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7.3.1. 100% Emergency Power: 200 pts

One transmitter operated on emergency generator power at all times;
the other transmitter operated on a heavy-duty battery/inverter at all times.



7.3.2. Media Publicity: 100 bonus points may be earned for obtaining publicity from the local media. A copy of the actual media publicity received (newspaper article, etc.) must be submitted to claim the points. Any combination of bona fide media hits would qualify for the bonus points. For example, details of your upcoming or ongoing Field Day activity, or your Field Day results, as posted on a news media site (which could include the media site's Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram) would meet the bonus criteria.

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Sat., June 28, 2025

All Day
Memorial Park
Avenue of Heroes
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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Every June, more than 40,000 people throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate radio's science, skill, and service to society. Dave Gotlib, a Fair Lawn resident, will be one of them this year.

Fair Lawn's local club of FCC-licensed amateur radio operators (The Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club), also known as "hams," plan to participate in "Field Day" at Memorial Park on June 28th and June 29th as a demonstration of emergency communications.

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio, is the use of radio frequency spectrum for purposes of non-commercial exchange of messages, wireless experimentation, self-training, private recreation, radiosport, contesting, and emergency communication. Hams are limited to the use of small frequency bands but can communicate with other hams throughout the world, and even with satellites in outer space.

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/fair-lawn-stash-glen-rock/events/amateur-radio-field-day-at-memorial-park-in-fair-lawn>

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Field Day has been an annual tradition since 1933 and remains one of the most popular events in ham radio. The event is an annual emergency exercise, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and involves thousands of trained volunteer emergency communicators activating their stations, all over the United States and Canada, and contacting as many other stations as possible during a 24-hour period: from 2 PM Saturday, June 28th, until 2PM Sunday, June 29th.

Field Day participants are awarded points for making use of certain equipment, such as operating on batteries or not relying on a petroleum source. Gotlib, whose amateur call sign is KD2MCH, will be one of those operating from Memorial Park in Fair Lawn with temporary antennas, generators, batteries, and solar panels to generate electric power.

"With a goal of making hundreds of contacts worldwide, this emergency exercise is intended for hams to practice their capabilities in the event of a major disaster," Gotlib said. "In an emergency, if cell service or the Internet goes down, radio is the best way to communicate. It is supposed to be a fun exercise, but it can teach you what to do during real-life scenarios."

Gotlib, who has spent close to a decade in amateur radio, has enjoyed every minute of it. The worldwide hobby is purely voluntary. The FCC prohibits hams from competing with commercial broadcasting stations and requires hams to use the hobby to be in direct communication with another party.

"Field Day offers training and readiness for amateur radio operators to provide reliable communications under field conditions in emergencies, to lend support free of charge to Public Safety agencies and the general public," Gotlib noted.

The event is free and is open to the public.

For more information contact Ed Efchak at fairlawnarcinfo@gmail.com or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio or the local club site at www.fairlawnarc.org.

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7.3.3. Public Location: **100 bonus points** for physically locating the Field Day operation in a public place (i.e. shopping center, park, school campus, etc) and actively welcoming the public. Person(s) shall be available to greet the public and be identified by some sort of name badge. The intent is for amateur radio to not only be on display to the public, but to also engage any visitors showing up at your location.

All operating positions were located adjacent to the town swimming pool and park.

A PR table was set up; passers-by and visitors were met by club reps and info shared about ham radio, emergency operations, etc. Flyers were given to them.

Most of our active club members had their red club shirts on, with their name and call sign embroidered on the front.



7.3.4. Public Information Table: **100 bonus points** for a Public Information Table at the Field Day site. The purpose is to make appropriate handouts and information available to the visiting public at the site.

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7.3.5. Message Origination to Section Manager: **100 bonus points** for origination of a formal message to the ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator by your group from its site. You should include the club name, number of participants, Field Day location, and number of ARES operators involved with your station. The message must be transmitted during the Field Day period and a copy of it must be included in your submission in either standard NTS or ICS-213 format. The message must leave or enter the Field Day operation via amateur radio RF.

Message ID: F6JFF42CZNNP
Date: 2025/06/29 09:59 (UTC)
From: np4h@aol.com
To: W2JC; N2JLF
Source: SMTP
Downloaded-from: Telnet:cms.winlink.org
Subject: Re: ICS-213: FIELD DAY REPORT - 2025-06-28 18:49

Many thanks for the message. Best of luck to FLARC during FD
73,Nomar, NP4H ARRL NNJ SM

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, 1:12 AM, N2JLF@winlink.org wrote:

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)
2025 FIELD DAY - FAIR LAWN W2NPT
** THIS IS AN EXERCISE **
1. Incident Name: FIELD DAY 2025
2. To (Name and Position): NP4H NOMAR
3. From (Name and Position): N2JLF JIM BREHENY / NENJ ARES DEC
4. Subject: FIELD DAY REPORT
5. Date: 2025-06-28
6. Time: 18:49
7. Message:

FAIR LAWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMORIAL PARK, FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410
PARTICIPANTS: 27
ARES OPERATORS: 7

8. Approved by: N2JLF JIM BREHENY
8a. Position/Title: NENJ ARES DEC
[Sender: N2JLF Lat: 40.933, Lon:-74.1197, MGRS:
18TWL7410931692; Location source: Form entry]

Express Sending Station: N2JLF
Senders Express Version: 1.7.24.0
Senders Template Version: ICS 213 v.43.8
[No changes or editing of this message are allowed]

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7.3.6. Message Handling: 10 points for each formal message originated, relayed or received and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of 100 points (ten messages). Copies of each message must be included with the Field Day report. Messages claimed under this bonus must be in either standard NTS or ICS-213 format. All messages claimed for bonus points must leave or enter the Field Day operation via amateur radio RF.

We had no messages handled on-site except the SM message.

7.3.7. Satellite QSO: 100 bonus points for successfully completing at least one QSO via an amateur radio satellite during the Field Day period.

A highlight of the event was the satellite antenna and station set up by Steve WI2W. Through his efforts many satellite QSO were made, including a very special one made late in the day Sunday when Steve actually spoke with an astronaut aboard the International Space Station in orbit 254 miles over Memorial Park.



7.3.8. Alternate Power: 100 bonus points for Field Day groups making a minimum of five QSOs without using power from commercial mains or petroleum driven generator. This means an "alternate" energy source of power, such as solar, wind, methane or water. This includes batteries charged by natural means (not dry cells). The natural power transmitter counts as an additional transmitter. If you do not wish to increase your operating category, you should take one of your other transmitters off the air while the natural power transmitter is in operation. A separate list of natural power QSOs should be submitted with your entry.

One of our two stations was run for 14 hours continuously on battery backup power. This was a large-capacity battery/inverter arrangement.

HOWEVER, this battery arrangement was previously charged from commercial power, so we presume that this does not qualify for the Alternate Power bonus.

7.3.9. W1AW Bulletin: **100 bonus points** for copying the special Field Day bulletin transmitted by W1AW (or K6KPH) during its operating schedule during the Field Day weekend. An accurate copy of the message is required to be included in your Field Day submission.

The Bulletin Message was copied by a club member and will be submitted separately with this report. See Attachment # 2.

7.3.10. Educational activity bonus: One (1) **100-point bonus** may be claimed if your Field Day operation includes a specific educational-related activity. The activity can be diverse and must be related to amateur radio. It must be some type of formal activity.

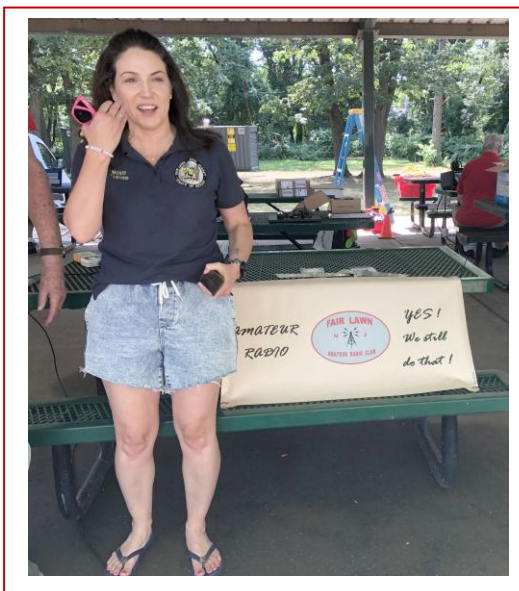
While setting up a new wire antenna, things were not working very well. A small “class” gathered around to learn how to troubleshoot an antenna problem. Visual inspection, ohmmeter tests and antenna analyzer sweeps were done – with an explanation of why and how.

Each of the group then had the chance to use the antenna analyzer and to see how length and continuity of the antenna affected resonant frequency and SWR.

[The problem was found to be a broken solder connection inside the Balun box.]

7.3.11. Site Visitation by an elected governmental official: One (1) **100-point** bonus may be claimed if your Field Day site is visited by an elected government official as the result of an invitation issued by your group.

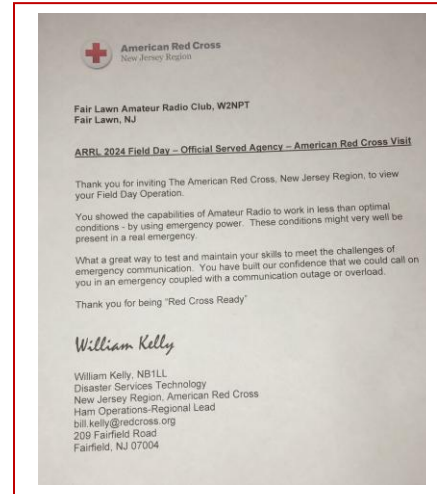
We were visited by the Mayor of Fair Lawn, NJ (our host town) in response to our invitation.



We were also visited by the mayor of Oakland, NJ.

7.3.12. Site Visitation by a representative of an agency: One (1) **100-point** bonus may be claimed if your Field Day site is visited by a representative of an agency served by ARES in your local community (American Red Cross) as the result of an invitation issued by your group.

We were visited by a local American Red Cross representative, who gave us a letter acknowledging the site review visit.



7.3.13. GOTA Bonus: Class A and F stations operating a GOTA station may earn the following bonus points:

7.3.13.1. Any successfully completed contacts made by an operator at the GOTA station are worth five (5) bonus points, regardless of mode used. There is no limit to the number of contacts a single GOTA operator can make. The GOTA station bonus points are not multiplied by the power multiplier (this is a clarification of the rules published in 2023.) **50 Bonus Points.**

We made 10 successful GOTA contacts. Callsign used was W2KAR.

Date	Time (Local)	Worked	Band	Class	Section	Operator		
6/28/2025	17:10	K8SRR	40m	1D	VA	W2KAR		< 1 YR
6/28/2025	17:30	K1PET	40m	1B	CT	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	18:15	W3SW	40m	2B	WNY	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	19:34	WB2QBP	80m	3A	NLI	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	19:43	W2OW	80m	6E	WNY	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	20:00	W8VTD	80m	6A	OH	KC1KBB	(using W2KAR call)	inactive
6/28/2025	20:10	K3DN	80m	4A	EPA	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	20:28	W2AN	80m	2A	WNY	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	20:55	W1HR	80m	1A	WPA	W2KAR		
6/28/2025	20:58	K2PUT	80m	3A	ENY	W2KAR		

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7.3.13.2. If a GOTA station is supervised full-time by a GOTA Coach, a single **100-point bonus** will be earned.

7.3.13.2.2. To qualify for this bonus, there must be a designated GOTA Coach present and supervising for at least 10 contacts.

We had a full time GOTA coach at the GOTA station, KC2ORX.

7.3.14. Web submission: A **50-point bonus** may be claimed by a group submitting their Field Day entry via the <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php> web app.

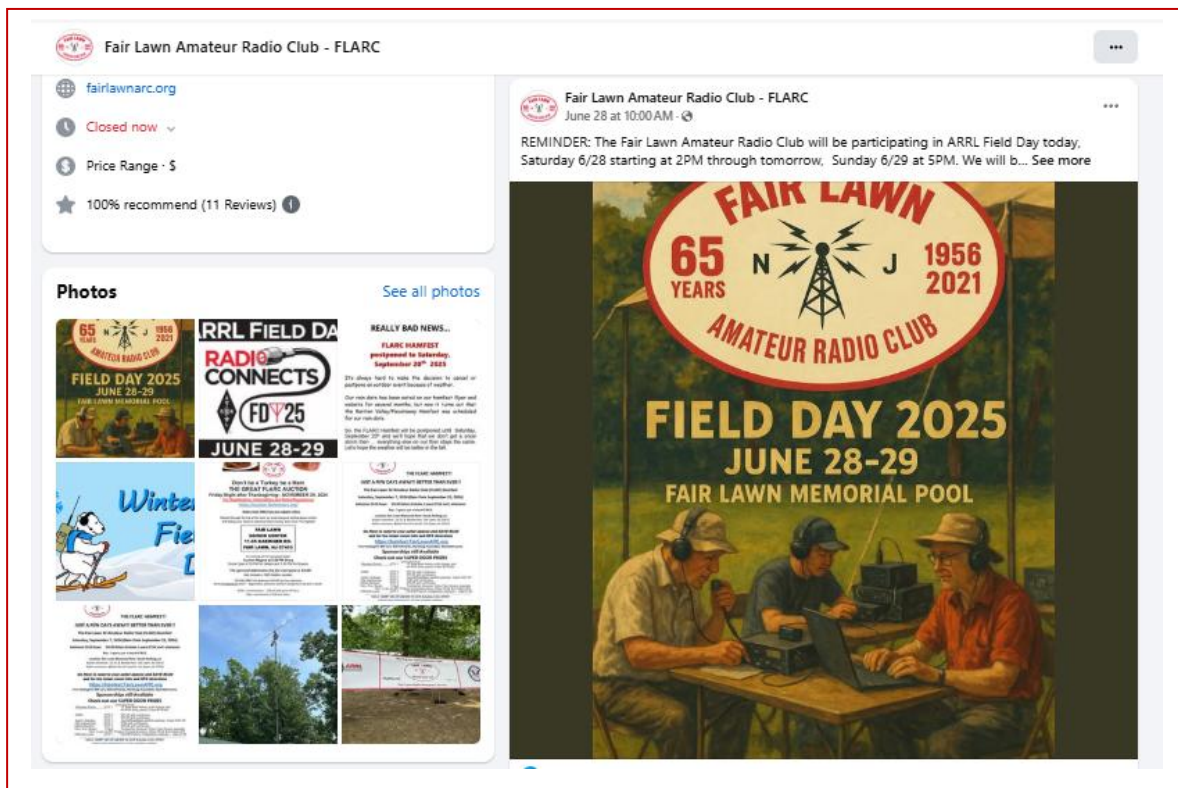
We will submit via web app.

7.3.15.1. A **20-point bonus** (maximum of 100) may be earned by any Class A, C, D, E, or F group for each participant age 18 or younger at your Field Day operation that completes at least one QSO.

Unfortunately, we had NO such operators this year.

7.3.16 Social Media: **100 points** for promoting your Field Day activation to the general public via an active, recognized and utilized social media platform (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc). This bonus is available to bona fide amateur radio clubs and Field Day groups that welcome visitors to their operation. Club websites do not qualify for this bonus.

Facebook postings are shown below –



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7.3.17 Safety Officer Bonus: A **100-point bonus** may be earned by having a person serving as a Safety Officer for those groups setting up Class A stations. This person must verify that all safety concerns on the Safety Officer Check List (found in the ARRL Field Day Packet) have been adequately met. This is an active bonus – simply designating someone as Safety Officer does not automatically earn this bonus. A signed copy of the Safety Officer Check List must be included in the supporting documentation sent to ARRL HQ in order to claim this bonus.

We have the documentation signed by Judith KC2LTM.
See Attachment # 3.

7.3.18. Field Day Responsibilities Bonus (new for 2024): A **50-point** bonus may be earned by having a person ensure that the Field Day site is free of hazards, and that safety precautions have been taken throughout the entire event, as well as providing a point of contact to the visiting public or served agency officials. A signed copy of the Field Day Responsibilities Check List must be included in the supporting documentation sent to ARRL HQ in order to claim this bonus. **Available to Class B, C, D, E, or F entries.**

Not applicable to our Class A operation.

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Attachment #1 – Messages sent from Field Day site (via RF WinLink).

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Attachment #2 - W1AW Bulletin

ARRL Field Day Bulletin Copied on CW 3.5815 at 2000L 6/27/2025

From arrl hq newington, ct june 27, 2025 to all radio amateurs -- arrl field day 2025 is here. you are participating in the largest amateur radio event of the year. Across north america, hams are coming together, getting on the air, and sharing their passion for the amateur radio service. Qst de w1aw The theme this year is radio connects . Amateur radio connects people across generations, across town, across the country, and around the world. It serves as a pathway into careers for future technical leaders. arrl field day is an opportunity to showcase our skills to the public, give visitors a warm welcome and make them feel a part of it. -- Remember to publicize your activation using social media with hashtag arrlfd. Qst de w1aw Want to have your photos appear in qst ? Be sure to share your stories and photos via the field day soapbox. Don't forget to submit your entry using the online entry form at arrl.org before 2059 utc on tuesday, july 29, 2025. -
- Good luck and 73.

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Copied by W2SCT

Attachment #3 – Safety Officer Report

ARRL Field Day Safety Officer Checklist

To qualify for the 100-point Safety Officer bonus (for Class A stations), a group must appoint a qualified person/s who are present at their site from the beginning of set-up until the end of break-down.

This form is NOT intended to be all inclusive.

The Safety Officer/s certify by submitting this form that due diligence was made to provide a safe operation.

[check (or circle) any/all that apply]

- ☒ Safety Officer/s or qualified designated assistant/s was on site for the duration of the event.
- ☒ Fuel for generator properly stored.
- ☒ Fire extinguisher on hand and appropriately located.
- ☒ First Aid kit on hand.
- ☒ First Aid - CPR - AED versed else trained participant/s on site for full Field Day period.
- ☒ Access to NWS alerts to monitor for inclement weather.
- N/A ☐ Tent stakes properly installed and marked.
- ☒ Temporary antenna structures properly secured and marked.
- ☒ Site secured from tripping hazards.
- ☒ Site is set up in a neat and orderly manner to reduce hazards.
- ☒ Stations and equipment properly grounded.
- ☒ Access to a means to contact police/fire/rescue if needed.
- ☒ Safety Officer is designated point of contact for public safety officials.
- ☒ Minimize risks and control hazards to ensure no injuries to public.
- ☒ As necessary, monitoring participants for hydration and ensuring an adequate water supply is available.

Justin Shaw - KC2LTM 6-29-25
signature(s) / call(s) date

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