



WELCOME TO THE

ARRL-ROANOKE DIVISION

North Carolina · South Carolina · Virginia · West Virginia

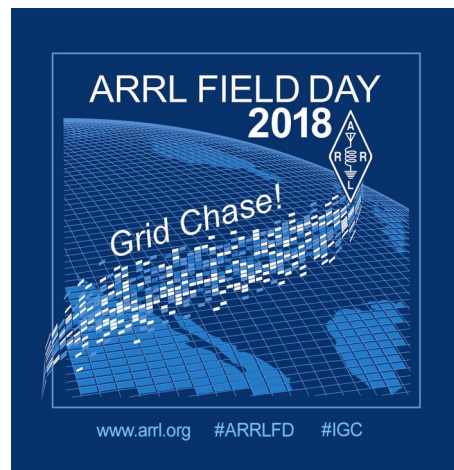
OVER 13,000 AMATEUR RADIO MEMBERS STRONG. AND GROWING!

For the latest news, go to the Division website at www.arrl-roanoke.com, and visit the Division on social media on its pages on Facebook and Twitter. Join in the fun and post your photos for others to see..

FIELD DAY TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

About 150 locations will be listed in the Roanoke Division for Field Day. If you haven't done so yet, register your listing at: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

- ♦ Monitor your designated repeater talk-in frequency throughout the weekend, even if you close up early in case people are trying to find you.
- ♦ Put big, clear signage on the roads and intersections near your Field Day location so people can get to your site quickly.
- ♦ On your website and promotional material, provide your Lat/Lon coordinates as well as a physical address so people can use them in their GPS.
- ♦ Consider having a "Kick Off" ceremony Saturday afternoon where a dignitary cuts a piece of old coax cable instead of a ribbon. Have an elected official make the first QSO. If media isn't there to cover it, take a picture to post on social media, and to send later to newspapers and TV stations.
- ♦ Designate 1-2 people to be ambassadors to greet anybody who comes to visit. Never let strangers leave without greeting them. Have brochures to hand out, with information on study guides.



Look for your Section Managers on Field Day:

- ♦ North Carolina—Karl Bowman, W4CHX
- ♦ South Carolina—Marc Tarplee, N4UFP
- ♦ Virginia - Joe Palsa, K3WRY
- ♦ West Virginia—Dan Ringer, K8WV

Be sure to send your Section Manager or SEC a Radiogram for 100 bonus points.

MORE FIELD DAY TIPS, HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BONUS POINTS AND VHF CONTEST FUN LEADING UP TO FIELD DAY ON THE NEXT PAGE....

Click here for [Field Day rules and information](#) or

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

*Have a safe and fun Field Day,
73 de Dr. Jim, N2ZZ and Bill, N2COP*

Division Director Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, and Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP,

will be together visiting Field Day sites in central and northern Virginia



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MAXIMIZING FIELD DAY BONUS POINTS

Rule 7.3.2 PUBLICITY— Don't just do a press release for 100 points. Do a newspaper, radio or TV interview *before* FD and invite people out. Schedule appearances and send out releases now. Click here with CTRL for Field Day Media Tips. For weekly newspapers, send your release by June 14 for publication week of June 18. If you're lucky to get a reporter to come to your Field Day site, be patient. Many do not know what Ham Radio is. Don't fall into lingo like "SSB", "CW" or "SWR".

Rule 7.3.4 PUBLIC INFORMATION TABLE—Give reporters and the public introductory and overview material from your PIO table (another 100 points). Order supplies from ARRL at www.arrl.org/shop/Brochures-Handouts-and-Exhibit-Supplies/ Material is free from ARRL, the only cost is shipping. Order early to save!

Rules 7.3.5 MESSAGE TO SECTION MANAGER OR SEC, AND 7.3.6 UP TO TEN MESSAGES - Instead of waiting for a HF voice traffic net, send messages via a VHF net or anytime digitally, such as RMS Express via *Winlink*. Contact your Section Traffic Manager (STM) on how to use these alternative, time saving methods. Up to 200 points.

Rule 7.3.7 SATELLITE QSO - The capture effect makes a QSO via FM hit or miss. Try a CW/SSB bird instead like FO-29, AO-7, UKube-1 and the XW series 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F. They generally have longer passes and wider bandwidth for multiple QSOs. See June, 2018 QST pps 61-63 for FM birds, and passes for all satellites at <https://www.amsat.org/track/index.php>. 100 points.

Rules 7.3.10 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AND 7.3.15 YOUTH PARTICIPATION— Offer to teach the *Radio Merit* badge to a Boy Scout troop, or the *Radio and Wireless Technology* patch to Girl Scouts. Up to 200 points.

Rule 7.3.16 SOCIAL MEDIA - If your club hasn't done it yet, tiptoe into Facebook and Twitter on Field Day using hashtag **#ARRLFD**. Click here with CTRL for Social Media Rules or go to: [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20Social%20Media\(1\).pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20Social%20Media(1).pdf) 100 points.

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WARM UP FOR FIELD DAY— TRY VHF CONTESTING

To get skill sets up to speed and sharp for Field Day, try a VHF contest in June before FD. The annual **SMIRK** (**Six Meter International Radio Klub**) contest can be an excellent training ground for Technician Class operators who want to work HF on FD under a Control Operator. With 6 meter propagation near its peak, try the June 16 -17 SMIRK 6 Meter Contest at: <http://www.smirk.org/contest.html>

SEND YOUR BEST FIELD DAY PICTURES TO WEBMASTER WOODY WOODWARD, K3VSA, AT k3vsa@arrl.net. YOURS MAY GET POSTED ON THE ROANOKE DIVISION WEBSITE AT: WWW.ARRL-ROANOKE.ORG. YOU CAN UPLOAD PICTURES ANYTIME ON THE DIVISION'S PAGES ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER. SEARCH FOR "ARRL ROANOKE".



TOP: Roanoke Division Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, prepares for Field Day interview with WBTW-TV at Florence, SC FD site. **BOTTOM:** Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, (center in blue shirt) meets the Hampstead (NC) Hams.

