



# Let's Do Field Day!

## Your Complete Guide to Club Operations

**Dates, Times, Place, Directions, Station Assignments, and How to Get Involved.**

Begun in 1933 as an emergency practice and training exercise, ARRL Field Day has since become the most popular operating event in amateur radio. Part contest, part special event, part public relations, and part picnic, Field Day has something that appeals to everyone, regardless of age, experience, or license class. It is the ultimate ham radio experience, and you cannot truly call yourself a ham until you have taken part in at least one. And, as many will testify, once you get started you will never want to stop!

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club has a long and rich tradition of Field Day operations. The food is always delicious, the fellowship enjoyable, and our competitive results always among the top in our class. We are planning and working to make this year's outing our biggest and best, and we want all of our club members and as many visitors as possible to come out to help and enjoy. Make plans now to come out and be a part of the greatest tradition in ham radio.

### Dates:

**June 22 – 23**

Always the fourth weekend of June  
Since our regular monthly meeting occurs on the fourth Monday each month, Field Day takes the place of the June meeting.

### Times:

**1800 UTC, 6/22 – 1800 UTC, 6/23**

2:00 p.m. Saturday until 2:00 p.m. Sunday  
We will begin setup at 8:00 a.m. during the cooler morning hours. We typically begin breakdown at 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

### Place:

**Middlesettlements United Methodist Church Field of Dreams**

**Address:** 2508 Middlesettlements Road

**Latitude:** 35.7914391 **Longitude:** -84.0488398

**Talk-In Frequency:** SMARC Club Repeater – 146.655 MHz/-055, Tone 100 Hz



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## Planned Station Class: 5A

Primary Stations	Station Manager/Primary Op	Additional Ops	Location
1. HF CW 15M, 40M	Carroll Peabody W4PCA	Pete James WM4U	Club Trailer: Hilltop
2. HF CW 20M, 80M	Jim Hamlin W7FKI	---	Club Trailer: Hilltop
3. HF SSB 40M, 80M	Kurt Meltzer KC4NX	Open to Volunteers	Pavilion
4. HF SSB 15M, 20M	Bob Wilson KK4XA	Open to Volunteers	Pavilion
5. HF DIGITAL	Steve Carpenter K4DXV	Open to Volunteers	Pavilion
<b>Bonus Stations</b>			
GOTA (Get on the Air)	Carl DeWhitt KI5SF	For non-ham visitors	Pavilion
VHF	Melvin Turner WB5KSM		Hilltop
SATELLITE	OPEN POSITION -- none --		Hilltop (can use WB5KSM's log)

Primary Operators of each station are responsible for bringing all equipment (rig, power supply, antenna(s), logging PC, etc.) for that station.

### Generators:

Various Members

### Gas:

Bob Polk, KB2ENJ

### SAFETY OFFICER:

Dave Kaun, N9KMY

### Antenna Launcher:

Steve Sharp, W4SDS

**Please comply with requests from the safety officer without complaint or argument.**

### Food Information

SMARC will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs and buns, as well as condiments, for dinner on Saturday. Members are asked to provide side dishes and desserts.

**Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.**

Members are responsible for their own snacks, as well as breakfast and lunch on Sunday.



Even though we want to maximize our points effort, this is a club activity and for fun above all else. Station managers are encouraged to allow any club member who wants to operate a chance to do so. It would be **best to schedule with the station manager** ahead of time, but that is not absolutely necessary. And, relief ops are almost always welcome for the hoot-owl shift between midnight and 6 a.m.

Visitors/non-hams will be allowed on the air at the GOTA station. However, all managers/ops should take the time to be welcoming and friendly to observers. Don't over-explain, and remember to answer questions briefly and simply!



Photo from *The Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times* of young hams at SMARC Field Day, circa 1969. Digital copy provided by Brad Dolan, N4VHH