work, Joe W6MYN continues to close in on Honor roll for DXCC, and Brett WA6SXU is slowly closing in on the magic number of 100 with a total confirmed now of 84. Recent sunspot activity is way down, and the solar flux is now as low as it has been in some 6 years. Brett continues on to try and get a majority of DX stations using semi-QRP digital modes, primarily JT. The bands continue to be spotty, with occasional openings now and again.

A new time and date for our clubs' repeater net night is to be voted on, since some members have been traveling, and others on early Summer vacations, of late. Input for net night is appreciated.

