

It appears that I left out some of the most important information about Field Day 2016 especially for our newer members.

ARRL Field Day

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Objective-

To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

For many years our club has participated in this event. For the last number of years we have rented a site at the Valens Lake Conservation Area

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There are a number of reasons why we operate from this somewhat remote location, but I will not go into them here.

Along with the setup of a number of HF stations, members also enjoy the camaraderie of 'camping' out for the duration of the contest.

Plans in the past have included a barbeque put on by non FD participants for all members who wish to attend.

For information on Valens and the location we generally reserve (Sugarbush with private entrance) see

<http://conservationhamilton.ca/wpcontent/uploads/sites/5/2015/03/Valens2014web.pdf>