

ARRL Field Day 2020

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My participation with Field Day, like many other hams was different as compared to previous years. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our club had to cancel as a group event. This was my 29th year participating and the goal was to get on the air experimenting and have fun.

I opted to operate from my home using:

- ICOM IC-7300 (home made Go-Kit)
- Bioennio 40Ah Battery
- DX Commander Fan Vertical Antenna with wires cut for 40, 20 and 17M (17 not used for Field Day)
- Cushcraft 2 element 6M beam

The game plan was to operate off my back deck, under the shade of the umbrella. A dinner break would include lobsters and other seafood. Due to my work schedule, I was only able to operate until Saturday evening.

In Connecticut we were greeted with rain and thunder around the start time forcing me to move my go-kit station to the garage. Around 6:00 pm (local), the rain moved out with a cool breeze. Unfortunately the lobsters were not bought due to the higher than normal prices. Instead my wife treated me to hot dogs and other treats.

I had a great time operating at my residence. The event provided me with an excellent opportunity to make numerous contacts with the DX Commander. Due to my time constraints, I was unable to participate using 20M (only one contact) and 6M. However I know I will have more opportunities throughout the summer.

I authorize the ARRL to use the enclosed pictures for their consideration that I have uploaded for QST.

Thank you for sponsoring the event. I look forward to participating again.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Izzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "I".

Don Izzo W1FYG