

## **WKTJ     Announcement ARRL   Field Day 2023**

### **Saturday June 24 and Sunday June 25**

Members and Friends of the Franklin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (FC ARES) will be operating outside on the Franklin County Court House lawn on Main Street in Farmington, Maine 04938 ( GPS coordinates N 44.67134 and W 70.15181 degrees) as part of the ARRL Field Day. Once a year Amateur Radio Operators (Hams) take their equipment into the field. They set up portable stations and proceed to make as many contacts as possible in a day. This operation is officially called Field Day. This year Field Day is June 24 and 25. We will be using the Franklin County's Ares call of W1FCA.

We plan to operate in the Field Day tradition and set up outside using a solar cells and battery power. Field Day actually begins at 2 PM local time on Saturday and concludes at 2 PM on Sunday. We will be there early to set up antennas so will probably be there at noon or before on Saturday. We hope to have enough operators to be able to transmit the whole time. As an ARES operation center, we would normally use the radio room in the Courthouse and would operate inside if we were assisting with communications for an emergency.

If we are operating inside, the courthouse will be locked . Check the table at the Main Street entrance to the Courthouse for a phone number and we will come let you in. If you are a ham operator, give us a call on 146.52 when you are outside the door. We would be pleased to show you the "shack" on the third floor of the Courthouse.

If you are just driving North (or South for that matter) on Maine State Highway 4, Please stop by and say hello. You should find some of us under the pop up canopy on the lawn. Also please look at the display to find out more about Amateur Radio. You will see how ARES stations could help the community in times of crisis: floods, winter storms, fires, etc. Even if you only look at the display, please sign the guest book.

**Contact Person:** Al McDaniel, KE5ISO, 118 Perham Street, Farmington, ME, 778-3702.

**NOTE: To the Announcer OVER PLEASE:**

Please sign below with your name, day(s) and time(s) that the announcement was read. I'll let you know how many say they heard it on WKTJ. If anyone at WKTJ has a FaceBook account, check out under the ARRL Field Day listing or my name, James Albert McDaniel, and you will see my recognition of how WKTJ has helped us in the past. I will be submitting that piece by the middle of next week. I have already submitted two, but neither of them mentioned WKTJ.

Thank you very much for your and WKTJ assistance. Really appreciate what you have done to advertize Field Day in the past. Please put the paper in the stamped envelope provided after Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much. Al McDaniel, KE5ISO.

Announcer

Date

Time

The announcer sent our letter back with the following:

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