

PART Field Day 2015 Inspires:

An Essay on The Limits of Ham Radio Humor



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"Gentlemen... tonight we will begin the *Malicious Interference Net* with a round of anonymous whistling, followed by free-style profanity. Remember... no call signs!"

LOOSE PARTS





The *Real* Story of PART Field Day 2015



by Rick Green, W1RAG (caught napping at Field Day 2007)



We're not sure if Alan is pointing out an interesting insect, or just picking Steve's nose!



Allison is pleased to learn that her 6-meter station will only be used to place orders with the Concord House of Pizza.



These guys thought that if they'd smile and look nice, they wouldn't end up in the silly slide show.... WRONG!



New club member Lee Davy, KB1ELE, demonstrates how he slides into his electric car's sleep position!



Russell attempts to sell stolen Chinese radios in the parking lot!



Checking back with Lee, we see him putting on his best contortionist moves to reach the sleep position!



Steve and George explain to the Fashion editor from the Concord Pennysaver their careful selection of Field Day attire!



Exhausted from his car entry moves, Lee has fallen into a deep sleep, not to be seen the rest of Field Day weekend!



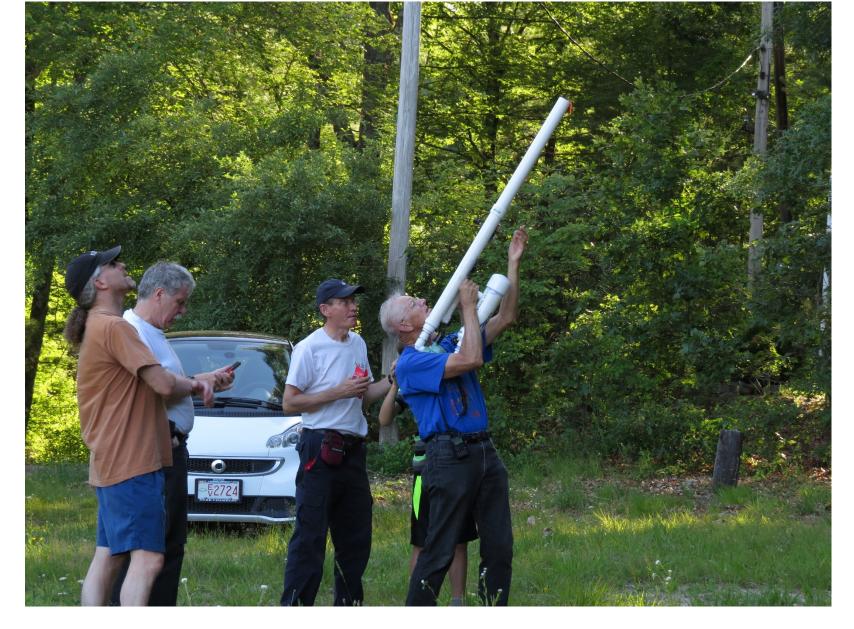
Rich wonders whether his first contact said "73 and see you down the log" or "Set me free and you sound like a frog"!



Mark, at left, is alarmed overhearing Lela ask Charlie: *"Is it OK I used mayonnaise with an expiration date of July, 2001?"*



After hearing about bouncing signals off the ionosphere, a ham scans the sky in search of signals bouncing back!



New military recruits applying a bit too much Bazooka elevation to knock down that enemy tank!



Chefs Lyman and Lela suddenly look left, insisting on being photographed showing only their right-side profile!



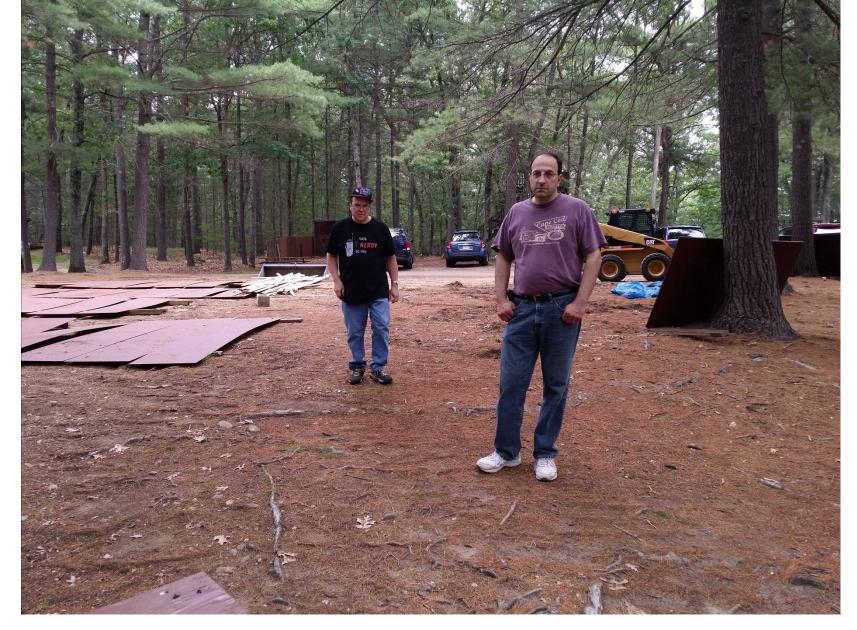
Desperate hams try unsuccessfully to bribe the photographer with donuts to leave them out of the silly slide show!



Charlie is caught sprinkling eye-of-newt into the lasagna sauce!



Charlie wonders when Lela will lose her patience and hit him with that spatula!



Are Steve and Rich having fun yet at Field Day?

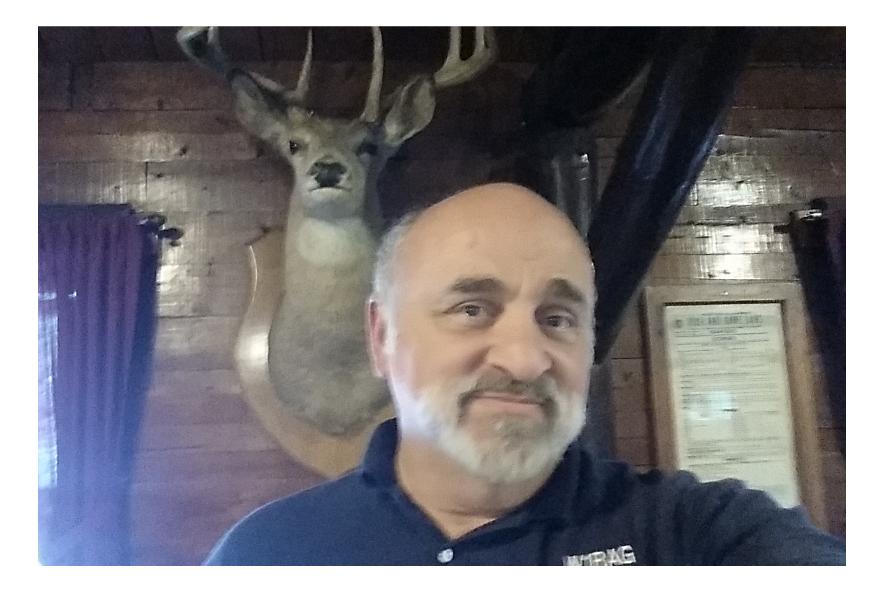


Really, don't they appear glad to be at Field Day?

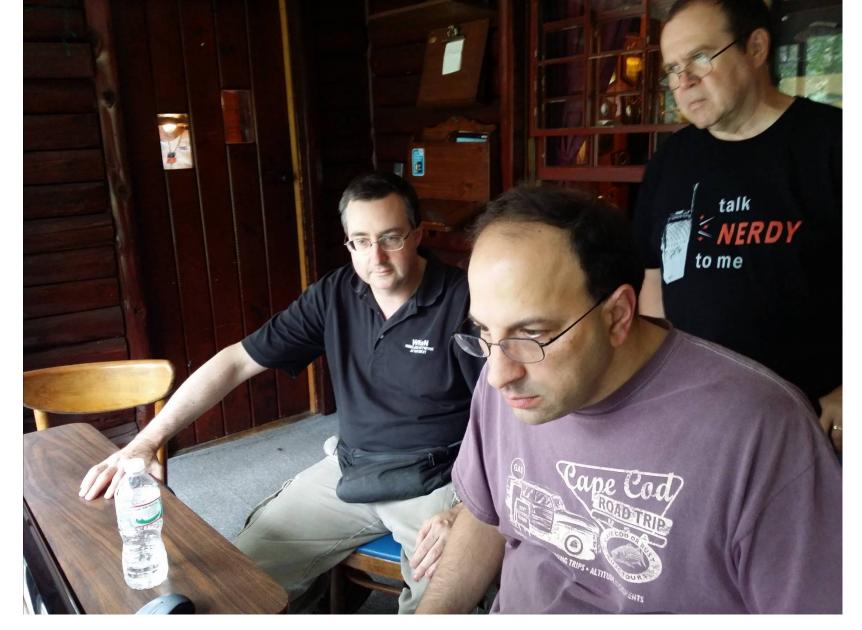




On closer inspection, their deadpan expressions still can't hide their joy!



Rick stops to pose for a family photo!



Three guys, each unhappy that the other two wear the same eyeglass frames.



Steve is "delighted" to learn his cellphone is too hot to handle, after Rich convinces him to microwave it to recharge the battery!



Bob and his family look on in amazement, as Alan signs Charlie's petition to serve only cold ham at all future ham events.



Charlie deploys an ultra-high-frequency dipole featuring oil-filled coils.



A salesman from Gorton's Seafood shows up unexpectedly to donate a free case of frozen fishcakes!



Lyman warns: "If you ask me why my rice is sticky, I give you no rice"!



Boston Globe Spotlight team catches Chef Charlie purchasing his so-called "home-made" garden salad!



The Spotlight team also revealed the secret to Charlie's creamy lasagna filling – 48 quarts of mayonnaise!



Charlie tries unsuccessfully to pass off a Market Basket coupon at Donelan's supermarket!



Andy doesn't know whether he should tell Allison her sandwich was used as a dummy load by the 20-meter station!



Late arrivals are not too pleased to learn that the only food left is ketchup sandwiches!



Charlie serves Peter only 5 munchkins for lunch, as punishment for Peter gagging on last year's lunch!



A pair of fisherman stop by to help Rick, after learning that he had no luck *fishing* for compliments for last year's slideshow!



Lawton can't figure out whether to use this device to contact a satellite, or to take a photo!



Ham radio operators wave farewell to Peter Pan as he flies off to Neverland.



A group of fisherman standing on the pier suddenly realize nobody brought the fishing rods!



Four guys try vainly to construct a hammock using only 10 feet of string.



Alan tries to impress Charlie by showing off all the credit cards in his wallet!



While George and Andy toil away constructing an antenna, Steve Telsey just wants to play one more set of tennis!



Yes, Steve Telsey wants to be of service at Field Day, But all he wants to serve is a tennis ball!



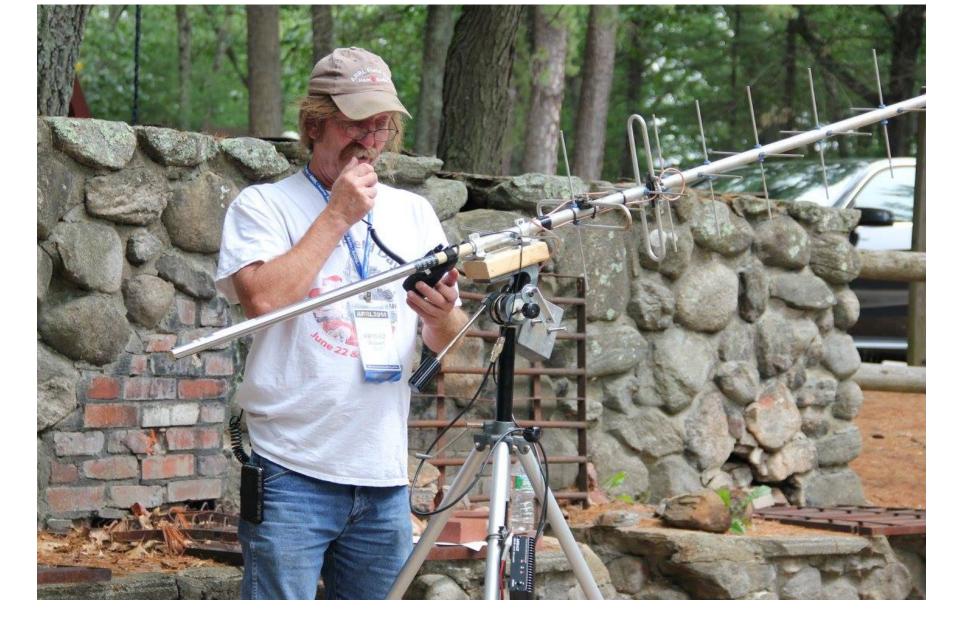
OK, so they figured out how to put up a hammock in the treetops, now will somebody tell us how the @#\$% to get up there!



Mark Richards' son can barely wait to teach George how a QSO is *really* made!



Andy looks on in disbelief, as a young visitor teaches Andy how to turn on a radio without needing to issue 10 Linux commands!



Bob pretending to talk to the Man in the Moon, hoping he will not be asked to help Charlie and Rick slice onions!



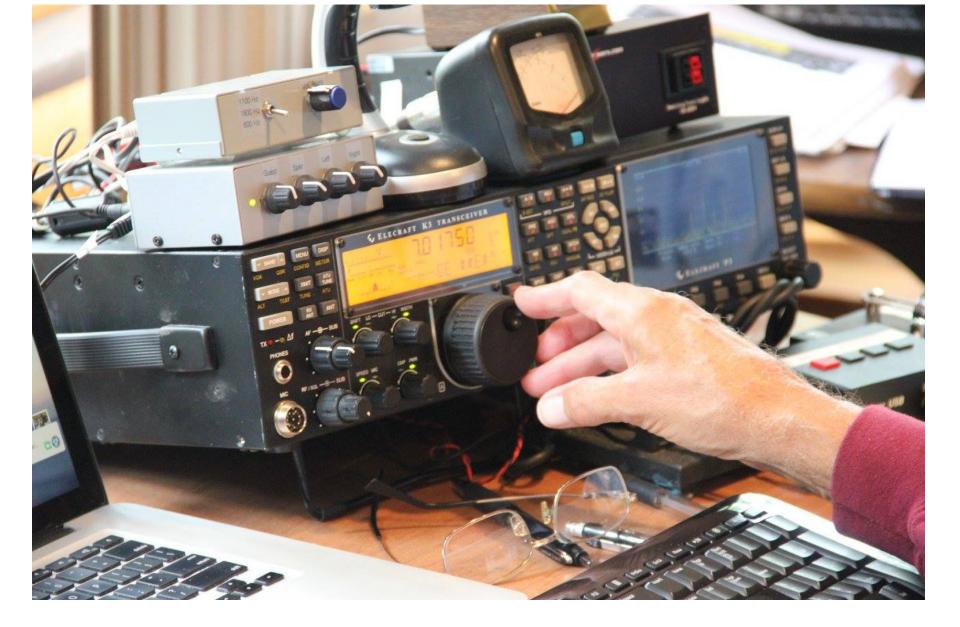
Niece Haynes, KA1ULN, expresses her sadness upon hearing she wasn't asked to help slice the onions!



Alan and Scotti are also sad to learn they've not been chosen to help slice the onions!



After too many people assumed **GOTA** stood for **Glide On Their A****, Field Day organizers felt compelled to spell it out!



Can anyone here help us identify this person in maroon shirt who re-tuned the 40m station to WBZ "*Gardening with Gladys*"?



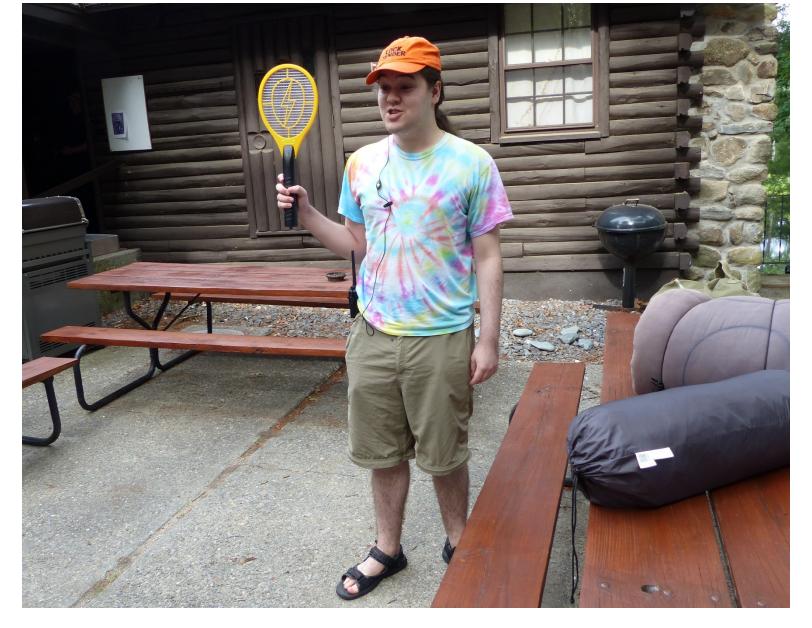
Yes, most people guessed it was Joe, but he wasn't wearing a maroon shirt!



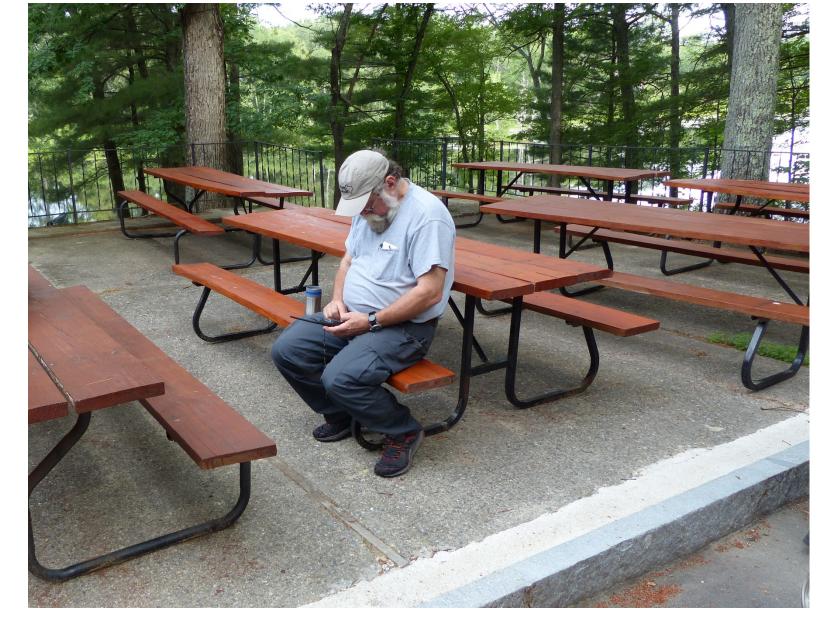
Others thought certainly, Lawton had a guilty expression, but he also wasn't wearing a maroon shirt!



Alan curiously examines if each bag of Doritos has exactly the same number of chips!



Stealing Allison's electronic bug zapper, Peter announces his plan to organize a ham radio SWAT team!



Unruly ham operators are sent to a time-out area to ponder the impact of their bad behavior....



Somehow, Steve found a way to pounce on the coldcut trays before lunch was announced!



Alan and Bob present a very timely lunchtime tooltalk on the safest ways to digest and eventually eliminate coldcut sandwiches!



Clearly, many lunchtime tooltalk attendees were shocked and had trouble digesting Alan's and Bob's digestion topic!



Seeing the shaky reaction from his audience, Bob tried to reassure them: *"All things must pass*!"



By the sinister look on these guys' faces, "Get On The Air" is not just a friendly suggestion, it's an order!



In a low moment, nobody wants the red generator... So two grown men fight over the blue generator!



Andy politely asks Joe why he is attaching a roll of blue painter's tape to his tummy.



Only after a 3rd ham radio operator is taken down by a stray arrow, Joe reluctantly closes the archery range!



Alan mixes up his calendar dates, arriving at Field Day with old stuff to sell at the church flea market!



Bob brings his family to see what all the fun is about!



Members of the *Concord Blue Ball Worshippers* club accidentally stumble onto the grounds of Field Day!



Fed up with being stalked, Peter desperately attacks your photographer with the nearest TV antenna he can find!



Lyman asks Brian if he can take Brian's BMW out for a spin. That was June 27th. Has anybody heard from Lyman since?



Bored with the usual radio activity, two Field Day attendees build a colorful Maypole for very short people!



Gordy confides: "Man, if only these chairs had padded arms!"



While a police officer writes a citation against Andy for excessive CW paddle speed, Andy checks out the officer's bald spot!



After slipping the officer a big slice of Charlie's lasagna, Andy is free and clear!



Steve and Kathy Rimsa brought Steve's parents to Field Day. Steve's dad, on right, can't hide his shock at Steve's racy t-shirt!



Upon hearing that Disney is casting for its re-make of "Robin Hood", Bob spends every waking hour practicing his archery!



The newly-formed PART Barbershop Quartet rehearses "Sweet Adeline"...



Lee Davy uses his cellphone to take a selfie photo of a cheerful group of satellite ham operators!



Rich takes out all his frustrations on a poor Italian bread!



Rich then turns his rage upon your photographer: "Get out of my kitchen!"



"You want my Italian bread? You gonna wait a LONG time!"



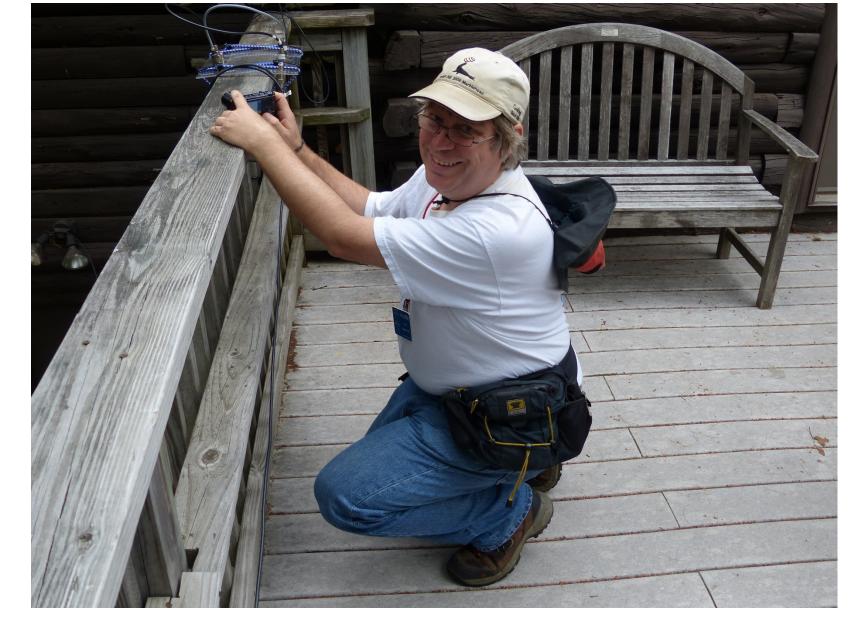
Charlie and Rich poured on the garlic butter. Yes, literally... they **poured** it on!



Field Day participants face the most difficult decision of the event, maybe of their lives: meat or vegetarian lasagna?



"I dare you!" "I double dare you!" "I triple dare you!" "I quadruple..."



Alan cheerfully attempts to explain why he's taking a photo of the railing!



Andy and Lela are bewildered to receive "Most Likely to Succeed on CB Radio" citations from ARRL's Tom Walsh and Mike Raisbeck!



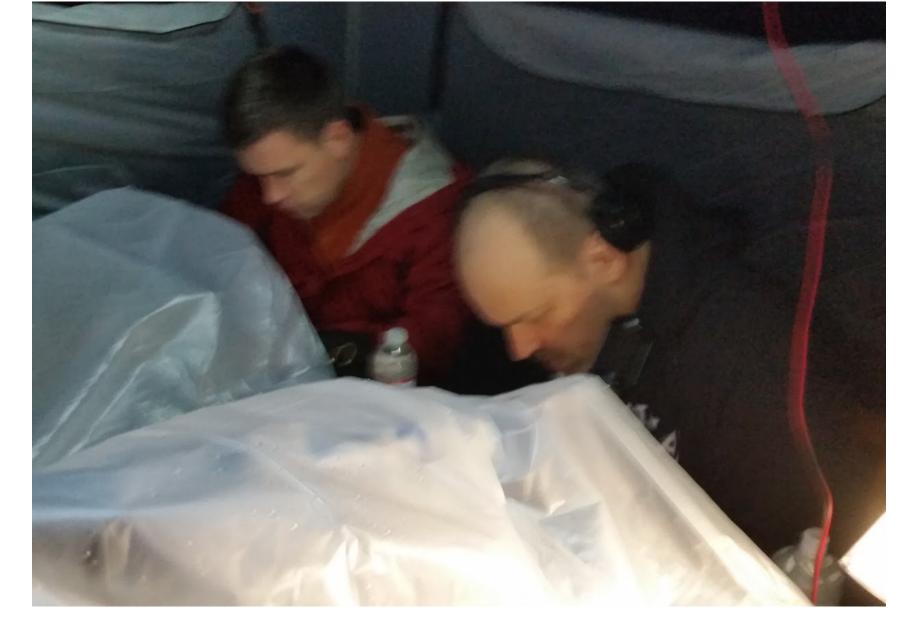
Field Day participants mob Andy and Lela, agreeing fully that they richly deserve their CB radio citations!



Macy's unveils its Fall line of nerdly ham radio attire!



Charlie, Alan, and Lela divide the Field Day proceeds 3 ways, then run off to Canada with the cash!



The 3AM - 4AM shift... zzzzzzzzz...



Lyman advises: "We're shocked to learn that the rust-colored frosting was tinted with *real rust*! If you ate this cake, please schedule a tetanus shot!"



Bob's grandchildren sign up to organize next year's Field Day, which will feature unlimited refills of chocolate milk.



JOE: "Was it *your* idiotic idea to invite these hams back to our gun club for the 4th time?"
CHARLIE: "I thought you said you needed more human dummy loads."
JOE: "No, I said I needed more shotgun reloads!"

ANYONE can operate at Field Day... even me!

Take it from me, the 100-lb. DXpeditioner... If I can lug 100 pounds of gear, you can lug your **you-know-what** to Field Day 2016 next year!



The End