



The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, U. S. A.

Charter of Affiliation **FIELD DAY 2020**

Whereas it is the desire of the American Radio Relay League to establish bonds of affiliation with local non-commercial amateur radio societies of kindred aims and purposes to make possible unity of action in matters affecting the welfare of Amateur Radio and lend mutual strength; and Whereas

Newport County Radio Club

has declared its sympathy with and allegiance to the aims and policies of the League in its efforts to strengthen and advance Amateur Radio communication and experimentation and has expressed its willingness and desire to cooperate therein.

Now Therefore, under the policies of its Board of Directors, the American Radio Relay League as of this date hereby declares the said society to be an affiliated body, and issues this charter in token thereof.

July 18, 1949
Charter Issued

Secretary

President

JUNE 27-28

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

EXERCISE PLAN

VISION FOR FD 2020



- NOT A SOCIAL EVENT
 - THERE WILL BE NO DINNER, PICNIC, SNACKS, KITCHEN or any other SOCIAL interaction.
 - THE KITCHEN WILL BE LOCKED!
 - Operators need to provide their own water and sandwiches etc.
- STRICTLY AN OPERATING EVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMCOM PRACTICE

REQUEST FOR USE OF THE GLEN in PORTSMOUTH



- Although reserved, we formally request use of the facility from the Town Council
- Not a time to shy away from the original concept of an emergency communications exercise
- Many of the 134 NCRC members are from Portsmouth and actively support local EM operations
 - 23 Portsmouth - 41(Newport,Middletown,Tiverton)

IMPLEMENTATION



- Signage on each station restricting the station to only one person at a time
- Schedule to be followed precisely as to active operator – NO SIGN UPS – NO FIELD DAY
- Only after operator has sanitized his station mic, table, chair, radio gear, computer and has exited station (tent) with his personal items will new op enter station
- New op will re-sanitize station prior to beginning operation and may choose to use some personal gear such as headphones, mic, or pencils and paper logs

ANTENNAS



- Winter Field Day style wire antennas will be used
- No TOWERS Tri-Banders
- Smaller Moxons for VHF/UHF
- Setup will be by a two man team prior to 14:00 Saturday.
- No sign up for setup helpers/ Only OPS

Site Plan from Jan 2020



- **PHONE STATION** in WFD tent at the usual location (north end of field)
 - K3 transceiver and Johnson Match-box
- **VHF/UHF Station**
 - 6 meter Moxon with various VHF/ UHF gear set up in SECRETARY BOOTH and will be operating with same safety guide lines outlined above
- **GOTA STATION (optional)**
 - set up on concrete pad with safety tape
 - signs to make sure we have only two properly separated GOTA Ops (logger/mentor and op) in station
- **CW station** will be set up at the far end where JAMBOREE ON THE AIR has been located in past Scouting events



STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- There will be up to four stations set up if sign ups support that number
- **1. CW station** will be set up at the far end where JAMBOREE ON THE AIR has been located in past Scouting events
 - K3, Matchbox, winkeyer, etc will be in CW station
 - ops are encouraged to bring personal gear such as keys, headphones, sanitary wipes etc
 - as in WFD events, DIGI ops will fill in 3 hour time blocks that are not filled by CW ops
- **2. PHONE STATION** in WFD tent at the usual location (north end of field)
 - K3 transceiver and Johnson Match-box
 - Other items: ops are encouraged to bring, use and leave with personal gear (headphones, logging pencils etc)
- **3. VHF/UHF Station**
 - Bill Corbin and Mike Seil will have a 6 meter Moxon
 - various VHF/ UHF gear set up in SECRETARY BOOTH and will be operating with same safety guide lines outlined above
- **4. GOTA STATION (optional or remote)**
 - set up on concrete pad with safety tape
 - signs to make sure we have only two properly separated GOTA GUYS (logger/mentor and op) in station

GET ON THE AIR (GOTA) STATION (OPTIONAL)



- If a GOTA STATION is to operate, it's activation would be predicated on firm and positive commitments from teams of two no later than JUNE 15
- One mentor/logger and one GOTA op separated by a plexi-glass panel between two tables are the only personnel allowed in the GOTA Station during any one hour block of time
- Strict scheduling is the key to prevent any overlap resulting in more than the two man team being in the GOTA Station during any operating block of time
- All sanitation protocols listed above would also apply to GOTA TEAMS and will be enforced by the safety officer
- Remote operation by ZOOM like is being considered as a resilient internet capability test and to allow

GATHERING DISCUSSION



- There will be times when ops are coming on shift and they will be encouraged to wait in their cars near their station location
- Only one person in a tent at a time
- No gatherings
- FRONT GATE
- We need to develop a plan to limit entrance to the GLEN to FD participants.
- Safety officer(s) or any of us should not have to deal with the public for this Field Day

SIGN-UP IS CRUCIAL



- As would be needed in an emergency, commitment to a schedule is paramount.
- There will not a W1SYE Field Day if SIGN UPS are not in place before June 1.
- GOTA plan is yet to be approved but may allow later sign up after a Mentor schedule is in place
- Deadline to be established

Willy Thoughts



- I can see this plan for a safe FD working but If the EC feels that we can't pull it off with the necessary safety or we just don't get people signing up, I completely understand.
- I check all of the boxes as a prime target for unfortunate results from a run in with Covid 19 and will support any and all who decide to ere on the side of caution.
- Any suggestions or things I missed please let me know.