

Greetings,

This is a Field Day update for June 13.2022

As we are getting closer to Field Day, we get more clarity about what can and should happen. There are a few changes from the last update. Here is an event summary:

1. We will be a 3A or a 4A site. That means we will have three or four transmitters capable of transmitting simultaneously. We have up to five transmitters, associated antennas and power systems. One will be a Get On The Air (GOTA) station and four will be HF stations. The GOTA station does not count in our overall site count. Bob will be bringing his VHF/UHF station but that too does not increase our overall transmitter count....It is "free". Because of our limited space, we are most likely at capacity for transmitters.
2. We will be sending NTS radiograms to anyone who want them sent. I have printed several blank message forms for people to use. Plans are that the first batch of messages will be sent from the site to the Idaho Montana Net on Saturday evening.
3. Antennas so far are: A 20 meter dipole, a 20, 15, and 10 meter vertical, an 80, 40 and 20 meter vertical, and a "Go To" multiband antenna. Also, John Kerncamp said he would bring one of his HF antennas. That is five HF antennas.
4. A "Now What" event will be conducted by John Kernkamp. The "Now What" event will begin at 10:00 AM at the field day site. John will have some of his books on-hand for sale. John has also agreed to be our education person.
5. Our computers will be linked for coordinated logging with a local network thanks to Ron Giuntini. Right now we have three computers and possibly one more. The GOTA station will need a separate log, possibly hand written.
6. Media has been invited as well as elected officials. It is likely we will have elected officials considering the Dairy Days parade is on the same day in the same general location during the evening. Meridian Mayor Simison and his family will be stopping by.
7. Set up will begin at 9:00 AM at Shari's Restaurant, address 895 Progress Ave, Meridian, ID, 83642 on June 25, 2022. Our grid square is: DN13to
8. We will have 120 VAC generator power.
9. We will have two "push-up" canopies for people to gather under. Also, tables and chairs will be available. If it rains, we can squeeze to the center of each canopy.
10. We have at least two operators who will be operating overnight.
11. Ambient light for the overnight activity will be available under each canopy.
12. We anticipate using CW and phone for modulation. We have the capability to do digital modes.
13. Dean Bunnell is our data complier and entry submission person. That means he will need any pictures you take and info about those items where bonus points are available.
14. Unfortunately, Shari's parking lot is not that big. That means we've had to make a decision regarding event parking at Shari's. For those working the event, parking will need to be done at the public lots either adjacent to Shari's (about 10 feet away) to the South of our site or across the street in the WINCO lot. If you need an exception to park at Shari's, please contact me or Bob. For example, Ron G's pick-up which has his antenna in the bed of the truck will need to take up a parking spot. One thing we don't want to do is impact Shari's business. Please understand if we ask you to move your vehicle to help with the parking situation.

15. When you arrive, prepare for hot temperatures. Last year it was really hot and this year we are on a parking lot.
16. We will have bottled water available. If we run out, we can get more at WINCO. Please stay hydrated! Restrooms are available in Shari's.
17. We recommend you wear a hat. As noted, we have two canopies for shade. Consider bringing sunscreen.
18. **PLEASE** watch each other. If you see someone in distress, or if you are experiencing distress, let someone know immediately. We know how to dial 911 and the paramedics are close.

As noted, Sahri's Restaurant has graciously allowed our group to set up in their parking lot. Please patronize their establishment for meals and breaks. Also, please invite family and friends to stop by the operating site.

We continue to line up operators for different available time slots. Please contact Alicia Bunnell at redcat003@outlook.com

Consider attending the event even if you don't have a license. You may absolutely bring your family and understand that everyone can get on the air.

Here is what we need:

1. People to work the radios and/or help with logging.
2. How many may attend "Now What" event.
3. Someone to post our activity on Facebook.

If you have any questions, please call Rich at 208 870 7928 or Bob at 208 429 8487.

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