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Field Day  
2001 Kick  
Off  
Meeting at  
Pan Fish  
Park



Well, it is that time of year again! People coming from all places to PanFish park for our annual Field Day activity. If you have never been to one of our Field Day activities, it is something to behold. People running lines, antennas, cables tents, and radios, radios, radios.... Over the past few years ( I am losing my memory on how many... ) your WCRA has been very competitive, with FIRST PLACE 10A-2000, FIRST PLACE 8A-1999, and 3RD PLACE in 1998. Quite a showing for our club. It is yourselves to compliment as YOU are the people that did it. Dale ( NJ9E ) and I are your hosts again, and we have been very busy behind the lines coordinating all the efforts. If you want to see the activity as it unfolds, see the "Unofficial" Website, <<http://electronicinstrument.com/fd2001>><http://electronicinstrument.com/fd2001> or if you want to view last years activity, <<http://electronicinstrument.com/fd2000.htm>><http://electronicinstrument.com/fd2000.htm> . We hope to do it again, and need your help. As of this date, we still need many members to help in all positions. People can operate, log, or just sit in the sun and while the hours a with the rest of us. If you want to volunteer, contact Dale or me. See you there.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the WCRABoard of Directors has decided that the *Hamletter* will go to electronic publishing effective with the August issue. The roster passed around at the meeting for corrections showed most members have the ability to receive eMail and access the net. If you have not subscribed to the WCRA reflector, instructions are published below.

### Instructions for subscribing to the WCRA Mail Reflector

There are a couple of ways to subscribe. One way is to go to the following web page: <http://www.qth.net> - select WCRA from the drop-down list on the left, enter your email address, click on subscribe, then click on the 'Submit Request' button. This is the best method. Take a few moments to view all the other reflectors that K3TKJ has made available - you'll probably be interested in a few.

Another way is to send a message to the list directly. Send a message to:

[Majordomo@qth.net](mailto:Majordomo@qth.net)

There should only be one line in the body of the message – **subscribe wcrs <your e-mail address>**

In both cases you will be added after your request has been approved (usually within a day). All members of WCRA will automatically be approved. This is to prevent potential spammers gaining access to the reflector. I manually review every request and, if I'm not certain who you are, I'll send you an email requesting your name and call. I get about 10 – 15 fraudulent requests every week.

IMPORTANT: You MUST send email to the reflector from the address from which you subscribed or it will be rejected. If you have subscribed with [n9ef@arrl.net](mailto:n9ef@arrl.net) (please don't, that's my call) – you must then send messages from [n9ef@arrl.net](mailto:n9ef@arrl.net). This is usually possible if you have a POP3 mail account, I don't know if it's possible using AOL. If in doubt, subscribe using your real email address.

# From the President's Gavel

by Joe LeFebvre WCRA President

This column was not submitted in a timely fashion.

## VE Testing Corner

By Harry Kamer, K9HK

Amateur Radio Testing at WCRA's new site at the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library continues to be well attended. During our April 26<sup>th</sup> session eight candidates attended resulting in 2 Technician, 2 Technician with HF privilege, and 4 General licenses. We continue to be pleased by the number of Hams learning Morse code on their own. The results from this last session support that code is alive and well in DuPage County.

Testing sessions for the summer months are as follows: Thursday: June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday (note the day of the week change): July 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday: August 23<sup>rd</sup>. All testing is at the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library located at 110 W. Maple in Lombard, Illinois. Testing sessions are from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Finally, I would like to introduce to you, and acknowledge gratitude to the club members and others that continue to volunteer their time to help the community in receiving or upgrading their Ham licenses:

W9GWR	George Reichert
N9HQ	Ken Kwasniewski
AE9JG	Janie Gallina
K9MUF	Don Webster
N9UWC	Edwin Fron
N5UWY	Peter Laws
N9XS	Robert Noles

Next time you see them please feel free to ask them questions that you may have related to amateur radio testing, or just thank them for their efforts!

73,

Harry, K9HK

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#### WCRA Radio Nets

Sunday 8:00 pm	145.390/(-600)	Net Control: Rotates
Sunday 8:30 pm	224.140/(-1.600)	Net Control: Marty KA9RCC
Sunday 9:30 pm	145.390/(-600)	WCRA RTTYNet
Tuesday 8:00 pm	145.390(-600)	ARES Net
Tuesday 8:30 pm	444.475/(5.0)	UHF Net

#### WCRA Repeaters

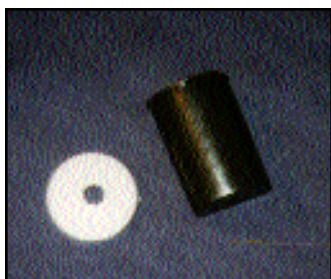
145.390/ 144.790	103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B)	PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540	Carries Access - SKYWARN	Service Liaison
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# WCRA Member Solutions

As we mentioned in last month's *Hamletter*, we are featuring an idea sent to us by Rudy W9RKA for weather proofing coax connections. All you need for each connector is a 35mm film cassette container. See picture #1



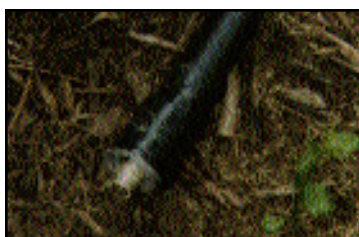
Begin by drilling a hole in the cover of the cassette container that is same diameter of the coax you are using.

Place cover on coax before you attach the coax connector with the lid facing the connector.



To weather protect the connector slide the lid toward the coax connector and attach the film cassette to lid.

An example of a length of coax somewhere in the real world.



A protected end of the coax waiting to be connected for that serious weekend of DXing. Thanks again to Rudy, W9RKA for this month's member solution. If any of you have an idea you would like to share with the other club members, please send it to the *Hamletter*.

## HELP WANTED

As most of you who are regular readers of the *Hamletter* can tell, this space is usually filled with John's WCRA Historical column. If any of you would feel moved to assume the duties of writing about the club and its storied past, please contact the editor.

Remember that if you have not been able to update your individual membership data i.e., new callsign, address - street and eMail, and phone number(s), please contact Carol KB9FYL so she may change the master database prior to it being mailed with the next *Hamletter*.

## Anchors



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After so many members made the journey to Dayton for the Hamvention, we have a lack of any anchors this month but remember that this is the place to advertise those boat anchors and move them along to a warm and caring home.

# WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitlieri  
N9EF  
WCRA  
Secretary



## WCRA Minutes from the May 11, 2001 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the **President, Joe, N9WRO**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the April meeting. **Vice-President, Chris, KC9L**, reported that tonight's program will be a presentation on DX by **Jim, W9JDX** of the York Radio Club. **Treasurer, Kim, N9XE**, gave a report of the club's financial condition. **Custodian, Kurt, KB9RTO**, is seeking assistance to clean and fix up the club truck. Members are asked to help out on May 23 and/or May 25. This is to prepare the truck for Field Day as well as all the other Public Service events. All help will be welcome. Contact Kurt. **Membership** - Standing in for **Carol, KB9FYL**, was **Larry KA9KDC** who reported that our membership currently stands at 144, down from 180 last year, and 302 eleven years ago. Larry reported that rosters will be out by the end of the month. A motion was made to simplify the roster in order to cut costs. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The roster will now be printed on plain paper and included with the newsletter. **Hamfest** - **Dale NJ9E** and **John, N9MWF**, reported that they have captains for nearly all stations, though more would be welcome. The VHF stations will be set up in the truck and the satellite station will be outside, affording easier access to the public. The DuPage County OEM communications truck may be on site. Field Day will coincide with the OEM's tests of their tactical repeaters. Dale and John stressed that more operators are needed. The contest software used will be CT, a copy of which will be available at the next meeting. Anyone willing to operate PSK would be especially welcome. **Public Service, Joe, N9WRO**, volunteers are needed for Trail Days in June, the Wheaton parade on July 4, and the Glendale Heights Night Parade in August. Sign up sheets were passed around. If you have not already signed up, contact Joe. It's only a few hours and lots of fun. **RAB, Don, N9NYX**, reported

that he and **Rick, W6BVA**, did extensive testing on the 2 meter repeater and found no problem. There was a damaged control line to the repeater which was repaired. Now there appears to be a problem with the 220 repeater control line. The 440 machine needs some work. The 200 duplexer is being repaired and should be ready soon. Don asked that users of the 2 meter repeater ignore the jammer. **Hamletter, Don, N9NYX**, reported that the Hamletter is now available on the web in color. The last issue of the Hamletter contained the last article by **John, N9LIN**, a replacement is being sought. Please contact Don, it's not that tough. Don has also asked that whoever has email capability should subscribe to the WCRA mail reflector, this is how information will be conveyed to the membership. Instructions can be found elsewhere in this Hamletter. Within the next few months the Hamletter will be published on the Internet. A sheet will be included the next few Hamletters asking members who require printed copies to request them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35, refreshments were served, and the DX presentation followed.

## BIRTHDAYS OF JUNE

Michael	KA9JMH	06-01-64
Dennis	KE9VG	06-04-45
Sam	N9IER	06-04-18
Frank	KF9LD	06-08-29
Paul	N9TKX	06-12-82
Mike	KD9CK	06-12-51
Donald	K9VGN	06-13-26
Brian	N9NAZ	06-15-61
Ruth	KA9RZG	06-20-49
Leroy	W9NPO	06-25-19
John	KC9OO	06-26-49
Tom	KB9NZM	06-27-61
Arthur	KR9K	06-29-40

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## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

US DXers have been receiving the 2000 ARRL DXCC Yearbook within the last month. DXCC members who submitted endorsements or first time applications to DXCC from October 1st, 1999 to September 30, 2000 will automatically be sent a copy. DXCC Honor Roll Members will also obtain this sought after annual publication. All others wishing to receive a copy can send \$5.00 to the ARRL. Aside from the DXCC Annual List the yearbook also includes The 100 Most-Needed DXCC Entities listing. This report is a very useful tool for DXpeditioners trying to figure out "Where to go next?" The data is taken from the 21,000 Mixed DXCC records in the master database.

It shouldn't be any surprise that North Korea (P5) is number one on the most wanted list. Only two operations have taken place from North Korea, with just under 300 QSOs taking place and less than 100 DXCC members claiming credit for this one. Scarborough Reef (BS7H) remained in the second position. Again only two accepted operations have taken place from this entity. The last operation from here was in April 1997, which was beset with a solar storm and the Philippine Navy. A future operation from this one could be sometime coming. Perhaps the only way would be a joint effort operation by the CRSA and PARA using the BS7H call.

This year's list includes Palestine (E4), Austral Islands (FO/A), Marquesas Islands (FO/M) and Temotu Province (H4Ø) at numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6. Most DXers have these entities worked, as there have been several operations from each of these entities since being added to the DXCC list. The reason they are still so high ranked is that DXers have not claimed credit (submitted to DXCC) for these entities. It could be that some of the 21,000 DXCC participants are no longer participating in DXCC program as they may have lost interest or became a silent key. Over the past few years these anomalies had been omitted from the most wanted list. The current DXCC computer system records go back 10 years and cannot manipulate the data.

Pratas Island (BV9) ranked # 7 but will surely drop over the next year, as there have been two recent operations from this South China Sea Island. The Indian Island group of Andaman and Nicobar (VU4) came in at number 8 and has not had an accredited DXCC operation since the mid 1980s. Number 9 on the list is

Yemen, which has only had two operations that count for DXCC since the union of South and North Yemen in mid 1990. The Minister of Communications has a desk full of applications from potential DXpeditioners. Rounding out the top 10 was Bhutan (A5), which will surely take a huge plunge over the next few years after the A52A and other DXpeditions last year.

This years biggest gainers were Desecheo Island (KP5), Guinea (3X), Sudan (ST), Somalia (T5) and Navassa Island (KP1). Auckland and Campbell Islands (ZL9), Czech Republic (OK), Slovak Republic (OM), Bosnia-Herzegovina (T9), Macedonia (Z3), Myanmar (XZ) and Tunisia (3V) were the biggest droppers.

### 2000 ARRL 100 Most-Needed

Rank	Prefix	Country	Rank	Prefix	Country
1	P5	North Korea	51	S2	Bangladesh
2	BS7H	Scarborough Reef	52	IS	Spratly Is.
3	E4	Palestine	53	TI9	Cocos Island
4	FO/A	Austral Islands	54	ZD9	Tristan Da Cunha & Gough Is
5	FO/M	Marquesas Islands	55	FO/C	Clipperton I.
6	H4Ø	Temotu Province	56	KH5	Palmyra, Jarvis Is.
7	BV9P	Pratas	57	Z3	Macedonia
8	VU4	Andaman & Nicobar I.	58	VP8/O	South Orkney Island.
9	7O	Yemen	59	VK9/X	Christmas Island.
10	A5	Bhutan	60	T5	Somalia
11	3Y	Bouvet .	61	VK9/C	Cocos-Keeling Island
12	VU7	Lakshadweep .	62	T9	Bosnia-Herzegovina
13	VKØ/M	Macquarie .	63	TT	Chad
14	E3	Eritrea	64	ZK3	Tokelau
15	FR/T	Tromelin .	65	5R8	Madagascar
16	FR/G	Glorioso	66	SØ	Western Sahara
17	VP8/S	South Sandwich	67	KP1	Navassa Island
18	FR/J	Juan De Nova, Europa	68	3V	Tunisia
19	KH5K	Kingman Reef	69	3B9	Rodriguez Island
20	VP8/G	South Georgia	70	3C	Equatorial Guinea
21	SV/A	Mount Athos	71	ST	Sudan
22	3Y	Peter I Island	72	YK	Syria
23	3CØ	Annobon	73	XU	Cambodia
24	VKØ/H	Heard Island	74	OK	Czech Republic
25	YA	Afghanistan	75	ZK1/N	North Cook Is.
26	ZL8	Kermadec Island	76	R1M	M/V Island
27	HKØ/M	Malpelo Island	77	3D2R	Rotuma
28	3D2C	Conway Reef	78	YI	Iraq
29	ZS8	Prince Edward/Marion Is.	79	CEØZ	Juan Fernandez
30	9U	Burundi	80	KP5	Desecheo Island
31	3B7	Agalega/St Brandon Is.	81	D6	Comoros
32	PYØS	St Peter/Paul Rocks	82	ET	Ethiopia
33	XZ	Myanmar	83	KH9	Wake Island
34	FT5W	Crozet	84	TY	Benin
35	ZL9	Auckland /Campbell I.	85	KH7K	Kure Island
36	CEØX	San Felix Island	86	JD1/M	Minami Torishima
37	VK9M	Mellish Reef	87	CYØ	Sable Island
38	TN	Congo	88	OM	Slovak Republic
39	5A	Libya	89	KH4	Midway I.

40 YVØ Aves Island 90 3W Vietnam  
 41 PYØT Trindade/Martin Vaz 91 JX Jan Mayen  
 42 FT5X Kerguelen Island 92 3X Guinea  
 43 FT5Z Amsterdam/St Paul I. 93 ZC4 U K Bases on Cyprus  
 44 T33 Banaba 94 9N Nepal  
 45 XW Laos 95 T8 Palau  
 46 KH1 Baker Howland Island 96 VP8 South Shetlands  
 47 T31 Central Kiribati 97 T2 Tuvalu  
 48 1AØ Sovereign Military Order of Malta  
 98 5X Uganda  
 49 VK9/W Willis Island 99 CY9 St. Paul Island  
 50 EP Iran 100 8Q Maldives

The Daily DX reports a large multi-national group of Amateur Radio operators will be QRV from Prins Karls Forland Island (EU-063) as "DXpedition Arctic 2001" from June 1 to 9. The island is located at 78° 26'45" North 11° 52'05" East which counts as Svalbard for DXCC purposes. The group will be QRV as JWØPK on all bands through 160 meters CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and FM. Suggested frequencies are as follows:

SSB - 1840, 3790, 7060, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24950, 28460, 50145, 144250  
 CW - 1822, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14020, 18080, 21020, 24895, 28020, 50095  
 RTTY - 14080, 21080, 28080  
 PSK31 - 14071, 21071, 28071  
 FM - 29200

The team is looking for support, which can be sent to DXPEDITION ORG. P.O. Box 584, 9171 Longyearbyen, Svalbard Islands, Norway. QSL via SP5DRH either via the bureau or direct to Mr. Jacek Kubiak, P.O. Box 4, 00-957 Warsaw, Poland. For more information, you may email the group at [dxpedition2000@dxpedition.org](mailto:dxpedition2000@dxpedition.org) or visit their web site at <http://www.dxpedition.org>.

A group of Italian operators will be active for 3 days from Monaco here as you read this (June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>). They will mainly concentrate their activity on 6 meters, but they will also be active on HF. Look for the following callsigns (operators) to be active: 3A/IK5GQK, 3A/IK5YOJ, 3A/IW5BZQ 3A/IW5EDQ. Their HF activity will be on SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV (using two Yaesu FT-100 and vertical antennas). You can send E-mail for skeds to: [3a@mannelli.com](mailto:3a@mannelli.com). They mentioned that while they are on air they would check their E-mail every hour at the top of the hour. For the latest news, check their Web page at: <http://www.mannelli.com/3a>. QSL HF QSOs to: Fabrizio Vannini (IK5GQK), via Forlanini 68, 50127 Firenze, ITALY.

Tom, JG6BKB, says the Japanese team that was originally scheduled to operate from Mozambique in March 2001, is now going in June. The team, including JJ6VOV and JR6XIW, has now re-scheduled to arrive in Maputo on June 7. They will quickly QSY to Beira, on June 8, where they will set their station.

A side trip to an orphanage school in the Maforga Manica Province is planned. The team expects to be operational from June 9 to 20. The call had not been assigned as this was being written. Next the team will QSY to Blantyre, Malawi to pickup their licenses. They plan to be QRV in Zomba from Jun 29 to July 9. Activity is expected on 6 through 80 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. For equipment they will use an IC-706MKIIG and a FT-100. Antennas will include dipoles and 4/5 element yagi for 6 meters. Tom has a web page setup at <http://www.synapse.ne.jp/jh6qil>.

Franjo, 9A2MF has started operation from the Croatian lighthouse Savudrija. Franjo has been a lighthouse keeper for the past 20 years, and been stationed on many Croatian lighthouses. Currently, he is stationed on the SAVUDRIJA, where he will be for the next several years. He has already erected an antenna on the lighthouse building. The "Lighthouse Savudrija" is valid for Croatian Light House Award. Savudrija is a CLH-73. If you interested in the award, you'll find all the details at the following Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/9a7k>.

Fred, K2FRD reports that he is planning a DXpedition to Labrador (VO2); not a DXCC Entity, but an uncommon contact nevertheless. He will be operating from about June 6th through August 31st, as VO2/K2FRD from a tent. His QTH is about 90km WSW of Churchill Falls, Labrador, Province of Newfoundland, Canada. His activity will be mainly 10,15 and 20 meters in that order. Suggested frequencies are 28.415, 28.515, 21.315, 21.415, 14.215 and 14.295 kHz. He does plan to be active on some nets. For more details on bands, frequencies, schedules, QSL info, etc., check the Web page at: <http://sites.netscape.net/thefred3/labrl>

Raymundo, YS1RR announced as this column was being sent to Don at deadline, that the same team which was active from Conway Reef 2001, is planning a DXpedition to Baker and Howland Islands at the end of the year. They expect it to take place during the months of September/October 2001, with alternative schedule for the months of February/March 2002. The leader of DXpedition will be Hrane, YT1AD. More details are forthcoming soon.

The D68C folks are getting a lot of phone calls and emails asking where the QSLs from their February expedition are. G3XTT, Don, says to be patient. There are several factors. One, the expedition made 168,000 QSOs, so QSLing is a monumental task to begin with. Second, they wanted to take all the time needed to get a really high quality 4-sided card "which will look good in everyone's QSL collection." The cards are being printed in Germany and should get to the manager in late May. Third, the manager, Phil, G3SWH, and his XYL are spending a week in 8Q7 in early June and doesn't expect to sit down to the QSLing task until his return. So, be patient, the cards should be well worth the wait.

#### DX POTPOURRI

OPDX reports that 4U1UN is expected to be on the digital modes

fairly regularly recently after a few computer issues have been resolved and antenna improvements have been made.

Wendell, K4JZ has announced what he calls "The Poor Boy DXpedition". From June 14-18th, Wendell will be operating from St. Pierre & Miquelon Islands using the callsign FP/K4JZ. His operations will be on 40-10 meters SSB. QSL to K4JZ with SASE.

Robert, S53R expects to be taking up a new job assignment in Pakistan next months and plans to be active as AP2ARS on 10 through 40 meters, mostly CW. He may also be QRV from other locations in the immediate area.

Martin, 3C5J has been active recently from Equatorial Guinea last week on 20, 17 and 10 meters. The sad part is that his operation will not count for DXCC because he is operating from an oil platform. He is expected to be there for 6 months. The good news is that "The Daily DX" is reporting Martin may have a chance to go to Malabo to operate, which will count for DXCC.

Phil, G3SWH, and his XYL Jan will be in the Maldives between June 4-11th. Phil has been allocated the callsign 8Q7WH. This will be the usual vacation-type operation, and he will have his IC-706 and R-7000 with him. Phil will be active on all bands 40-10 meters, (CW only), as time allows. QSL to his CBA with SAE and return postage or via the RSGB bureau.

Carl, GW0VSW will be active as SV5/GW0VSW from Dodecanese on the Island of Rhodes (EU-001), June 16-30th. Activity will be mainly CW on all bands 40-10 meters. Operation should be around 0500-1600z family permitting. The rig will be an IC-706 with dipole antennas. Look for Carl on the IOTA and QRP frequencies. QSL via homecall.

A couple of new stations had been on the air signing the prefix 3XY from Guinea in late April as this is being written. Station 3XY6A was active mainly on 12 meters (24955 kHz between 1730-1930z) with little activity on 20 meters (14203 kHz after 2230z). QSL via VE2XO. Station 3XY2S shows up over the weekends on 10 meters (28447 kHz around 0915z). QSL via P.O. Box 1484, Konakry.

Venco, Z31JA informed OPDX that since April 1st, he has changed his callsign from Z31JA to Z36W. He can usually be found on 40/20/17 meters CW after 2230z or on 10 meters after 1400z. QSL via NN6C, or the QRZ.com and CBA (using his old callsign). Venco states any contacts with him for skeds, info., etc, can be made via his E-mail address at: z31ja@mt.net.mk

Klaus, DL7UXG, expects to be active from Bornholm Island (EU-030) as OZ/DL7UXG/p from August 5 to 18. Activity is expected to take place on CW and SSB IOTA frequencies, 10 through 80 meters (see below). QSL via DL7UXG.

During this year's IOTA Contest at the end of July, Felix, DL5XL, will be active as DL5XL/P from Helgoland Island (EU-

127). Look for him on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters CW only. QSL via DL5XL, P.O. Box 1253, D- 30984 Gehrden, Germany.

IOTA frequencies -

CW 28.040 24.920 21.040 18.098 14.040 10.114 7.030 3.530  
SSB 28.560 28.460 24.950 21.260 18.128 14.260 7.055 3.765

Here's what's happening this month:

1200z June 2 WW

1800z June 3 South America 80-10 Meters CW

0000z June 9 Portugal Day

2400z June 9 Contest 80-10 Meters SSB

1200z June 9 TOEC Field

1200z June 10 Contest (Sweden) 160-10 Meters SSB

1800z June 9 ARRLVHF

0300z June 11 QSO Party 6 Meters & Up

1800z June 10 West Virginia

2400z June 10 QSO Party

1800z June 23 ARRL

1800z June 24 Field Day Setup starts 7:00am(local)

That's it for me. Remember that there are only a few short weeks to sharpen your operating skills before Field Day - I'll see you all out at Panfish Park.

Special thanks to The Daily DX, OPDX, World Radio and the ARRL for information used this month

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## June Calendar of Events

- 1st of June: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #8 in Breyer Hall. Breyer Hall is located on the Southeast corner of Irving and Kenilworth. Program will be final preparations for Field Day at Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn off of Park Ave just South of Roosevelt Road.
- 5th of June: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 7th of June: Club brunch **every** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 14th of June: Club dinner held at the Glen Oaks Restaurant 6:30 PM,, Glen Ellyn
- 15th of June: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR APRIL.
- 28th of June: WCRA monthly VEC testing will be held from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard. Testing will be in the Col Plum Auditorium.

### WCRA General Membership Meeting - June 1st - Wheaton College - 7:30 PM

WCRA was founded in 1948 and continues to be involved in all facets of Amateur Radio supporting the healthy growth of the hobby through diversification and participation. Our members have always been our most important asset and we would like to see you join us for our next meeting. Our business meetings are followed by a break for conversation, coffee, soda pop, and fat pills. This is followed by an amateur radio related program. We would like to see you there to share the enthusiasm.

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