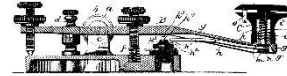




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Special Field Day 2024 Issue, Come to Field Day



**The 2024 ARRL Field Day is June 22-23.
(From your editor and ARRL)**

Field Day is ham radio's open house.

Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

The San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) will participate in Field Day as usual. Priorities are: Have fun, be safe and eat barbeque

If that sounds insincere, it is not. The real objective is to give members experience in operating in an austere environment like may be faced in emergency situations and to bring ham radio to the general public.

SARC has operated from the field adjoining the City of Shavano Park offices on Military

Drive NW. They have been great hosts and friends of amateur radio.

What we do have are some good, friendly radio operators and a great place to work from. We typically have at least 4 HF radio stations and VHF/UHF stations with antennas for each. While we are serious about the operating that is one of the Field Day goals, we don't want to make it like work. We usually score in the middle or lower middle of our class.

Field Day is an excellent opportunity for new hams to experience field operating. There are several Extra class hams present who act as control operators so you don't even have to have a license to participate. You can learn a lot in a short time on Field Day.

It is not a time for guys only. Ladies



The pavilion at Shavano Park Government Center

participate too. It is certain that a female voice on Field Day draws a crowd on the air.

Our Field Day will be at the Shavano Park city offices in the pavilion. It is a great place, plenty of room and lights at night with two, huge ceiling fans to keep things cool. Parking is free and there are clean, indoor restrooms next to the pavilion.

So, plan to come out for an hour, a day or overnight! Those who operate overnight Saturday/Sunday are usually given an “iron operator” certificate. It can get lonely.

Setup is Saturday AM and teardown when we stop on Sunday. Barbeque comes Saturday afternoon.



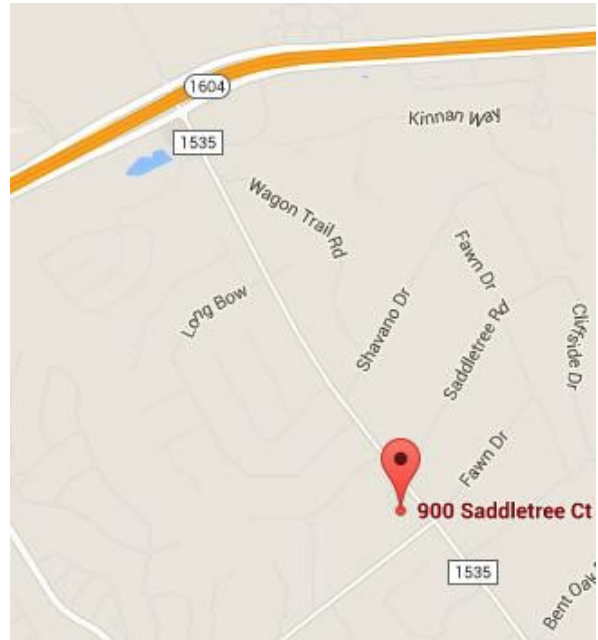
Setting up the club's beam antenna

If you want to bring a radio, contact Jon April, KI5CSK, he's coordinating the layout and antenna positioning plan.

A successful Field Day is when the club meets its primary goal; have fun, be safe and eat barbeque.

The antenna photo is from several years ago, the other photos are from the 2022 Field Day.

Notice: Wear cool clothing
Keep hydrated, cold water is provided
Don't overdo it, Don't stress, relax its fun
Bring bug spray, there will be “skeetere”
We'll be in shade, but sunscreen is advised.





The Schedule

8:00 a. m., Saturday, June 22, 2024:
Meet at 10660 W FM 78 Schertz, TX,
to pull trailer, generators, and tower equipment out
of storage

9:30 a. m., Saturday, June 22, 2024: Set up
antennas, emergency generators, computers, and
radios at City Hall, 900 Saddletree Ct., Shavano
Park

1:00 p. m., Saturday, June 22, 2024:
Start Radio Operations

6:00 p. m., Saturday, June 22, 2024:
Grady's BBQ Supper

8:00 a. m., Sunday, June 23, 2024:
Breakfast Tacos

Late Morning, Sunday, June 23, 2024:
Start Tear Down of equipment no longer being used

12:00 p. m., Sunday, June 23, 2024:
Leave Shavano Park for 10660 W FM 78 Schertz,
TX

About 1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 23, 2024:
Arrive at storage site.

About 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 26, 2022:
All equipment secure.

This year we are combining AARO's Field Day with our own, so you may see some new faces, be sure to welcome them to Schavano Park.

Remember we are ambassador's of ARRL as well as San Antonio Radio Club. For some this may be the first time they interact with HAM radio, help them enjoy the experience.