



MORE THAN A CLUB, WE ARE FAMILY!



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Field Day 2012 Issue



Like a kite the unexpected windstorm that swept across Frear Park shortly after the official start of Field Day activities lifted the canopies providing cover over the kitchen area and ham radio equipment. Only the quick action of everyone who hurried to hold down the framework at the possible risk of life and limb prevented the tarpaulins from lifting completely away. Ropes and more stakes to hold down the canopies helped prevent a possible repeat of this “event”. The fact that a lightning storm was also fast approaching made things a lot more

dicey. When the lightning finally did arrive overhead everyone – and that meant everyone! - was forced to seek the shelter of nearby vehicles. The storm also played havoc with the caterer setup putting at risk the dinner they were readying. Finally the storm passed us by and we continued Field Day activities as if nothing had happened.



TARA AWARD WINNERS

Three Individuals Honored for Service to the Troy Amateur Radio Association

During a break in the Field Day 2012 activities following dinner awards were presented to three individuals who provided exceptional service over the years.



Above Karen (KS2O), Randy (KL7TJZ) and Steve (WF2WA, behind the camera) prepare to present the 2012 awards.



The honorees are--

Raymond "Ray" Ginter, N2ZQF

Thomas "Bubba" Remmert, N2TR Award for his "positive accomplishments and



attitude towards the club".

Richard "Dick" Neimeyer, W2ABY

Paul "Skip" Wilson, KE2XF Award "for



outstanding leadership and contributions to...Field Day operations".

MacDonald "Mac" Smith, W2VLT

William "Mr. Bill" Eddy, NY2U Award



presented for "outstanding service to the community and his fellow amateurs through

participation...in public service events”.



**Sights of
Field Day
2012**



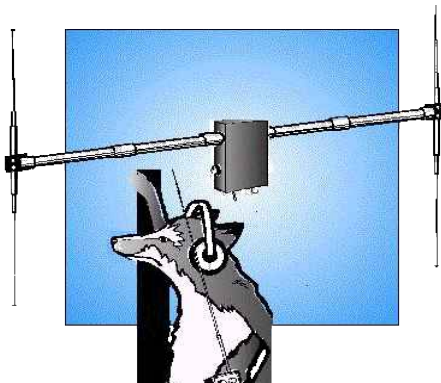
AARA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EVENT STATION

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

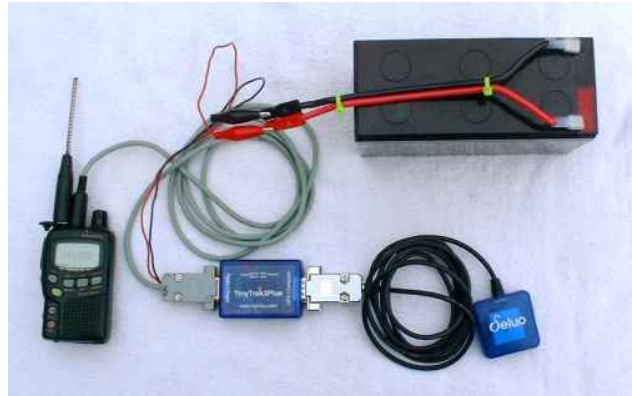


On August 26th. (Sunday) the Albany Amateur Radio Association is celebrating it's 100th anniversary (founded in 1912) by holding a "Special Event" station at the Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk, NY between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM.

This event is combined with a 10 year anniversary of the New York Capital Region Geocachers group. Activities will include a hidden transmitter hunt (or "Fox Hunt") oriented towards Geocachers. This activity is basically a fun way to familiarize operators with interference identification and location.



We will be hunting transmitters down to the micro-volt output level! There will be a demonstration involving APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System) where cachers will voluntarily wear beacons which allow people at the pavilion to watch their movements on a map in real time. Again, a fun way to train for Search and Rescue (SAR). There will also be communications demos and the opportunity for non-hams to make a radio contact around the corner



or around the world. We are planning two HF stations with simple wire and portable antennas. This is also a Pot Luck picnic, with the AARA providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, soda, water, and a special cake for dessert. Children of all ages are encouraged! I have already heard from many hams and non-hams across the Northeast who will be attending. This event is open to the public.

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