

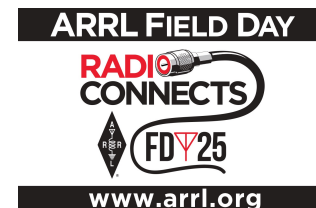
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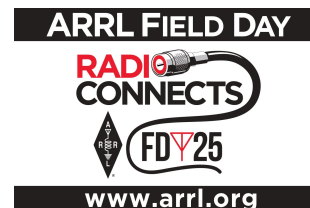


- **June 28-29**
- **Setup: Friday, June 27, 10:00 AM***
- **Concord Rod & Gun Club**
 - **74 Strawberry Hill Rd, Concord, MA**

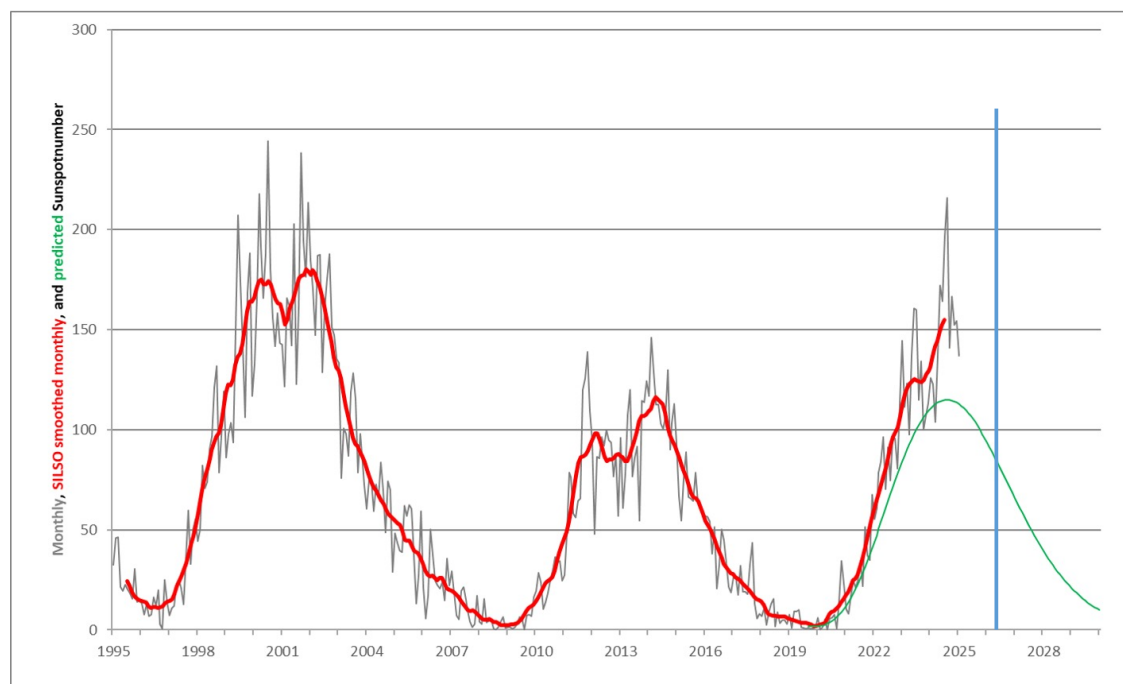
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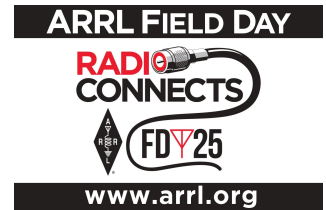


- No conflicts!
- 100 watts
- CW, Phone, Digital, GOTA, Satellite
- Class: 3A





Stations & Leads

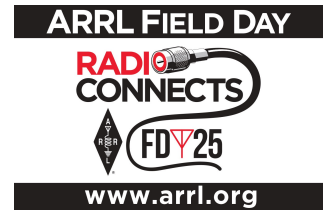


- **Phone**
 - George, K1IG
- **GOTA**
 - Andy, KB1OIQ
- **Digital**
 - Carl, WG1V
- **Satellite**
 - Bob, KB1SWZ
- **CW**
 - Bob, W1IS

Responsible for: rig, connectors, power supply, power distribution, antenna switch, headsets, office supplies, computer, logging SW, lighting, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, spare parts, RF exposure calculations, control operators



Infrastructure Leads



- **HF Antennas**
 - Bob, W1IS
- **Food**
 - Rick, W1RAG
- **Site Liaison**
 - Dale, KB1ZKD
- **Safety**
 - Dale, KB1ZKD
- **Finance**
 - Alan, W1AHM
- **Signage**
 - Alan, W1AHM



Concord Rod & Gun Club

74 Strawberry Hill Rd, Concord

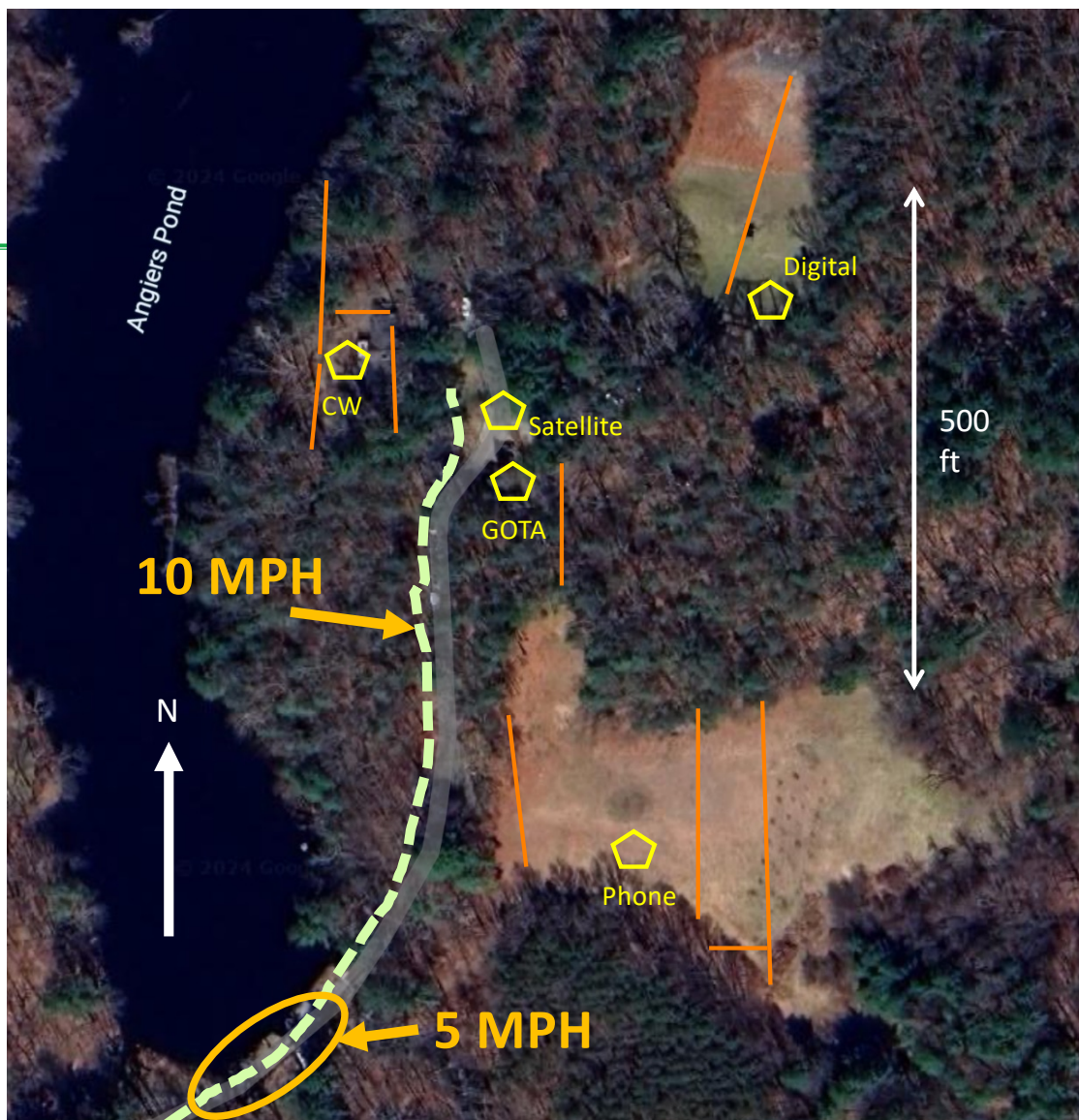
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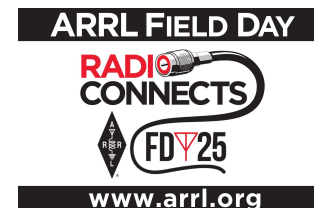


Site Plan

Antenna
locations are
approximate



Schedule



Friday June 27

10:00* AM – ?
Antenna Setup

*Weather
Permitting

Saturday June 28

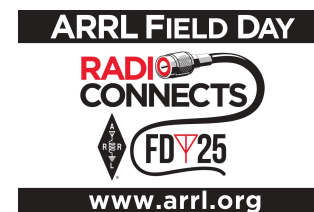
8:00 AM
Rig Setup & Check
11:00 AM
Training
12:30 PM
Lunch
2:00 PM
Operations Begin
6:00 PM
Dinner

Sunday June 29

12:00 PM
Lunch
2:00 PM
Operations End
Teardown



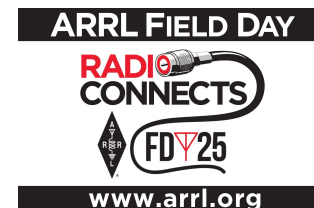
Weather



- TBD



Attendance Sheet



PART of Westford Field Day 2025 Attendance Sheet

Please sign in here once and only once for the weekend,
whether you are a ham operator or a visitor.

Age ≤ 18

Nr	Name	Call Sign	Email	City, ST	Member		
					PART	ARES	Minor
Friday							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

EVERYBODY signs in
Once, and **ONLY** once!

Food!

- Saturday Lunch
- Saturday Dinner
- Sunday Breakfast?
- Sunday Lunch



Help Wanted!

Field Day Site Operations

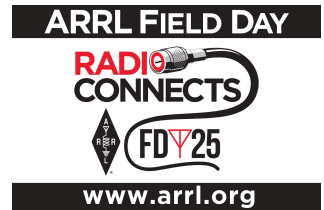
- Safety
- 446.025 simplex for site coordination
- Visitors — Likely
 - Wear your badge
 - Invite your neighbors



We're selling Amateur Radio! Greet all the visitors and explain what you're doing!



Bonus Points



- Emergency Power (400 points)
- Media Publicity
- Satellite QSO
- Alternate Power
- W1AW Bulletin
- Educational Activity
- Youth Participation
- Web Submission
- Site Responsibilities
- Public Location
- Public Info Table
- Safety Officer
- Site Visit by Elected Official
- Site Visit by Agency Rep
- Social Media
- Message Handling
- Message to Section Mgr.
- GOTA Station

Most Items Are Worth Up To 100 Points

Contacts and Logging

- Exchange: Class and ARRL section
- We are: “3A EMA” or “3A Eastern Massachusetts”
- Stations can be worked once per band - mode
- Don’t say “Please copy”

W1	
Connecticut	CT
Eastern Massachusetts	EMA
Maine	ME
New Hampshire	NH
Rhode Island	RI
Vermont	VT
Western Massachusetts	WMA

W2	
Eastern New York	ENY
New York City - Long Island	NLI
Northern New Jersey	NNJ
Northern New York	NNY
Southern New Jersey	SNJ
Western New York	WNY

W3	
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W6	
East Bay	EB
Los Angeles	LAX
Orange	ORG
Santa Barbara	SB
Santa Clara Valley	SCV
San Diego	SDG
San Francisco	SF
San Joaquin Valley	SJV
Sacramento Valley	SV
Pacific	PAC

W7	
Arizona	AZ
Eastern Washington	EWA
Idaho	ID
Montana	MT
Nevada	NV

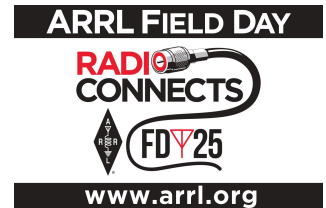
Canada	
Alberta	AB
British Columbia	BC
Manitoba	MB
New Brunswick	NB
Newfoundland and Labrador	NL
Nova Scotia	NS
Ontario East	ONE
Ontario Golden Horseshoe	GH
Ontario North	ONN
Ontario South	ONS
Prince Edward Island	PE
Quebec	QC
Saskatchewan	SK
Territories	TER

DX	
DX	DX

Canada



Operator Signup



PART Field Day Station Operators

CW

Saturday		Sunday	
Time	Call	Time	Call
1400		0000	
1430		0030	
1500		0100	
1530		0130	
1600		0200	
1630		0230	
1700		0300	
1730		0330	
1800		0400	

Optional but,
Those who
sign up have
priority!



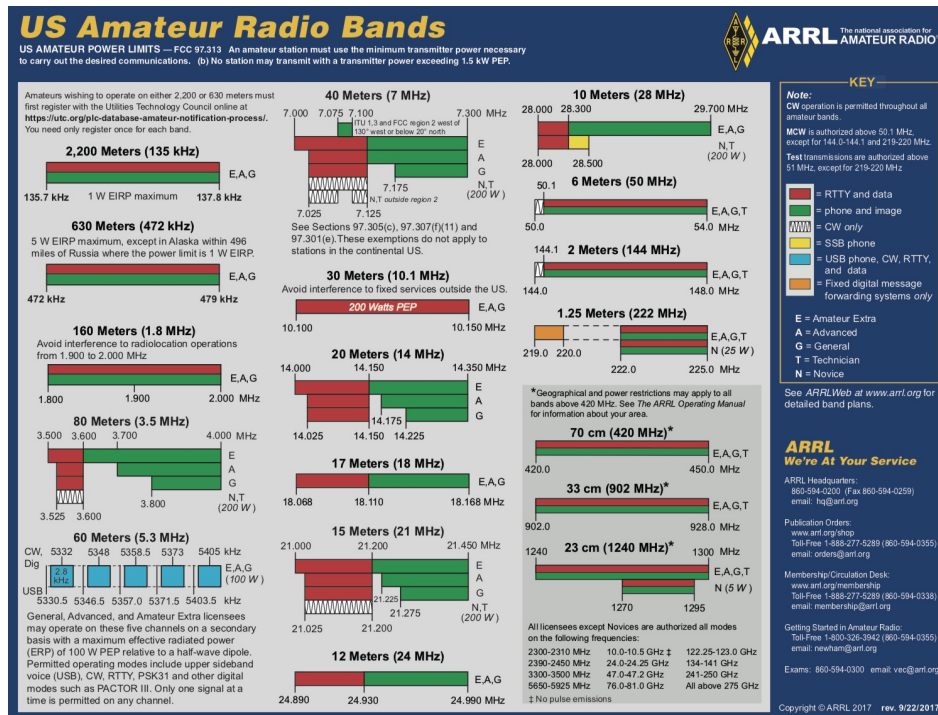
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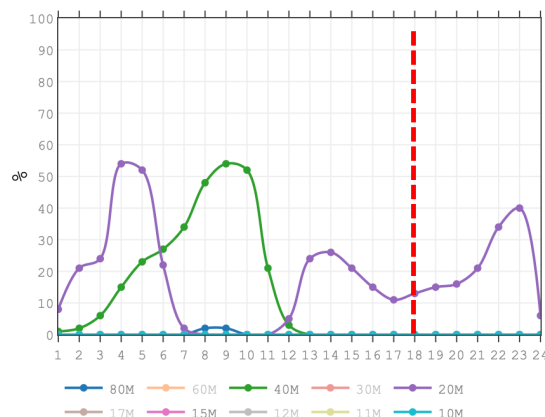
The Control Operator's license class determines the band limits



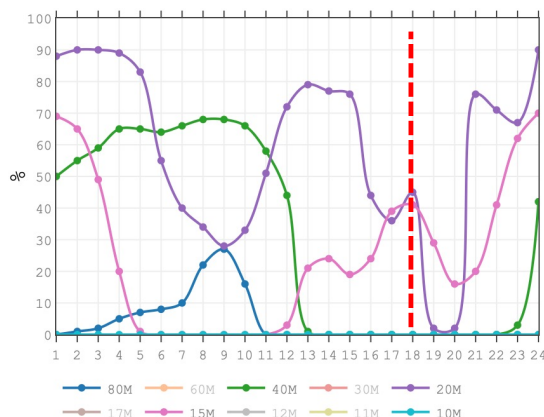
Every station will have a copy of the band plan.

Propagation Forecast

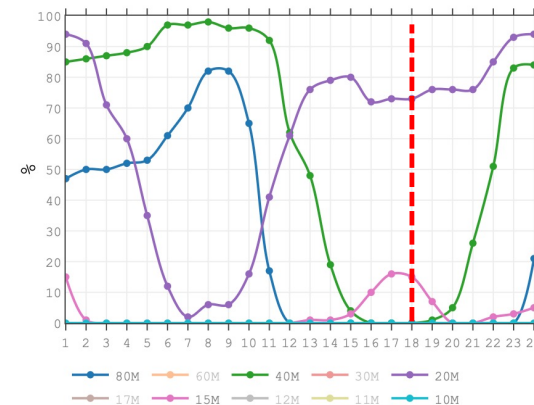
West Coast



Central



South



Takeaways:

- There's a path open to somewhere all the time
- 20 & 40 should be best bands
- Midnight - morning operations are very productive
- Try 80 meters! Look for openings on 10 meters!
- Best for HI/AK: 20M (Day), 40M (Night) (Check DX spots)

Colors

80 Meters

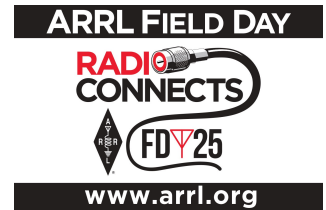
40 Meters

20 Meters

15 Meters

10 Meters

Messages



- One radiogram to Section Manager and 10 others

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE R	HX G	STATION OF ORIGIN K1IG	CHECK ARL 5	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
TO				THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT			
				<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> AMATEUR STATION PHONE </div>			
				<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> NAME E-MAIL </div>			
PHONE NUMBER				STREET			
E-MAIL				CITY, STATE, ZIP			
ARL		FIFTY		ONE *	FIELD		DAY
FROM			DATE	TIME	TO		DATE
REC'D					SENT		
<p><small>This message was handled at no charge by a licensed Amateur Radio operator, whose address is shown in the box at right above. No compensation can be accepted by a "ham" operator. A return message may be filed with the "ham" delivering this message to you. Further information on Amateur Radio may be obtained from ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or www.arrl.org.</small></p>				<p><small>The ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and the publisher of QST magazine. One of its functions is promotion of public service communication among Amateur Radio operators. To that end, the ARRL has organized the National Traffic System for daily nationwide message handling.</small></p>			

*** “Greetings by Amateur Radio. This message is sent as a free public service by ham radio operators at Field Day. Am having a wonderful time.”**

Generator Operations

- All stations will have a generator
- Generator can run 24 hours with aux tank



If red light comes on,
generator shuts down!



Status Lights

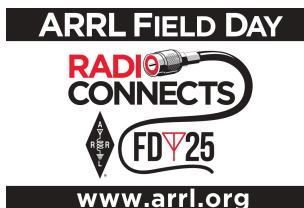


Antennas

Bob, W1IS



Materials to Launch Antennas



- 1,700 ft Rope
- 1,400 ft RG-8X, 150 ft RG-58au (receive antennas)
- Bow and Arrows
- Air Guns
- Slingshots
- Twine
- Safety Tape to mark ends in the woods & trip zones
- At least 15 energetic hams to launch & tear- down!

SSB, GOTA & Digital

SSB

- 800 ft rope, ~400 ft RG-8X, 200 ft RG-213
- 80M-6M End Fed
- 3 element tri-band wire antenna
- 2 element 40 M beam
- 10 M Stacked Dipoles
- Receiving loop – 100 ft wire, vertical loop, 9:1 balun
- Safety tape

GOTA – 40M-6M End Fed (200 ft rope, 100 ft RG-8X)

Digital

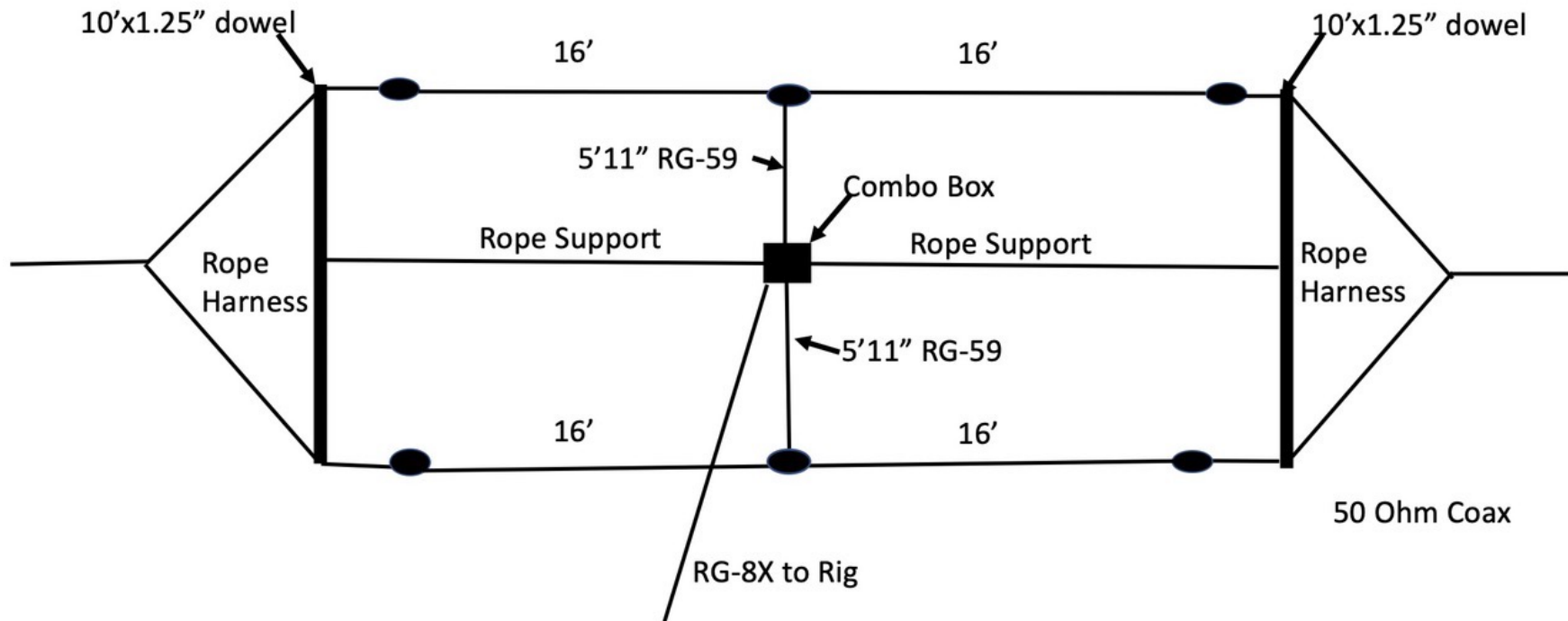
- Multi-Band 80M OCF
- 300 ft rope, 100 ft RG-8X
- Safety Tape

CW Station

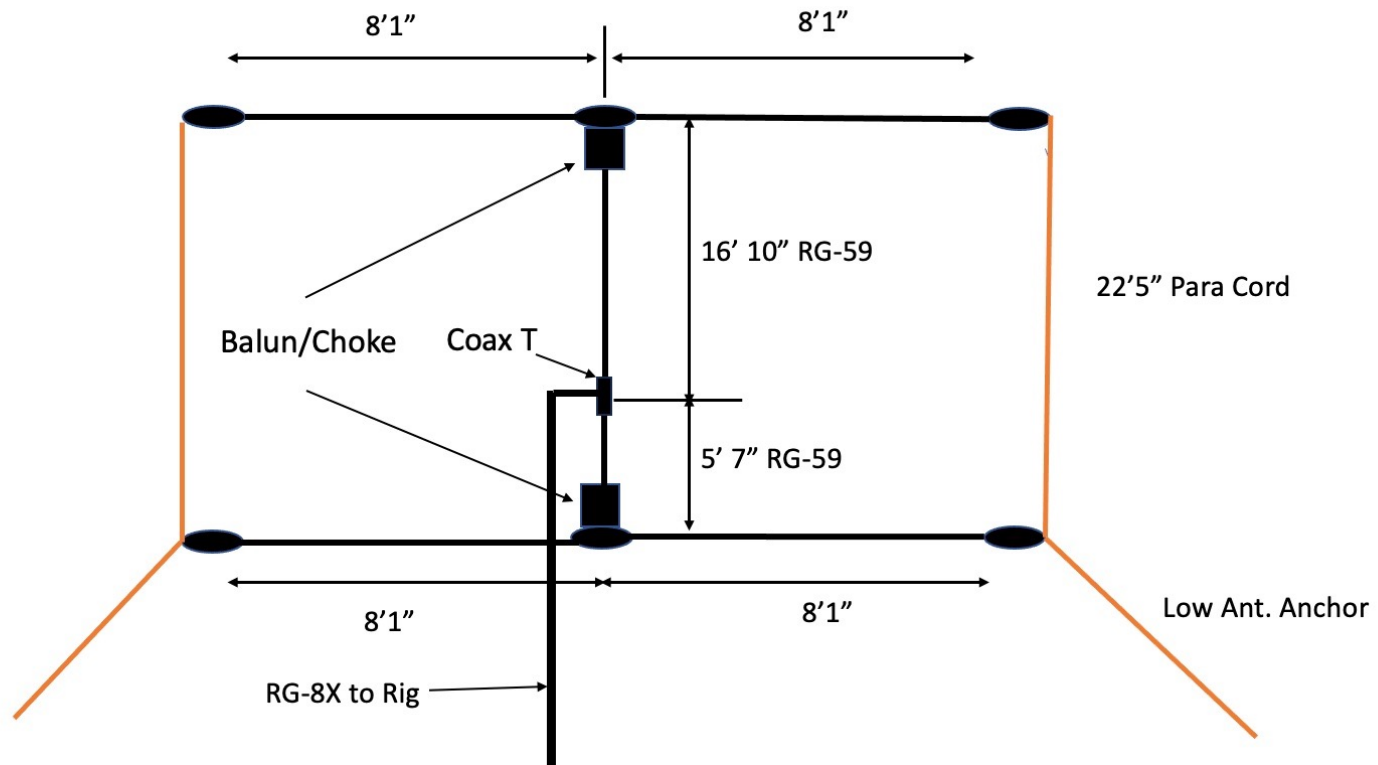
CW

- 600 ft rope, ~ 400 ft RG-8X
- 80M end-fed
- 2 element 40M Beam
- 2 element 20M Phased Dipoles
- Receiving loop - 100ft wire, vertical loop, 9:1 balun

20 Meter Antenna



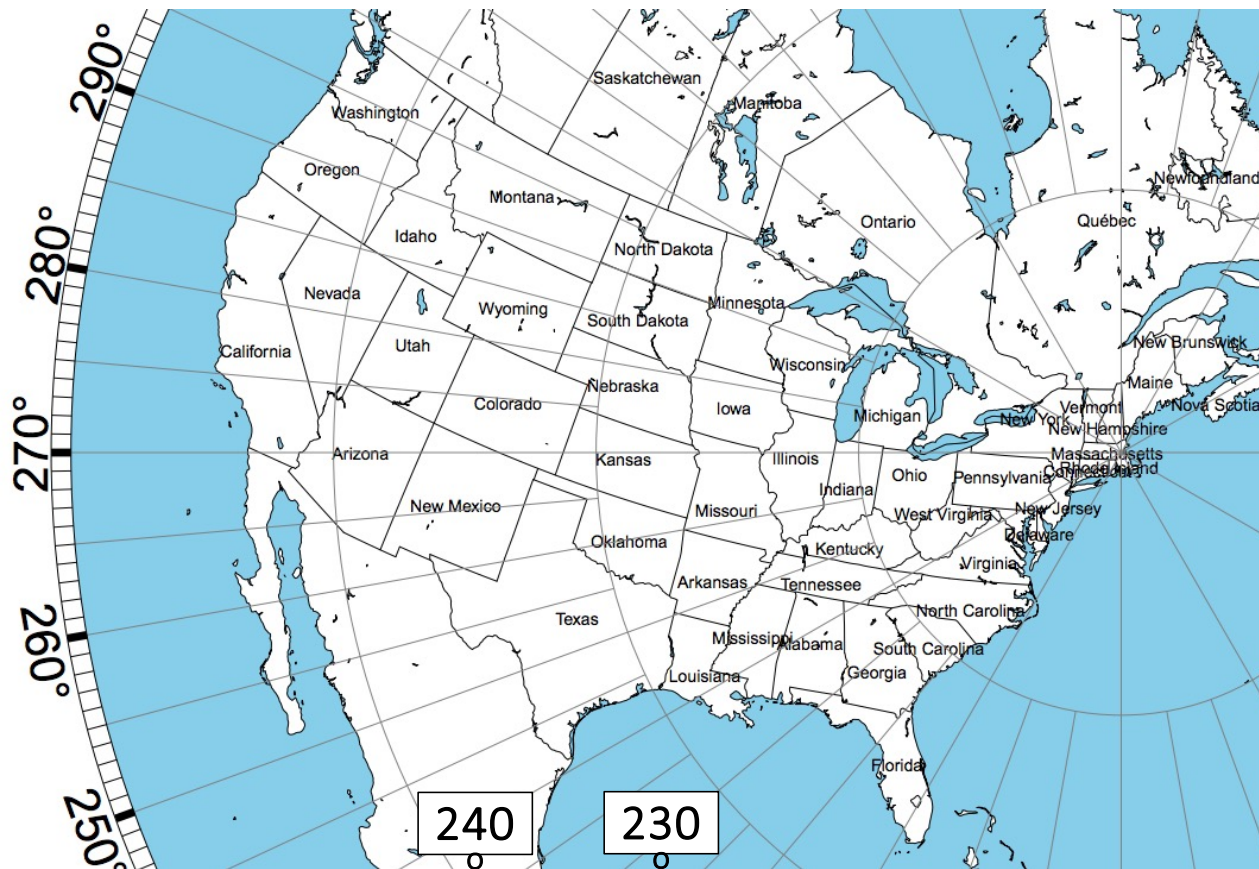
10 Meter Antenna



Ready for Set-Up

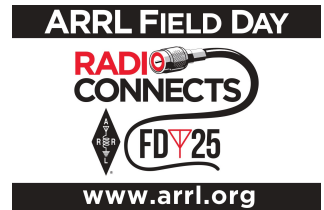


Aiming the Antennas

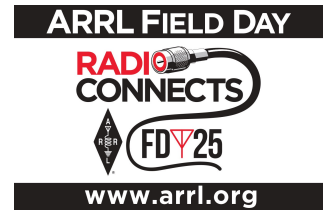


Guidelines for Tear-Down

- Rolling up wires & ropes neatly will save time next year.
- 2 people to roll up beams – one spreader at a time.
 - Start at one end & roll towards center
 - Roll up other end rolling in the same direction
 - Watch the ends – they tend to slip off when rolling up
- Return cables & ropes to their owners
- Names/Calls on coax really helps, otherwise it's probably W1IS's.



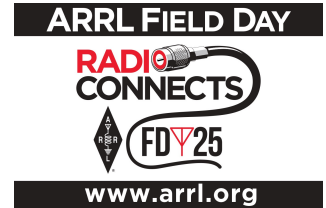
**Thank You & Let's
Have Fun This
Weekend**



Field Day Stations



Information Packets



Each station will be given a packet with:

1. Station Identifier Sign
2. Band Plan
3. ARRL Section List
4. Exchange Information Sign
5. Operator Sign-Up Sheet
6. ARRL Bulletin Schedule

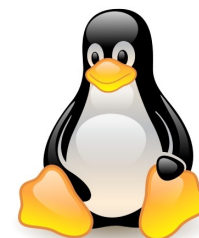
Get On The Air



Andy, KB10IQ

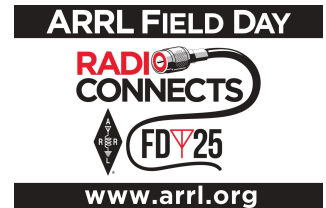
Get On The Air (GOTA)

- Station Lead: Andy, KB1OIQ
- Rig: Yaesu 857-D
- Antenna: Multi-band dipole
- Power: Generator
- Tent: Provided by Andy, KB1OIQ
- Logging Computer: Provided by Andy (KB1OIQ)





GOTA Station Rules



- The GOTA station may be operated by any person licensed since the previous year's Field Day, regardless of license class. It may also be operated by a generally inactive licensee. Non-licensed persons may participate under the direct supervision of an appropriate control operator.
- Each GOTA contact is worth 2 points – no limit.
- Full-time coach adds 100 bonus points – coach can't make contacts or log them.

CW Station



Bob, W1IS

Elecraft K3

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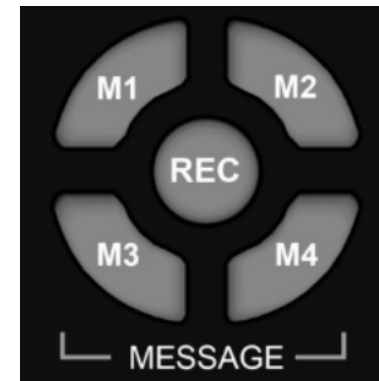
K3 Controls for CW at FD

1. Main Tuning
2. Width Control: Don't Push - changes filter type – leave in Band-Pass
3. Speed Control: Internal Keyer Speed Adjustment
4. Volume control
5. ATU: Push & Hold to turn on tuner – Momentary Push to Tune
6. Band Change Buttons
7. Pre-ATT: Push for Pre-Amp, Push & Hold for Attenuator (ATT helps with QRM, QRN especially on 80 & 40 M)
8. NB: Push for Noise Blanker, Hold to set Blanker Level w/VFO B knob
9. Spot: Zero beats signal, very handy
10. CWT: CWT turns on tuning meter – tune to center to zero beat
11. RIT Control: Receiver offset tuning (Use when running a perch)



12 – K3 Memory Keyer

- M1 sends K1IG
- M2 sends 4A EMA
- M3 sends CQ FD K1IG
- Same & more also on
Keyboard / RumLogNG
- Please don't touch the "Rec" button!



Note that pro-signs like K and AR are rarely used in the heat of “the battle” unless you are dealing with a new operator at the other end. Then do what you can to make it easier for them.

- Don't touch any button with an X unless you are sure what it does. FD is not the time to experiment.
- If you accidentally hit an X button, please contact: George - K1IG or Bob - W1IS.
- If all else fails – READ THE MANUAL!



Don't Be Overwhelmed!

- **Several here to help**
We will walk you through a few QSOs
- **You can do QSOs with keyer, straight key or keyboard.**
- **Most importantly –**

HAVE FUN!

RumLogNG Contest Logger

W1IS, K1IG

Logging Window

Mode & Band

Exchange Window

Put your Call here before you operate

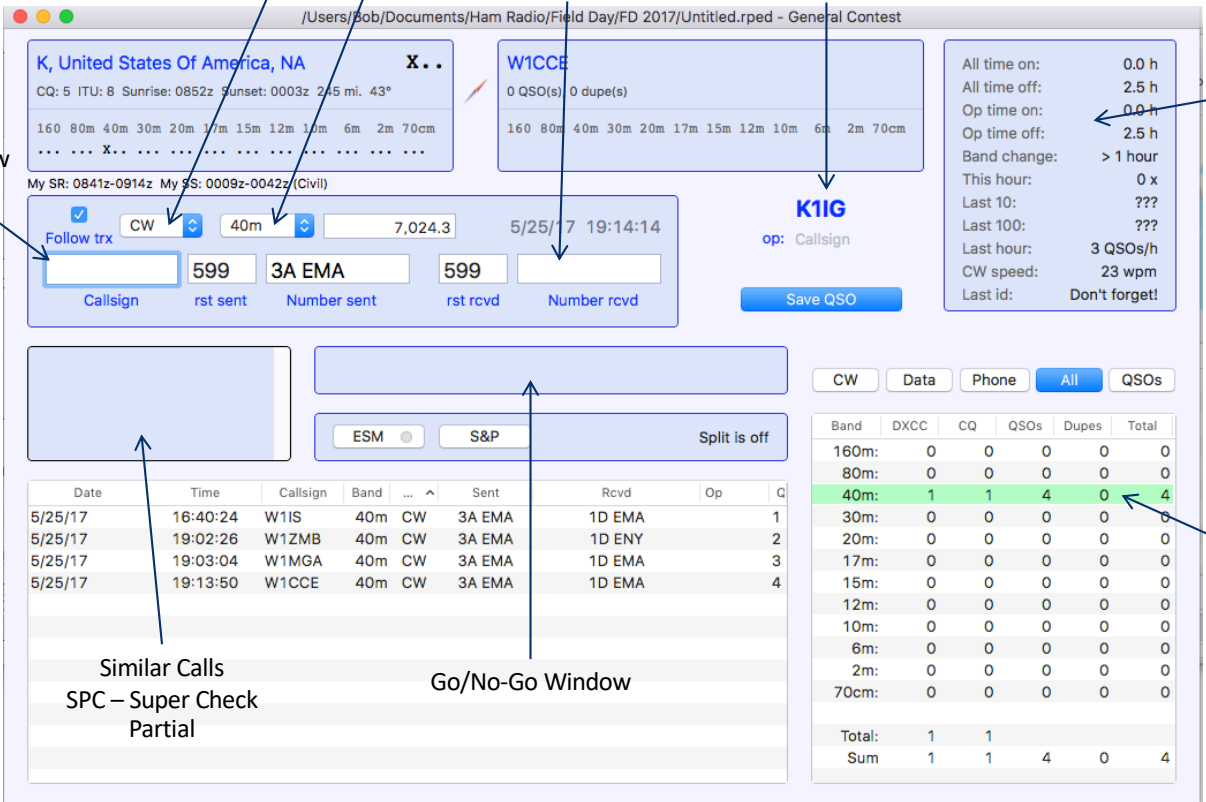
Call Window

Stats

Current Band

Similar Calls
SPC – Super Check
Partial

Go/No-Go Window



The screenshot shows the ARRL Field Day Logging Window interface. The window title is "/Users/Bob/Documents/Ham Radio/Field Day/FD 2017/Untitled.rpd - General Contest". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Call Window:** Contains fields for "K, United States Of America, NA", "CQ: 5 ITU: 8 Sunrise: 0852z Sunset: 0003z 245 mi. 43°", and a frequency list (160 80m 40m 30m 20m 17m 15m 12m 10m 6m 2m 70cm). Below this is a "Follow trx" checkbox and a "CW" mode selector.
- Mode & Band:** Shows "40m" and "7,024.3" with a "5/25/17 19:14:14" timestamp.
- Exchange Window:** Displays "W1CCE" and "0 QSO(s) 0 dupe(s)".
- Put your Call here before you operate:** Shows "K1IG" and "op: Callsign".
- Stats:** A box on the right containing statistics: "All time on: 0.0 h", "All time off: 2.5 h", "Op time on: 0.0 h", "Op time off: 2.5 h", "Band change: > 1 hour", "This hour: 0 x", "Last 10: ???", "Last 100: ???", "Last hour: 3 QSOs/h", "CW speed: 23 wpm", and "Last id: Don't forget!".
- Call Sign Entry:** Fields for "Callsign", "rst sent", "Number sent", "rst rcvd", and "Number rcvd".
- ESM/S&P:** Radio buttons for "ESM" and "S&P", with a "Split is off" label.
- Log Table:** A table with columns: Date, Time, Callsign, Band, Mode, Sent, Rcvd, Op, Q. It lists four entries for 5/25/17.
- Similar Calls:** A section for "SPC – Super Check Partial".
- Go/No-Go Window:** A section for "Go/No-Go Window".
- Band Selection:** Buttons for "CW", "Data", "Phone", "All", and "QSOs".
- Band Table:** A table with columns: Band, DXCC, CQ, QSOs, Dupes, Total. It lists bands from 160m to 70cm, with 40m highlighted in green.

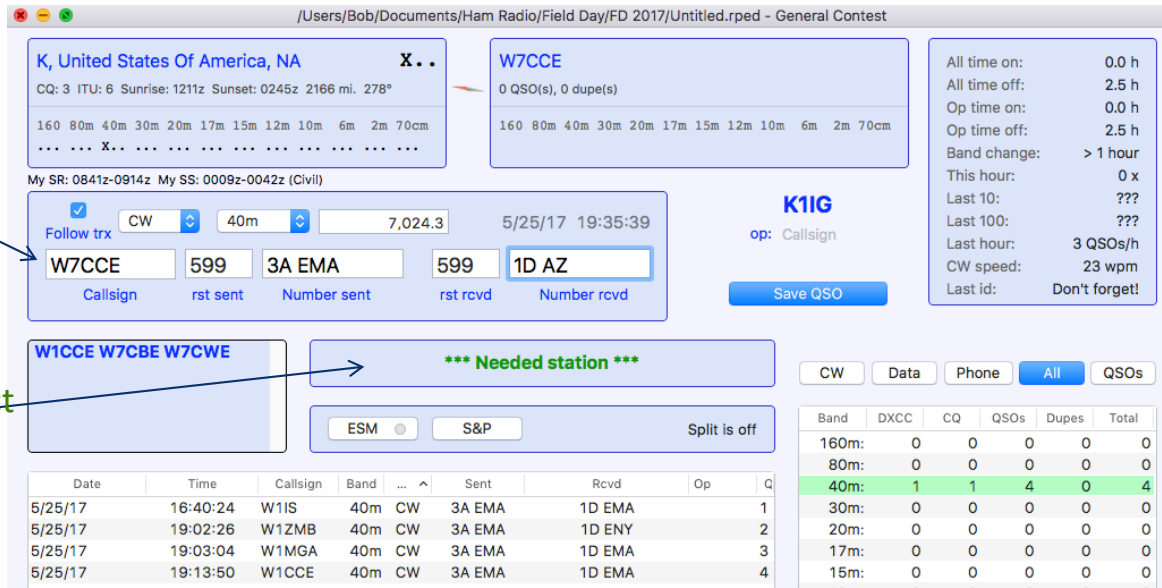
Good S&P Contact

1. Enter Call in Call Window
2. "Space" to go to Exchange Window – Green means not a Dupe
3. Enter Exchange Received in Exchange Window
4. F6 to send our Exchange or send it by hand
5. "Return" to Log QSO

Call Window

Good Contact

QSO Count



The screenshot shows the General Contest software interface. The Call Window displays the call sign W7CCE, the exchange 599, and the number sent 3A EMA. The Exchange Window shows the received exchange 1D AZ. The QSO Count table at the bottom shows a total of 4 QSOs for the 40m band.

Band	DXCC	CQ	QSOs	Dupes	Total
160m	0	0	0	0	0
80m	0	0	0	0	0
40m	1	1	4	0	4
30m	0	0	0	0	0
20m	0	0	0	0	0
17m	0	0	0	0	0
15m	0	0	0	0	0
12m	0	0	0	0	0

“DUPE”

1. Identify Dupe in RED
2. If in “Run,” Complete QSO – SW will remove it before submittal
3. If in “S&P” quickly move on

/Users/Bob/Documents/Ham Radio/Field Day/FD 2017/Untitled.rpd - General Contest

K, United States Of America, NA X..
 CQ: 5 ITU: 8 Sunrise: 0852z Sunset: 0003z 245 mi. 43°
 160 80m 40m 30m 20m 17m 15m 12m 10m 6m 2m 70cm
 X..
 My SR: 0841z-0914z My SS: 0009z-0042z (Civil)

W1MGA X..
 1 QSO(s), 0 dupe(s)
 160 80m 40m 30m 20m 17m 15m 12m 10m 6m 2m 70cm
 X..

All time on: 0.0 h
 All time off: 3.0 h
 Op time on: 0.0 h
 Op time off: 3.0 h
 Band change: > 1 hour
 This hour: 0 x
 Last 10: ???
 Last 100: ???
 Last hour: 4 QSOs/h
 CW speed: 23 wpm
 Last id: Don't forget!

Follow trx ☒ CW 40m 7,024.3 5/25/17 19:45:30

Callsign rst sent Number sent rst rcvd Number rcvd

Save QSO

W1RGA

***** DUPE *****

ESM ☐ S&P ☐ Split is off

Date	Time	Callsign	Band	...	Sent	Rcvd	Op	Q
5/25/17	19:03:04	W1MGA	40m	CW	3A EMA	1D EMA		1

Band	DXCC	CQ	QSOs	Dupes	Total
160m:	0	0	0	0	0
80m:	0	0	0	0	0
40m:	1	2	5	0	5
30m:	0	0	0	0	0

DUPE!!!

Send Canned Messages

Function Keys

F1 – CQ FD K1IG

F2 - QRZ

F3 – (Empty for technical reasons)

F4 - K1IG

F5 – Sends Call entered in Call Window

F6 – Sends 4A EMA

F7 - TU

F8 - AGN

Hints

1. Enter Your Call in the “Op” window below K1IG
2. **CRITICAL** - Always Check Band & Mode when Starting and Changing Bands
3. If RUMlogNG doesn't show same frequency as the rig, follow steps below
 1. Transceiver > Reset CAT #1
 2. If that doesn't Exit RUMlogNG – RUMLog>Exit Rumped or ⌘Q
 3. Restart RUMlogNG – Click “Book Icon” on bottom screen menu
 4. If that doesn't work continue.
 5. Restart Computer – Click Apple Icon in upper left >Restart or Hold on-off button for 10 seconds.
 6. If that doesn't work – SEEK HELP from K1IG or W1IS



In Case of Difficulty

- To Edit a QSO – Double click, Edit in new window and **SAVE**
- Incorrect Band or Frequency – Menu at top of screen > Transceiver> Reset CAT #1
- Accidentally get into RST or Number Sent Windows – Fix them by hand and Tab to Number Received and complete entry
- Delete QSO – Menu on top > QSO>Delete QSO

Phone Station



George, K1IG

Elecraft K3



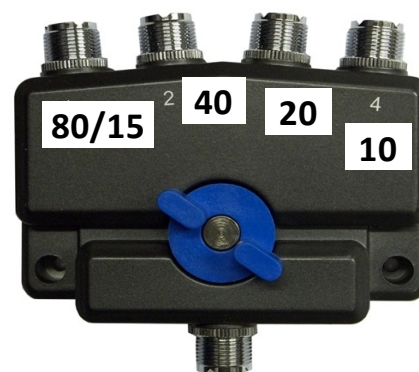
- Generator for rig and fans
- Headsets & mic / speakers
- 4 antennas – manual switching



Keypad Control

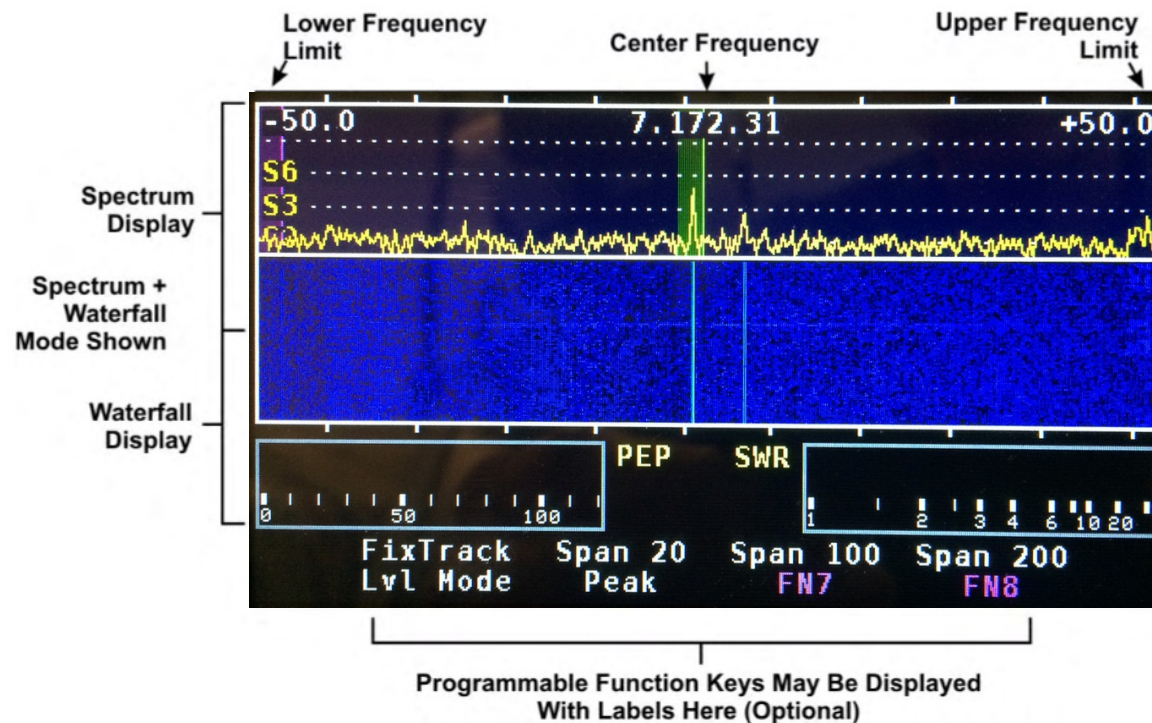


80 SSB	40 SSB	20 SSB	15 SSB
10 SSB	Ant Tune	PSK 15	PWR 20
CW	USB	LSB	DATA A
DBW 4K	VBW 2.4K	VBW 1.8K	CBW 1K
K1IG	3A EMA	CQ FD	MEM 4

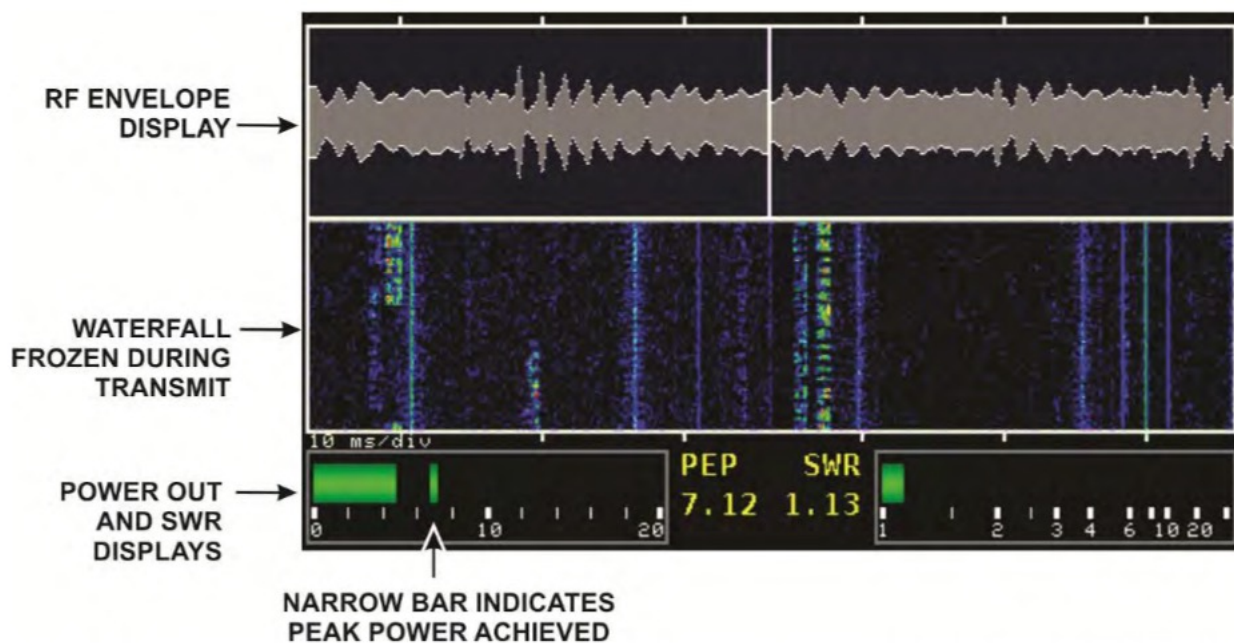


- Single button selects band, mode, power, frequency (bottom of Extra class phone band), sets filter and bandwidth
- For phone operations, just use the yellow buttons (mostly)
- Switch antenna manually – then **ANT TUNE** button!!!

Panadapter - Receive

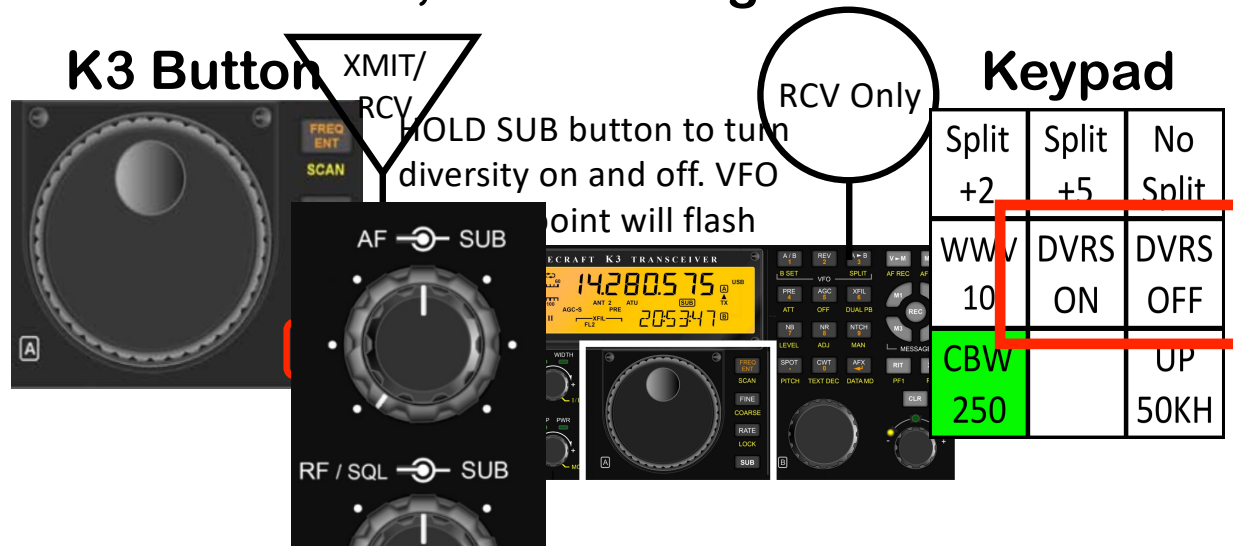


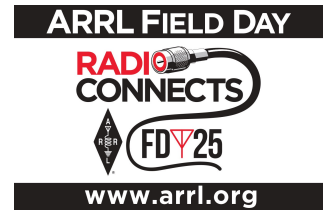
Panadapter - Transmit



K3 Diversity Reception

- The K3 has two receivers — in diversity mode, each can be on a different receive antenna
- The two receivers are on the same frequency and both are controlled by the same VFO
- Main rcvr: left ear; sub rcvr: right ear





Digital Station

Carl, WG1V



Digital is a Great Mode to Try

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- All digital contacts count 2 points, the same as CW!
- If you are new to digital, use FT8 mode. A full QSO takes about 1 minute
- Most digital stations run FT8, which allows 60 QSOs per hour
- Advanced stations run FT4 at 120 QSOs per hour, but also requires faster reflexes to decide which stations to work
- Use whichever one you feel most comfortable with
- Be aware that our logging software considers the two modes distinct, but ARRL considers them both “digital”, meaning we will see dupes from stations running both modes.
 - 6.3. Field Day contacts are allowed using Phone, CW and Digital (non-CW) modes. Stations can be worked once per band per mode under this rule.
 - 6.7. All non-CW digital contacts are equivalent.

Icom IC-7300

- All-band 160m-70cm SDR transceiver
- Antenna should be a good match for 80m-6m
- 100 watts max output, which we'll run at 50% (50 watts)
- Most functions will be computer controlled via USB

Press and hold to power on



Audio volume control

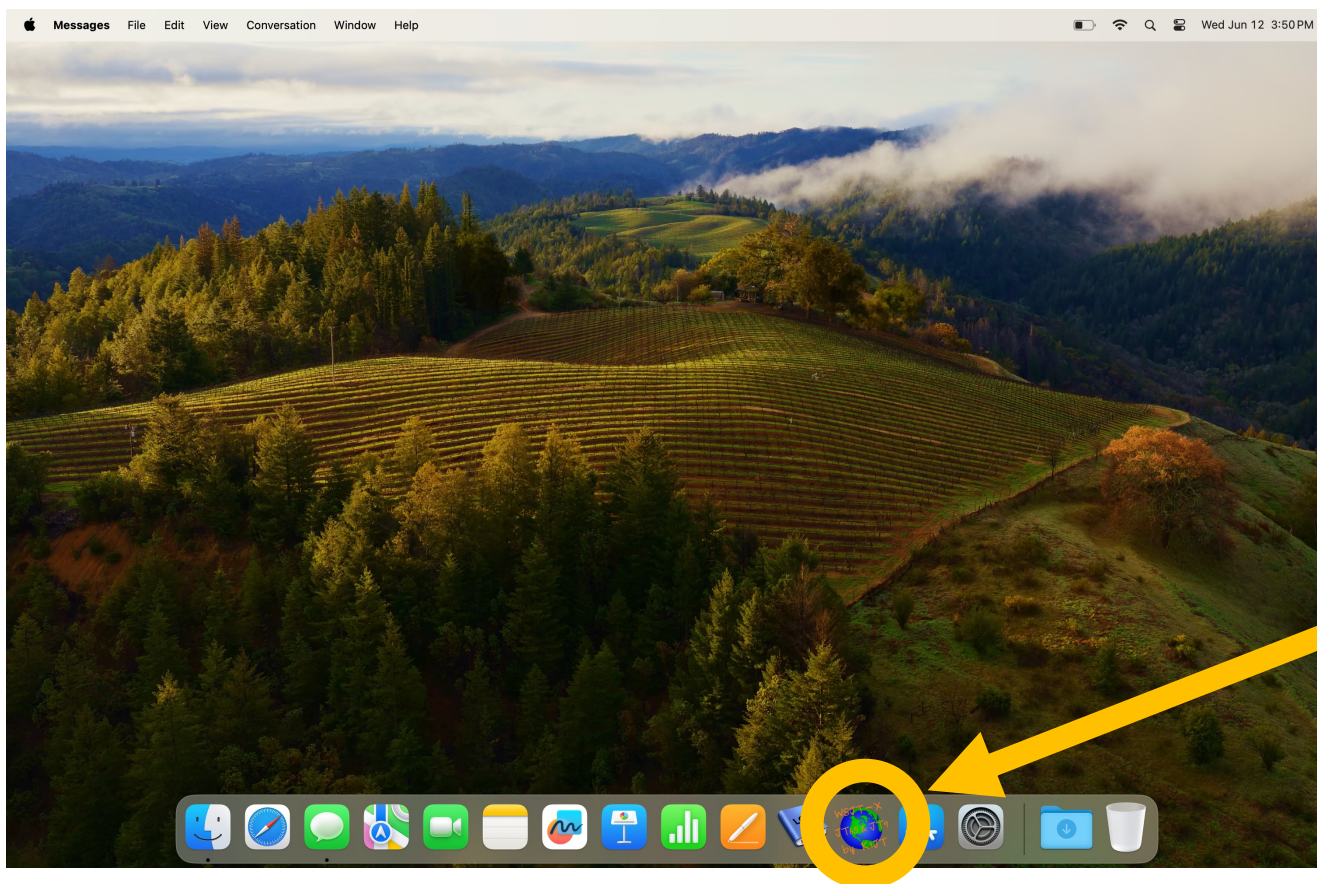


Macbook Pro Screen

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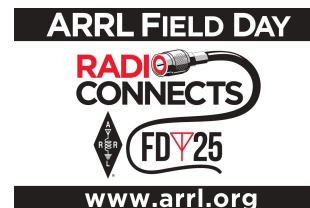
Login credentials:
user name: *part*
password: *fieldday*

External keyboard
and mouse will be
provided

Double-click to
start WSJT-X if
it isn't already
running



Select Your Band Using the Drop-Down Menu



You should
never
need to
touch the
radio itself!

WSJT-X v2.7.0 by K1JT et al.

Band Activity

UTC	dB	DT	Freq	Message
150045	-18	0.1	2506 ~	CQ W8CTO EN91 U.S.A.
----- 20m				
150100	-16	0.1	1044 ~	K04L KX8X RR73 U.S.A.
150100	-17	0.2	1249 ~	CQ AF4CZ EM84 U.S.A.
150100	-15	0.4	1207 ~	AD8IO PA3EVY -22
----- 20m				
150115	-7	0.2	1745 ~	PA3EVY AD8IO R-09
150115	-10	0.2	463 ~	KB1CRN AC8XI EN82
150115	-15	0.2	2539 ~	JA1SJS WD9HSY -11
150115	-17	0.1	1565 ~	W6PUG NE0NS EN62
150115	-20	0.1	1073 ~	W3FAW KR4EAX 73 U.S.A.

Rx Frequency

UTC	dB	DT	Freq	Message
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☐ CQ only ☐ Log QSO ☒ Menus

20m 14.074 000 ☐ Tx even/1st ☒ Hold Tx Freq
Tx 1570 Hz
Rx 1734 Hz
Report -15
☒ Auto Seq CQ: First

H DX Call DX Grid
FT8
FT4
MSK
Q65
JT65

Lookup Add

2025 Jun 09 15:01:34

Generate Std Msgs Next Now
Tx 1
Tx 2
Tx 3
Tx 4
Tx 5
Tx 6
CQ WG1V FN42

Receiving 2025 FD IC-7300 FT8 5 WD:6m

To Answer a CQ

Double-click on
a highlighted
station

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WSJT-X v2.7.0 by K1JT et al.

Band Activity					Rx Frequency				
UTC	dB	DT	Freq	Message	UTC	dB	DT	Freq	Message
182230	-8	0.2	605	~ UN7ZBR PD9HIX RR73 Netherlands					
182230	-13	0.0	1932	~ CT1BFP PA2EW J022					
182230	-12	0.2	1041	~ CQ K4CAE EM94 U.S.A.					
182230	-14	0.1	1711	~ DL7EDU EH4MCG -17					
182230	-10	0.1	845	~ EA7HS EA3HMM R+06					
182230	-11	0.2	1870	~ CT1BFP RW1CW K059					
182230	-19	0.2	2144	~ IU0TYC DL8LTD R-09					
182230	-15	0.1	1044	~ CQ KX8X EN82 U.S.A.					
182230	-20	0.1	2044	~ Y02MAS M0PBG R+00					

Click **Halt TX** if you wish to abort the QSO attempt

20m ☒ 14.074 000 ☐ Tx even/1st ☒ Hold Tx Freq
Tx 1570 Hz
Rx 1734 Hz
Report -15
☒ Auto Seq CQ: First

2025 Jun 09 18:22:46 Field Day

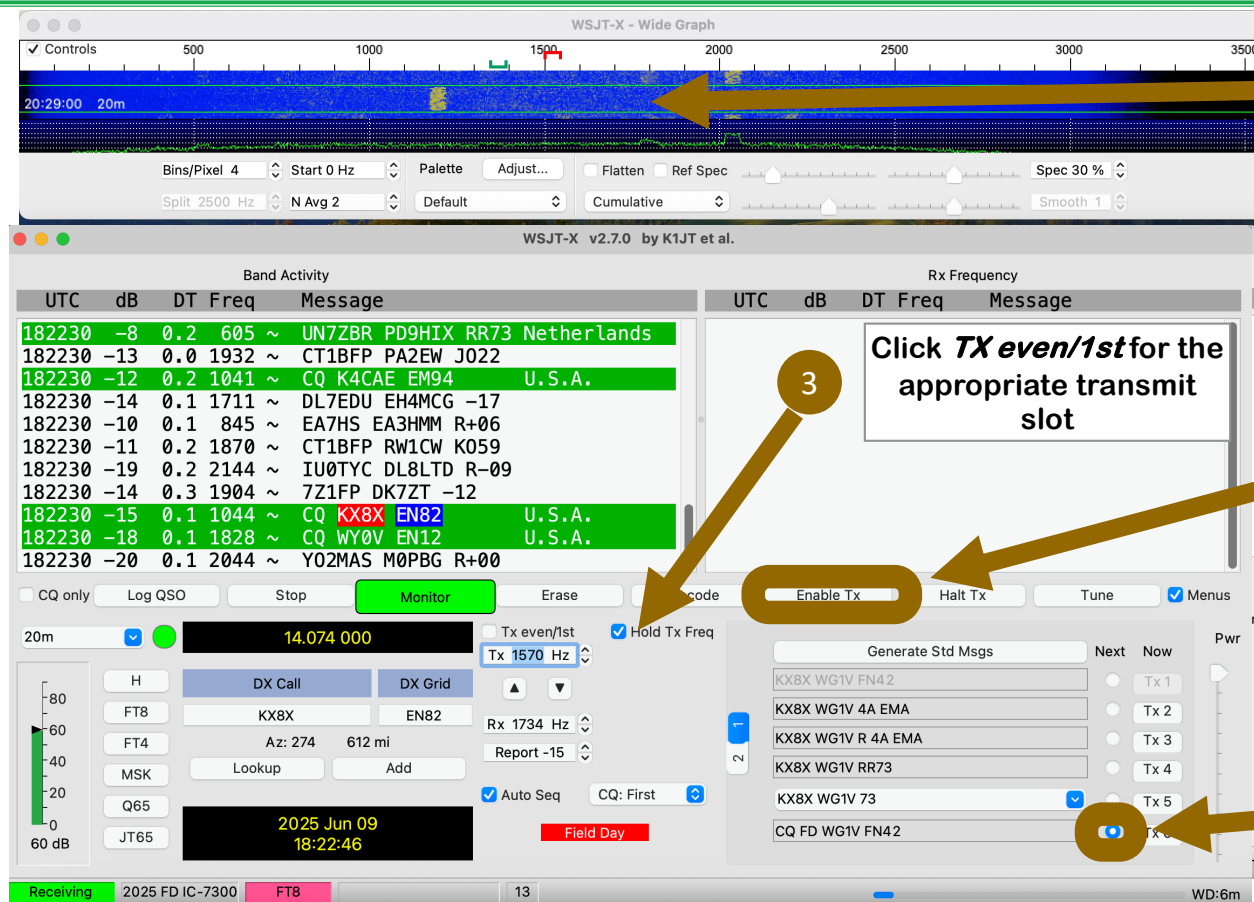
Generate Std Msgs
KX8X WG1V FN42
KX8X WG1V 4A EMA
KX8X WG1V R 4A EMA
KX8X WG1V PR73
KX8X WG1V 73

Next Now
Tx 1
Tx 2
Tx 3
Tx 4
Tx 5
Tx 6

Receiving 2025 FD IC-7300 FT8 13 WD:6m

So long as the **Auto Seq** box is checked, the QSO exchange will proceed automatically

The contact will be auto-logged if and when 73 is received



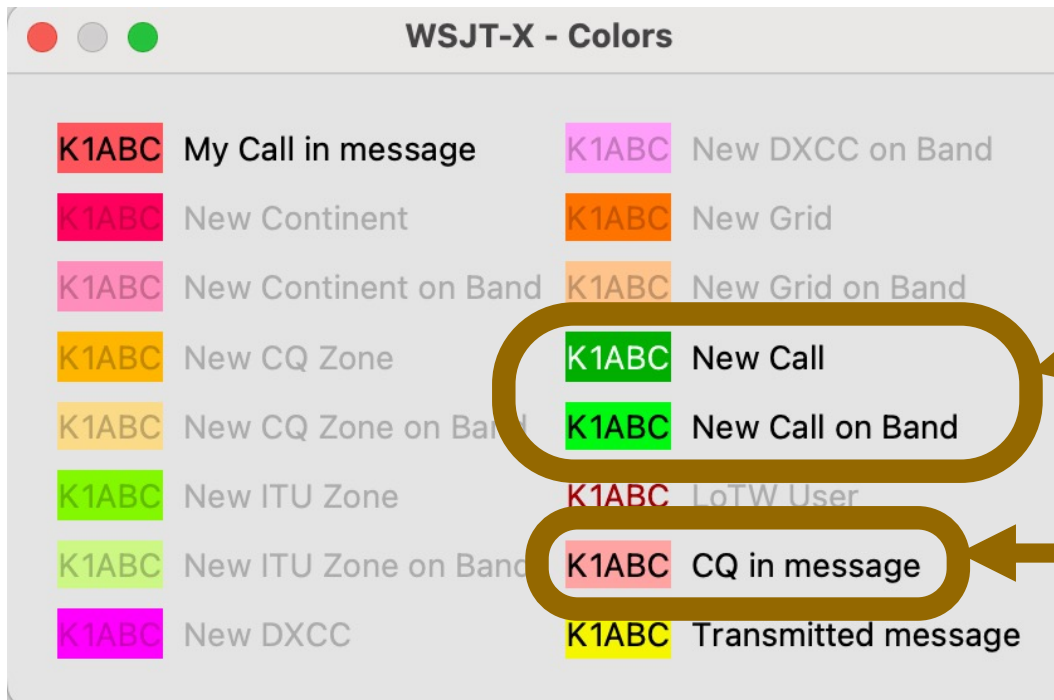
Right-click to select a clear transmit frequency in the waterfall

Click *Enable TX*

**Select the CQ
message button**

WSJTX Color Codes

- Click on green calls, don't click on red or white ones

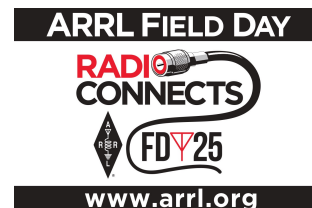


These are calls
we haven't
worked

These would
be duplicates



Don't Be Afraid to Try Digital!



- We trained several hams to operate last year who had never done digital before
- It's really pretty easy and addictive!

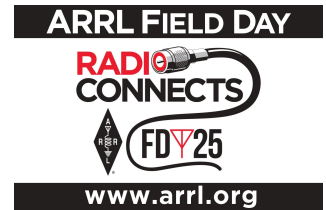
Satellite Station



Bob, KB1SWZ



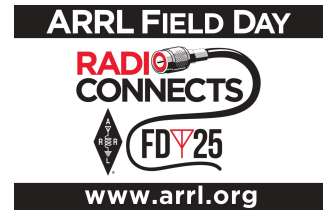
We Need



- **Antenna Crew**
 - **Friday, June 27**
 - **10:00 AM* to ~2:00 PM (show up any time)**
 - **At least 15**
 - **Launcher/slingshot/bow & arrow**
 - **Major rewards!**
- **Ambassadors**
- **Cleanup Crew on Sunday**



Operating From Home



- You can operate from home, portable, or mobile and have your score added to the PART score
- 100 watts max
- Use your own call sign & exchange (e.g., 1D EMA)
- Submit your own entry on ARRL FD website
- If you operate at the PART station, you can't contact the PART station for points.

Safety Briefing

**PART Field Day
2025**

Credits to Steve N1BDA (2016)

Since 2017 Dale KB1ZKD

RF Safety

- RF Exposure Calculations @ 100 watts
- FCC rule effective May 3, 2023
- Station Leads are responsible for calculations
- Minimal hazards when antennas are raised

Safety Risks

- Fires
- Critters & plants: ticks, poison ivy
- Weather: lightning, heat
- Generators & fuel
- Tripping hazards
- Guy wires
- Overhead wires
- Antennas

Checklist (1)

- Safety Officer (or asst.) on site for entire event
- Fuel for generators properly stored
- Fire extinguisher on hand at each location
- First Aid kit(s)
- First Aid, CPR and AED trained participant/s on site for full Field Day period (**Send KB1ZKD an email please**)
- Access to NWS alerts to monitor for inclement weather

Checklist (2)

- Tent stakes properly installed and marked
- Temporary antenna structures properly secured and marked
- Site secured from tripping hazards
- Site set up in a **neat and orderly manner** to reduce hazards
- Stations and equipment properly grounded
- Access to means to contact police/fire/rescue if needed

Checklist (3)



- Safety Officer is designated point of contact for public safety officials (**Need more assistants**)
- Minimize risks and control hazards to ensure no injuries to public
- As necessary, monitoring participants for **hydration** and ensure an **adequate water supply** is available (but we can't drink it for you.)

Risk: Fire



Risk: Fire

- Most likely sources are generators and kitchen
 - Fire extinguisher locations (at each site)
 - At first signs of fire, smoke, or burning odor alert folks, and call the Concord Fire Dept.

911 (wired phone)
Mobile: 978-318-3400
Site: 446.025 MHz, simplex

Risk: Critters (1)

Bees, wasps, ticks, and mosquitos pose serious health risks

- Mosquitos

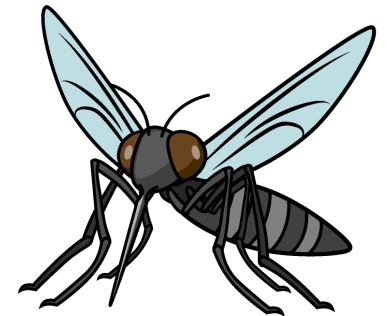
- (treated) long pants & sleeves, light colors
- Repellant on skin (next slide)

- Ticks

- (treated) long pants & sleeves esp. outdoors
- Check often (dark nooks and crannies)

- Bees and wasps

- Carry your EpiPens and antihistamine pills (let folks around you know about potential problems)



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Risk: Critters (2)

- Skin treatment
 - Be aware of other's personal concerns (e.g. DEET)
 - There are facts and data:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dvbd/about/prevent-bites.html>
 - <https://www.consumerreports.org/insect-repellent/how-safe-is-deet-insect-repellent-safety/>
- Clothing and gear treatment
 - Permethrin works (read the precautions, use it correctly, pre-treat clothes and let them dry)
- Check often
 - Particularly in dark nooks and crannies

DEET vs. Electronics*



- * Includes:
- Radios
 - Computers
 - Mice
 - Keyboards
 - Headphones

Risk: Weather

- The primary danger is lightning
 - It can occur miles from a storm under clear skies and up to 30 minutes after the storm “ends”
 - We will monitor SKYWARN & NOAA radio
 - All antennas will be disconnected during a storm and we will go inside
 - Old school – counting seconds is a myth
 - **If you can hear thunder you are at risk - we will stop and go to the club house basement**



Risk: Weather (2)

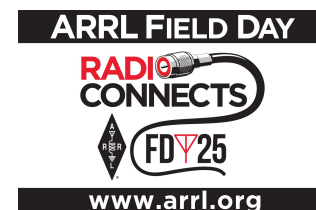
- **Heat - dehydration is a risk**
 - There will be bottled water, but bring a water bottle (please) and use it
 - Over hydration (hyponatremia) is also a risk
 - “Clear and copious” means too much water
- **Cold – onset of hypothermia is the brain making bad decisions**
 - You can become hypothermic in warm weather. Don’t wait for shivering to start!

Risk: Slips & Trips

- Cables, extension cords, guy wires
- Solar panels
- Cables (antennas, power,....)
 - Taped down (indoors), pegged down
 - Marked with colored flagging
- Tent pegs
 - Marked with colored flagging
- Be careful entering and leaving the clubhouse – some steps are odd



Guy Wires: Antennas & Tent



- Be watchful around masts and poles
- Avoid tent corners
- Don't run
- Guy wires marked with colored flagging
- Danger areas flagged off

Risk: Overhead Wires

- There are several around the grounds
- Be careful during antenna setup
- Note where the wires are, especially if you have a tall antenna on your vehicle
 - Lower your antenna
 - Find another route

Risk: Antennas

- Line launchers: slingshots, arrows, and pneumatic “potato” guns
 - Clear area down-range
 - Be sure you have a safety observer
 - Wear safety glasses
- Ropes and wires
 - Avoid fish lines, small cordage, ropes unless you are handling them
 - Look overhead, not just in front of you

Don't Be Deterred!

- With all these dangers lurking, don't be discouraged from participating
- All these *potential* dangers can be managed if we are aware of them
- Keys:

Common Sense (is rare)
Patience (is a virtue)

Emergency Gear

- Wired phone in the bar
- Life Rings around the pond
- AED in the clubhouse (bar area)
- Trauma kits
 - Dale, KB1ZKD, has one
 - Tan bag under the back seat of his van
 - Above the driver's visor in my van