## Getting Ready for Tech Field Day

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**Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association** 

Tech Field Day 15 June 2015

#### Objective

Provide ham radio training in a fun environment *and* 

Promote emergency communications and preparedness

**During Tech Field Day:** 

- Learn from informative presentations on amateur radio topics
- Operate a high frequency (HF) radio station with the helpful guidance of an experienced radio ham
- Learn about emergency communications and public service
- Have a bunch of fun messing around with ham radio stuff!

#### Venue

Black Forest, Colorado Sat June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8:00 AM to 5 PM

Black Forest Fire Station 1 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs



#### Layout of the site



#### Schedule

Time	Activity	Owner	Comments
8:00	Setup starts		
8:30	FM Simplex and Repeaters	Bob KØNR	Also do radio programming informally throughout the day
9:30	Operating SSB on the HF Bands	Stu WØSTU	
10:30	Construction of Dipole Antennas	Larry NØAMP	Actually build an antenna for use outside
11:30	Summits On The Air (SOTA)	Steve WGØAT	Goats outside
12:00	Start Field Day Operating		
13:30	Copper pipe antennas	AI WBØTGE	Presentation inside, followed by solder demo outside
14:30	Emergency Power for Ham Radio	Mike WØMJH	
15:30	Ask an Elmer	Bob KØNR and crew	
17:00	End of operations - tear down		

#### **Food Service**

Provided by Pikes Peak Regional Fire Rehab Services

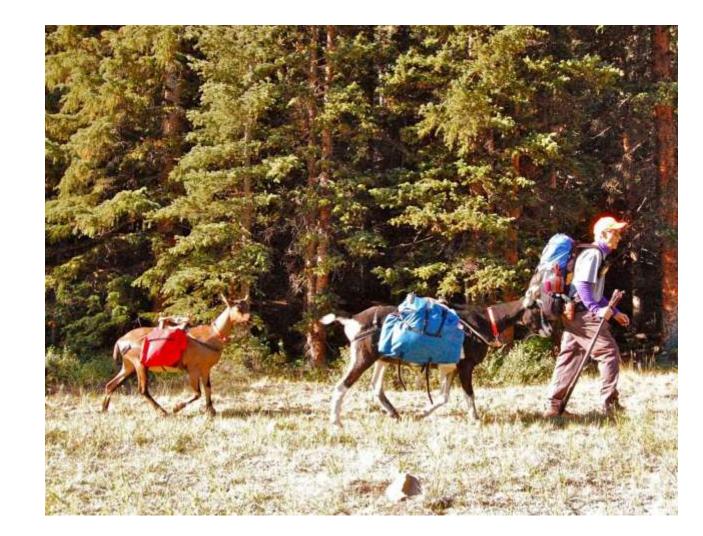
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Food Service Schedule Lunch 11 AM to 1 PM Drinks and snacks all day

#### **Special Cameo Appearance**

WGØAT and The Goats



### **ARRL Field Day**

Two day event (27 hours): June 27-28 Operating event and radio contest *Most popular ham radio event in North America!* 



Emphasis on setting up portable "in the field" with emergency power

Score is determined by:

point per phone contact
points per CW or digital contact
Power multiplier
Bonus points



The purpose of Field Day is to demonstrate the communications ability of the amateur radio community in simulated emergency situations

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

### Field Day Radio Operating

#### WØTLM Call sign

Contest Exchange

Operating Class + ARRL Section

Operating Class is

<Number of Transmitters> plus <Entry Category>

Our Operating Class will be 2F

Our Exchange will be 2F CO

Entry Categories:

- A: Club portable
- B: One or Two Person Portable
- C: Mobile
- D: Home
- E: Home (Emergency power)
- F: Emergency Operations Center

#### **ARRL Sections**

Our section is Colorado, abbreviated CO Or "Charlie Oscar"

But not all sections are states.

Some examples shown on the right

Arkansas	AR
Louisiana	LA
Mississippi	MS
New Mexico	NM
North Texas	NTX
Oklahoma	ОК
South Texas	STX
West Texas	WTX

East Bay	EB
Los Angeles	LAX
Orange	ORG
Santa Barbara	SB
Santa Clara Valley	SCV
San Diego	SDG
San Francisco	SF
San Joaquin Valley	SJV
Sacramento Valley	SV
Pacific	PAC

#### **ITU Phonetics**

A – Alpha S – Sierra J – Juliet T – Tango B – Bravo K – Kilo U – Uniform C – Charlie L – Lima V - Victor D – Delta M – Mike E – Echo W - Whiskey N – November X - X-Ray F - Foxtrot 0 – Oscar Y – Yankee G - Golf P – Papa Q - Quebec Z – Zulu H – Hotel I – India R – Romeo

The International Telecommunications Union Standard Phonetic Alphabet

#### **Actual Field Day Operating**

#### Video from 2014 Field Day

Station operating is: WR5P Exchange: 2E AR

Example contact: WR5P: "CQ Field Day Whiskey Radio 5 Papa" W1BRS: "Whiskey 1 Bravo Romeo Sierra" WR5P: "Whiskey 1 Bravo Romeo Sierra...Thanks...2 Echo Alpha Romeo" W1BRS: "QSL Please Copy 9 Foxtrot Charlie Tango" WR5P: "Got it thanks. QRZ? Whiskey Romeo 5 Papa"

#### **Station Setup**

Station 1: HF/VHF/UHF SSB & FM Phone Station Hosted by Stu WØSTU

Station 2: PSK31 Digital Station Hosted by Larry NØAMP



#### N1MM Logging Software



#### Digital Operating - PSK31

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#### Summary

Educational Presentations Field Day radio operating Great Food Great People Great Fun!!!

**The Universal Purpose of Amateur Radio:** *To Have Fun Messing Around with Radios.* 

# Questions?