



2026 Field Day BARC Membership Meeting

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Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club

June 18, 2026



Field Day History



▪ What is Field Day?

- ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills in a single event.
- More than 31,000 hams throughout North America participate

▪ When did it start?

- Field Day has been an annual event since 1933

▪ What's the purpose?

- To demonstrate ham radio's science, skill, and service to communities and the nation
- Disaster Preparedness Drill: When All-Else Fails – Ham radio works!



Roster (1 of 2)



Position	Assigned To
FD Coordinator	Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)
Antenna System	Lynn Rogers (KE8FLL), Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)
Power and Electrical	Paul Sharp (W8SR)
Station Setup	Ken Gunton (W8ASA), Stu Holzer (K8ST)
Social Media	Tink Siwecki (K8NUA)
Lunch & Picnic	Tink (KD8NUA) and Steve Siwecki (KD8NUC)
Mailings/Invites	Jim Gifford (N8KET)
Safety Officer	Jim Gifford (N8KET), Glenn Rodgers (WI8O), Fred Stockwell (KE8ZPN), Don Macon (KE8WVJ)
IT	John Westerkamp (W8LRJ), Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)



Roster (2 of 2)



Position	Assigned To
Press Release	Jim Gifford (N8KET)
Photography	Jim Gifford (N8KET), Don Parker (KB8PSL)
Message Handling	Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)
Transport to FD Site	Jim Lusk (KC8EFD), Jim Totten (WA8HUB)
Night Shift	Jim Gifford (N8KET), Glenn Rodgers (WI8O), and YOU!
Inventory	Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)
Tables/Chairs	Darryl Fowler (KD8JQE), Jim Totten (WA8HUB)
Education Program	Bob French (AC8ZU)
Tarps, Tables, Canopy	Darryl Fowler (KD8JQE), Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)



Volunteer Opportunities for Involvement

- **Friday evening/Saturday morning (26-27 June)**
 - Friday move large tables from shelter to parking lot
 - Antenna setup – Many hands required on guy ropes as we stand up two towers– recommend at least 6-8 volunteers to aid antenna team
 - Tarps, Tables, Canopy Setup – Need many hands to get the tables and canopy setup in the parking lot and the tarps on the west side of the shelter
- **Saturday afternoon**
 - Participate in the education activities to learn new things– new rules state participation, not demonstration
 - Operate stations
 - Assist in logging contacts – each station performs better with two people
- **Overnight**
 - Additional operators needed for overnight period
 - Propagation is better on lower bands at night, try to nab hard to reach ARRL sections
- **Sunday afternoon (28 June)**
 - Need volunteers to safely lower antenna masts and take down canopies/tarps
 - Coiling up coax, stowing everything in BARC trailer



BARC Field Day Site



- Sackett-Wright Park Shelter 1
- 39.631247N 84.065027W
- EM79xp
- Parking at parking lot on 1st left after entering park
- Avoid parking too close to shelter – that area is reserved for equipment loading/unloading and canopy setup

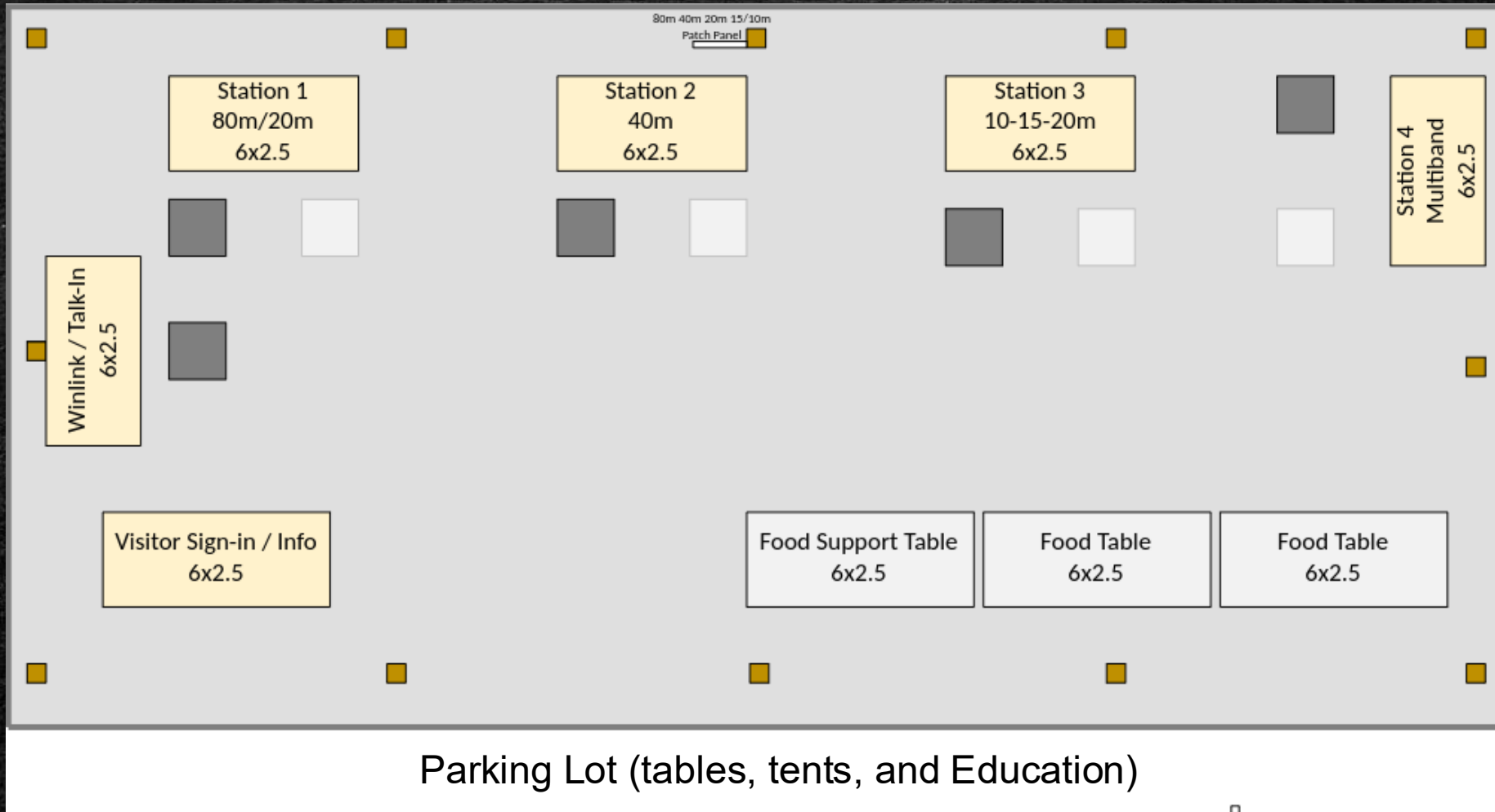




Stations - 4A 0H Full Food Service and Visitor Display



Note: Generator and shore power to each station.





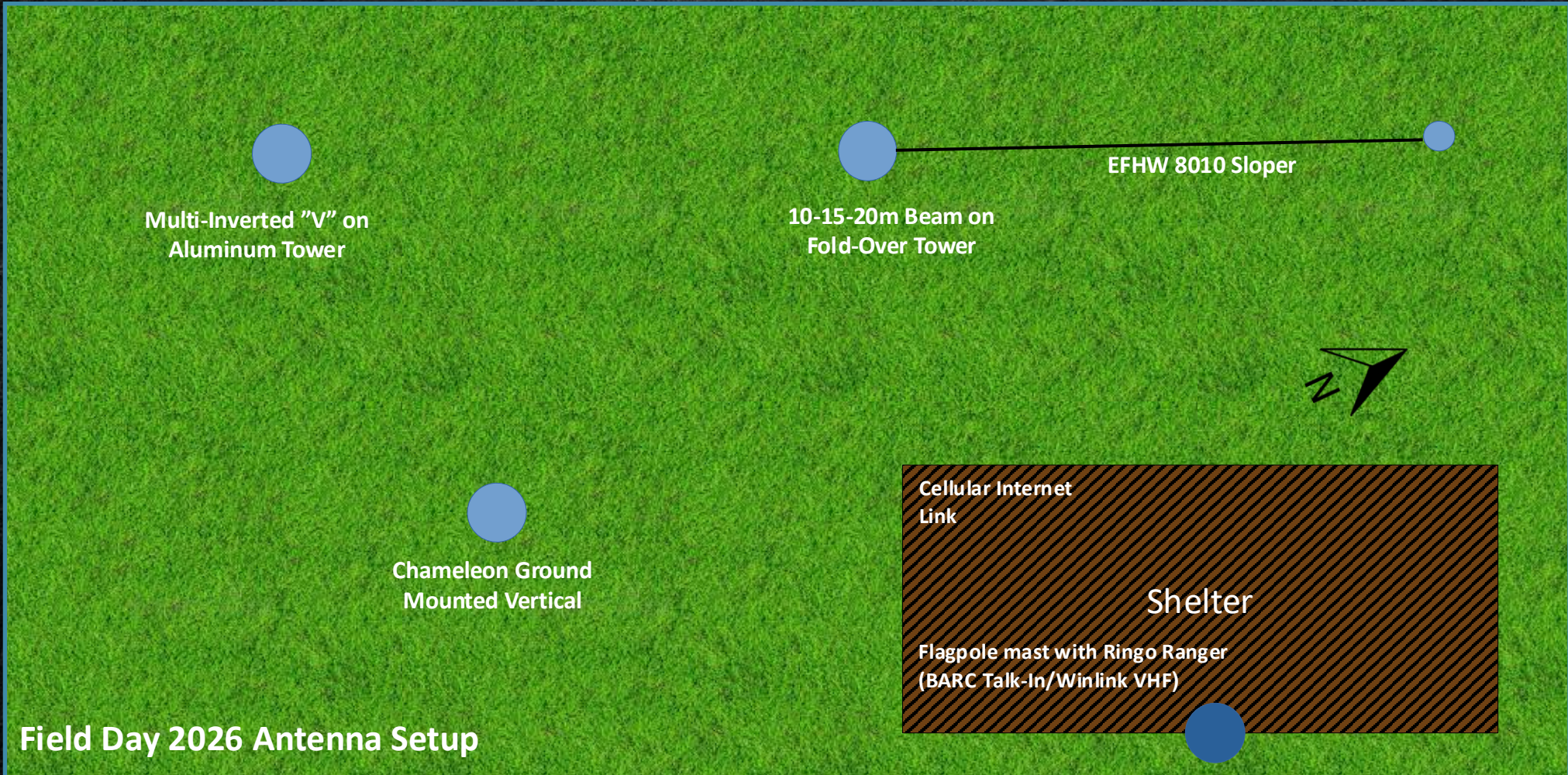
Computers/IT



- All 4 stations are to be equipped with identical capability to perform digital modes in addition to SSB (CW possible through insertion of key into IC-7300)
- Laptops to be used on emergency power (not shore power) because they are an instrumental part of the station
- Laptops need batteries to operate during brief generator shutdowns occurring before overnight and around 6am Sunday
- N3FJP, wsjtx, fldigi all run on laptop at each station
- Ethernet cabling run to each station for shared logging - N3FJP server is hosted on higher capability desktop system
- N3FJP ARRL Field Day software, wsjtx, fldigi all to be loaded and tested prior to Field Day
- Windows Updates performed in advance to avoid updates during Field Day



Antennas



Field Day 2026 Antenna Setup



Food on Field Day



- Potluck for Saturday 5:30 pm for BARC, family and friends
 - Dot's chicken, water, and soda provided
 - Bring something to complement this
 - Tink will need a headcount of attendees in advance, maybe let her know what you're bringing
 - Some seating available, but bring chairs



Field Day Weekend Schedule



- **Friday 26 June**

- Evening Tables/Canopy Crew shows up at Sacket-Wright to move large tables from under shelter to just into the parking lot to make room for Power Crew in the morning



Field Day Weekend Schedule



▪ Saturday 27 June

- 0800 Power Crew only or by invite – show up at Sackett-Wright Shelter 1
- 0830 Tables/Canopy Crew show up in parking lot and begin work (bring trailer!!)
- 0900 Other volunteers show up at clubhouse to bring tables (from BARC and from Bellbrook United Methodist Church); Hospitality Crew at Sackett Wright to setup for breakfast under canopy in parking lot
- 0930 Gather at Sackett-Wright for breakfast sandwiches (setup crews only)
- 1000 Station/IT Setup and Antenna crews show up at Sackett Wright
- 1030 Continue setup at Sackett Wright (stations/IT, antennas, and tarps)
- 1330 Final station checkout; Hospitality moves to shelter
- 1400 START of FIELD DAY 2025 (for 24 hours)
- 1530 Education program
- 1730 BARC Annual Field Day Family Picnic
- 1830 Continue Station operations



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▪ Overnight Saturday 27 June/Sunday 28 June

- 2200 Overnight period begins (recommend a minimum of two-three people throughout overnight period for safety. Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township Police will check-in on us throughout the night)
- 0700 Overnight period ends
- 1400 Field Day Operational Period ENDS
- 1400 Begin station, antenna, hospitality, and canopy disassembly, packing of trailer
- 1545 Transport trailer to fenced Area near BARC Clubhouse
- 1600 Clean up Field Day site – leave it better than the way we found it



Logistics/Miscellaneous



- A part of Field Day often overlooked is copying the Field Day message from ARRL
- We need BARC members to tune in on either the Digital, CW or Voice message and provide me the message verbatim
- We get points for this
- You can do this Friday night before Field Day starts if able, or multiple times throughout the weekend until noon Sunday



2026 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule



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Day	Mode	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern	UTC
FRIDAY	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	0000 (Sat)
	Digital	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	0100
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	0145
	CW	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	0300
SATURDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1400
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1500
	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	0000 (Sun)
	Digital	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	0100
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	0145
SUNDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1400
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1500
	Digital	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1600

K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule

SATURDAY	CW	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1430
	CW	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	0030 (Sun)
	Digital	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	0130
SUNDAY	CW	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1430
	Digital	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1630

W1AW will operate on the regularly published frequencies.

CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0775, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.

Digital frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.

During Field Day weekend, W1AW will transmit the Field Day Bulletin using 45.45 baud Baudot, PSK31 (BPSK Mode), and MFSK16 in this mode order. NOTE: On Friday local, the digital version of the Field Day bulletin sent from W1AW at 9 PM EDT (0100 UTC Saturday) will be transmitted using BPSK31, Baudot, and MFSK16 in this order.

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.



Logistics/Miscellaneous



- Picnic Tables (heavy) need to be moved Friday night at sunset out from the shelter into the parking lot
- If you're not part of a setup team, don't come to Sackett Wright until 2:00 pm
- Allow power crew and IT crew uninterrupted access to the shelter until cables are run and checked out
- Tables/Canopy Crew shows up at 8:30 am and setup in parking lot
- Antenna and Hospitality setup crews – show up at 9:30am for breakfast, then start setup at 10am; Hospitality sets up initially under the canopy
- Coolers – we typically need a few coolers for all the water and varieties of beverages available. Coordinate with Tink if you have any
- Box Fans – We need several box fans, coordinate with Tink on that as well if you can bring one



Logistics/Miscellaneous



- Courtesy – Use headphones when operating station
- Others – Don't carry extraneous conversations within 10 feet of any station – This is QRM
- If you would like to volunteer to help with setup or tear down, you don't need to be on any official list. If you show up, we'll put you to work.
- Field Day is a great opportunity to learn or brush up on many skills and a fun time of food and fellowship with others



THANKS!!!

