

# An *imaginary* story: PART Field Day 2010



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(caught napping at Field Day 2007)

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**“Hey kid, you bring the water, I’ ll bring the HT. We’ ll have more QSOs than the rest of these lids, combined!”**



**Students from Nashoba Vocational High School prepare for a career in TV antenna installation.**





**Allison warns: “OK, I’ ll tell you one more time – touch this 6 meter mast, and I’ ll have you doing a moon bounce – without any radio!”**





**Sexy model shows off latest Buddipole portable antenna that doubles as hammock.**





***Alan & Allison's Used Cars*** opens up for business  
in their sparkling new multi-acre facility.





**Charles waits in vain for helicopter pizza delivery, while Allison practices how to lasso a wild antenna.**



**Local horticulturist also waits in vain for helicopter pizza delivery.**





**Jogger Bob stops by Field Day for a quick QSO,  
running 10 watts after running 10 miles.**



**“Let’ s see, should I assign my big sister Kimberly to watch how many hamburgers Ernie eats, or how many hours Allison eats up on 6 meters?”**





**“I’ m telling you, Johan, Charles just made himself an 8-patty cheeseburger this tall!”**



Charles asks Alan for a 12-patty cheeseburger.





**Members of Stewart family sign their signatures for adoring fans.**



**Responding to a reported backup caused by a “pile-up”, a team from Roto-Rooter is dispatched to Field Day HQ.**



**“I think 20 meters will be open to Europe.”**  
**“No, I’ m thinking 6 meters to the Midwest.”**





**“Let’ s see, if you give me a dollar for every QSO I make on 10 meters, I’ ll give you 25 cents for every QSO you make on CW.”**



**Amused onlookers see that Andy can't remember which can contains the QRP rig, and which can has the tuna!**





**Safari guide asks Steve for a dollar to use Alan's pay telephone.**



When no one is looking, eager *Islands-On-The-Air* enthusiast K1NS tries to contact Gilligan's Island.





**Bob clings tightly to his chair, bracing himself while Bill mysteriously passes behind him with beach bag, headed for Gilligan's Island.**



**Undercover drug agents try to contact headquarters  
for further instructions.**





**Passing fisherman has no idea why he's being asked if he brought a boat anchor for AM operation.**



**Comcast cable installer has no idea why everyone is yelling at her to stop and leave.**





**Audience watches in rapt attention, as Andy demonstrates how to play Windows Solitaire.**



**Kimberly grows 8 feet tall after drinking 2 cases of mineral water.**





**Young hams carry goggles for protection  
against sparks from old tube radios.**



**“How do we tell her that that the pile-up she just conducted was outside of her license privileges?”**





**Iron Chef competitors are challenged to produce a gourmet banquet using typical Field Day “food”.**



**Gordon and Allison get into a heated debate over the need for courtesy tones on repeaters.**





**Erin starts her Christmas wish list, while radio operators assume she is logging all of their QSOs!**

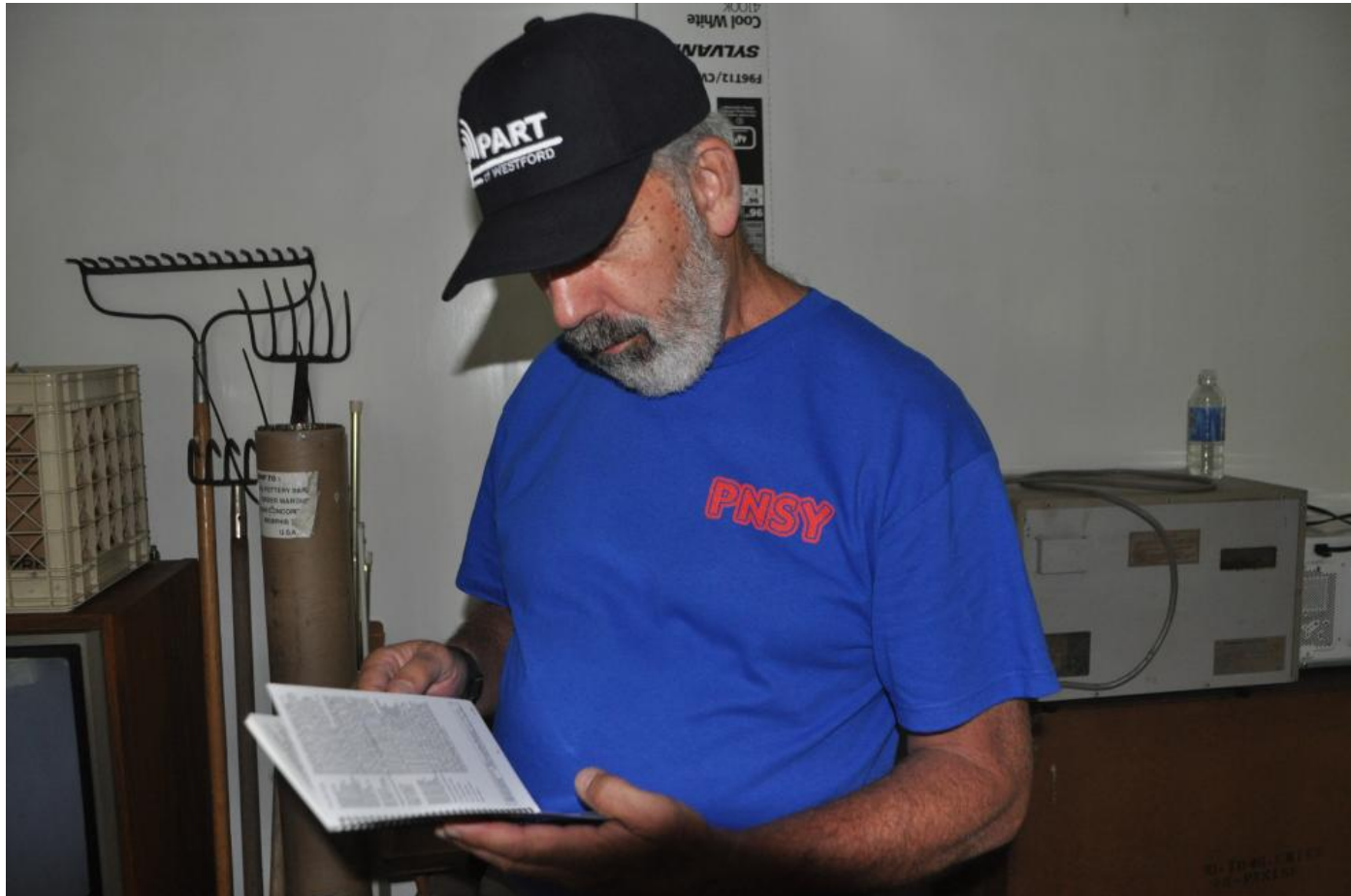


**Alan whispers desperately to police about stranger in blue shirt who took over his computer.**



**Accusers surround Andy, demanding that he remove Linux and reinstall Windows on the field day computer.**





**K1ALL studies his laminated Nifty Guide for instructions on how to operate his rakes.**



**Rustler steals mast from field day host Alan's sailboat while no one is looking...**



**Dave gives up waiting for his turn to operate the CB station.**





**Typing students enjoy listening to Frank Sinatra music while performing their speed typing drills.**



**Tut, tut....Steve just can't believe disrespectful hams who leave their hats on, indoors!**



**Air traffic controllers keep their cool while guiding crippled airplane to a perfect touchdown.**





**Andy informs longtime PART member that he must start all over again and take the Technician exam.**



**Impatient ham considers disembowling himself by  
Hari Kiri after making no contacts on 17 meters.**



**“Ken, they’ re waiting for our pizza order! I know you want all anchovies. Can we compromise, and order half anchovies, half pepperoni?”**





**Jim watches in disbelief, as 2 Yaesu technicians take over his mic to test his rig.**



**Unknown to Field Day host Alan:  
Steve and Charles secretly start auctioning Alan's  
carpets, paintings, and other home furnishings.**



**Darryl:**

**“I tried to switch bands from 6 to 20 meters, but Allison threatened she’d have me doing a moon bounce without a radio!”**





**We 3 hams beg you, can we please borrow your directional antenna for our Field Day?**



**Anti-aircraft guns are deployed around the  
Field Day site.**





**Two tall, lanky basketball players take a break from training camp to join the Field Day fun.**





**Gunner shoots down weather balloon that drifted too close to the Field Day site.**



**Allison can't remember: did she want to make 20 QSOs on 6 meters, or 6 QSOs on 20 meters?**





**I don't know about you guys, but I'm just here for the barbecue!**





**Alan begins to wonder how wise it was to anchor all antenna masts to the barbecue grille....**



**Fed up being passive victims, a brave group of hams go on the offensive to hunt down mosquitos!**





**“S.O.S... S.O.S... I’ m a soldier assigned to a First Aid station in Kandahar, but they screwed up and sent me to this Field Day station in Carlisle. Help!”**





**Ron shows up at Field Day to show off the disposable insulated coffee cup he brought home from Dayton.**



**Andy invites Ron to run for PART President.**



**Ron *gladly* agrees to run for PART President.**





**Jokester informs Allison that she's been operating all day with a 6 meter rig re-tuned to 11 meters.**



**Allison, in turn, invites Charlie to spend the rest of the day on the, ahem, “6 meter” rig.**



**After a blistering pile-up, Charlie wonders if he'll have the energy left to coordinate the 13 Colonies special event.**





**Bo leads a lively group discussion on  
the future of **D-Star** radio in France.**



Andy tells Bo he looks forward to becoming a fellow  
*past*-president of PART!



**Charlie tries to remember – does CW go “dit dah” or  
“dot dash”?**





**Bo asks exhausted Field Day chairman Charles if he'll be serving packets of WetNaps with the barbecue.**



**“Just look at that mess of antennas, dear. And you thought my 6 meter dipole was an eyesore?”**



**Allison welcomes boy scout troop leader to continue standing by for his turn to operate 6 meters.**





**While pretending to log Andy's QSOs, Steve catches up on some much needed sleep.**



**Hams reach deep into their pockets to donate  
to the repeater fund!**



**Bob delivers a punishing forearm to Charlie's hip, but Charlie is ready to retaliate with an elbow to the head.**





**Charles lowers the flag, in preparation for surrendering PART Field Day HQ to the mosquitos.**



**Verizon installer caught trying to remove Alan's Comcast cable.**



**Once again, Bo finds himself stuck holding  
someone else's ladder line!**





***“Timber!”***





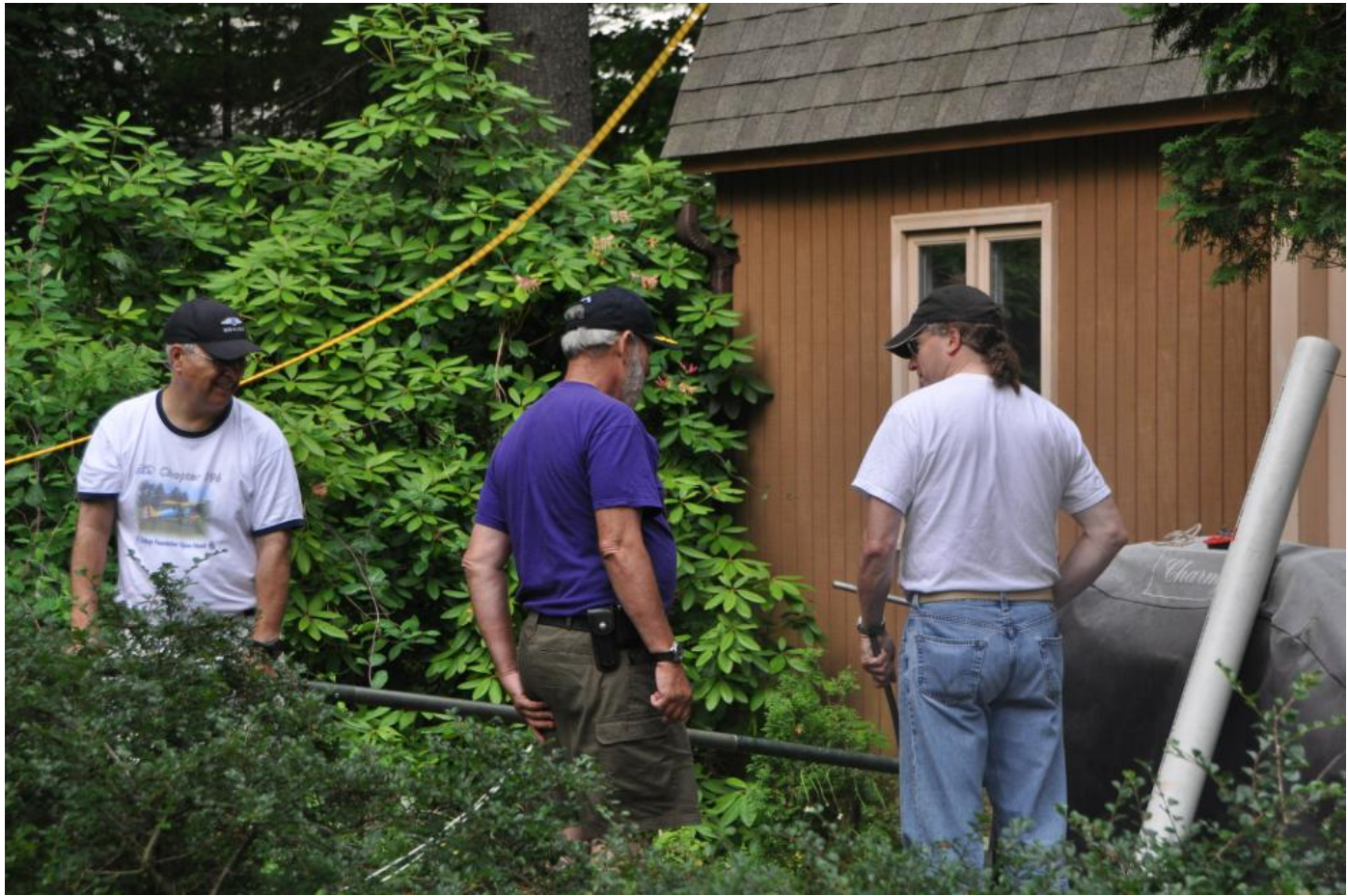
**Antenna tug-of-war was among the many fun games enjoyed by Field Day participants!**





**Charles: “Will someone please help Bo untangle himself from his ipod headphone cable?”**





**Alan soon regrets his brilliant idea of straddling  
the antenna mast!**



**Football players on the left practice their kickoff moves, while construction workers finish dis-assembling the goalpost.**





**“Allison, can you loosen that bolt any quicker?  
There’s a mosquito between my shoulder blades!”**





**Lost field day attendees wait anxiously for their families to claim them.**



**Orphaned twins are reunited, 30 years later,  
at ham radio event.**



# Don't Worry... *ANYONE* Can Operate at Field Day... even me!

Take it from me, the  
100-lb.-DXpeditioner...  
If I can lug all that gear  
to the island of  
Montserrat, you can  
drag your ***you-know-  
what*** to Field Day 2011  
next year!



**“I’ ll be QRT on  
your final  
giggle...”**