Field Day 98

Tamaqua Wireless Association

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Yes ! It's that Time Again

Believe it or not, it's June and that means Field Day is here again. Of course, those who have had their head stuck in the sand for the past four or five years will need to be excused because they don't really know what they have been missing in the way of Amateur Radio experience and operating enjoyment.

Oh. I'm sorry and apologize, I didn't realize you spent all that time studying for that license just to get a chunk of paper to cover up the knot hole in the shack wall.

Do I have your attention ?

The Editorial staff has volunteered to print up a Special Field Day announcement sheet for the purpose of perhaps stirring up your interest in attending this annual event. The elder members of the club have kept this tradition going and going and going for too many years to remember. It has always been their intention and the objective of the club to keep it as a part of the real and main purpose to practice operating an amateur radio station under adverse conditions, and many of our old timers can vouch for the adverse conditions.

Aside from just erecting a few antennas, setting up an operating station on a picnic table, it is intended to adjust your operating skills so you will be capable of operating in the event that emergency.

A year ago last May our group was put to the test when the Tornado struck a few miles west of Tamaqua. Luckily Tamaqua only suffered damage from the strong windy conditions. Our team was split in two, the major portion went to Brocton to assist with communications and a small group worked in the Borough helping to mop up the downed wires and snapped off trees and limbs.

"It can't Happen Here"

It can and it did. In addition to all those ARES training sessions given each month by our ably qualified EC Bill Dale WY3K, we should be available and ready to pitch in just in case, and that is where the additional experience and training such as given at Field Day, comes in handy. *Think About It !*

Saturday June 27 to Sunday June 28

This year Field Day will not be the usual cut and dried installation. The building we were all accustomed to entering and set our stations up is no longer available. This year we have to work out some means to house our stations from the elements, and you know we always get " Elements" during Field Day week end.

Field Day planing meeting
Friday June 19th
American Hose Fire Company
8 O'clock

This year we will be in need of campers, trailers, or any ideas we can use to improvise. The site is available but not the building. In the past we were always able and capable to solve any problem or obstacle and we'll pull one out of the hat I'm sure. Please plan to attend the meeting, you just might have the solution.

Grass Cutting Session
Wednesday June 17
Anytime after 5 p.m.
Rain Date Wednesday 24

Stations > >

This year there will be two complete stations set up with the intention that there will be sufficient man power available to man them. We know that family matters must come first. It is not expected for each of you to attend full time. If you can spare an hour or two, your assistance will be gratefully appreciated.