

### What is Field Day?

A 2-day chance to test your skills in operating your station either remotely or with emergency power. (Think Snowmageddon, large fires, or major earthquakes.)

### When is Field Day?

Always the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June. This year it starts on Saturday June 26, and ends on Sunday June 27. As a Club, UVARC will only operate on Saturday.

### What times do we operate?

We can begin setup no sooner than 5pm on Friday, but most of us set up on Saturday morning. The actual time you can start transmitting is 11am on Saturday. We usually run until 4pm or 5 pm on Saturday.

### Where will UVARC set up this year?

We will be operating from the Way Church in Sutherlin. The Church has a large field behind the church where we will set up. Vertical antennas have lots of room to set up. If you have wire antenna, we can use the baseball backstop for a support. There are also a very few light poles in the Church parking lot. Or, you can bring your brand new fiberglass antenna pole and try it out.

Field Day is mostly about learning how we could operate in an emergency, to try out new stuff.

### How will we operate?

Field Day is open to all modes of radio operation. Digital, CW, voice, QRP

### Is it a contest?

Yes and No. If you just want to make contacts with a bunch of other hams and go home to your favorite adult beverage, you can. Or, you can keep a log and submit it to ARRL at the end. It's up to you.

### I've never done this before; I don't know how...

Just come out and watch. It will give you a chance to see what other hams are doing, and give you ideas so maybe next year you can set up your own station. All of us welcome new hams, and will let you run our station and make contacts on your own.

### I'm only a Technician, and all those guys are all running HF...

If the regular station owner is there and supervising, you can run (under either the Club callsign or his callsign) as a Third Party Operator.

### What do I say on the radio?

There is certain information we exchange on the radio when we make a contact on Field Day. The stations callsign, the class of the station, and the area we are working from. So, a club setup with 4 stations would say:

N7TZ 4-A Oregon (N7TZ is our club callsign)

In Phonetics it would be: November Seven Tango Zulu Four Alpha Oscar Romeo

A station at home would say:

KJ7BFQ Delta Oscar Romeo

See? Easy.

### What operating classes are there?

Class A – a club setup with 3 or more stations operating. Cannot use commercial power

Class B – a club setup with 1 or 2 stations operating. Cannot use commercial power

Class C – Mobile, in a vehicle capable of moving while operating

Class D – A station working at home. These are limited to 150 watts output.

Class E – A home station working off emergency power.

### Is that it? That's all we do?

We always have a potluck dinner after our hard day on the field. We will have our potluck in the Church Activity Room where we hold our meetings.

Potluck Dinner will start at 5:30pm

### Solar Cycle 25, What does that mean?

Last year, with the Sunspot minimum, I just made 22 contacts all Day. The solar numbers were down about 67, but this year they are running in the mid 70's. For the area 7 QSO contest in May I was hitting the East coast and Midwest easily. In the later afternoon, you should also be able to get Hawaii and Alaska. So, here's your chance to start talking to hams all over the Northern Hemisphere, maybe even across the Pacific.

### I still have more questions

Contact Paul, KJ7BFQ at [kj7bfq@gmail.com](mailto:kj7bfq@gmail.com), or any of the old-time Club members. We would be glad to help you out.