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***Field Day* Demonstrates The Critical Need For Emergency Communication And
Local Public Service
Through Amateur Radio**

Members of the Northern New Jersey amateur radio clubs will be participating in the national Amateur Radio *Field Day* exercise, beginning at 2PM on Saturday, June 23 ending Sunday, June 24 also at 2PM local time.

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary "ham" radio stations in public locations during Field Day weekend to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. Over 45,000 "hams" from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2017.

For over 100 years, Amateur Radio has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Ham operators train and prepare to support emergency communications by providing radio links when other communications channels aren't working.

This year's event is particularly poignant in the wake of the impact of hurricanes in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico; the latter which left critical communications solely to the responsibility of amateur operators in the first critical days after the storm struck. "In disasters, we've learned that cell towers won't work and ham operators play a huge role when that happens." said Rob Roschewsk, American Radio Relay League Northern New Jersey Section Manager. "Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage." "Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a generator, solar or battery-powered transmitter and communicate effectively with others," Roschewsk added. "In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down....amateur radio remains contemporary and more important than ever".

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator; there are more licensed US operators today than ever before. And local clubs such as those listed on the attachment, make it easy for anybody to get involved .

For more information contact Ed Efchak at wx2r@arrl.net or eefchak@gmail.com or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio or the local ARRL Northern New Jersey Section site at www.nnj.arrl.org.

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY FIELD DAY LOCATIONS			
JUNE 23-24, 2018			
As of June 17, 2018			
Club	Location	Contact	Contact Information
721st Mechanized Contest Battalion	143 Buckhorn Drive, Washington (Warren County)	Nick Mohr	424-272-1662 info@wc2fd.com
Bergen Amateur Radio Association	100 3rd Street Cresskill	Jim Joyce	201-664-6735 K2ZO@ARRL.NET
Carteret Volunteers ARC	Carteret Park, Carteret	John Wyatt	732-927-0411 W2VTV@ARRL.NET
Cherryville Repeater Association	910 Milford Warren Glen Road, Milford	Kurt Cathcart	908-268-4367 kurt@kuhlroad.net
Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club	Memorial Park, Fair Lawn	Ed Efchak	802-282-6700 WX2R@ARRL.NET
Garden State Amateur Radio Association	1540 W Park Avenue Tinton Falls	Howard Suffill	732-460-1885 W2GSA@ARRL.NET
Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society	Riverwood Park, Toms River	Chris Wreck	201-595-9684 K2HVE@MSN.COM
Metroplex ARC	33 N Central Avenue, Ramsey	John Acovino	201-887-7936 John_acovino@yahoo.com
Morris Radio Club	Central Park Hanover	William Loftus	WA2VQF@ARRL.NET
New Providence Amateur Radio Club	Gov Livingston HS Berkeley Heights	Paul Wolfmeyer	201-404-6914 pwolfmeyer@arrl.net
Nutley Amateur Radio Society	DeMuro Park/Magaret Street/Nutley	Frank Levine	973-698-6864 KC2AUP@ARRL.NET
Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club	Marucci Park Spring Lake	Joe Kruzewski	732-618-5328 Joekru1@hotmail.com
Ramapo Mountain Amateur Radio Club	30 Cannici Drive, Ringwood	Lee Smith	LEECSMITH@AOL.COM
Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs	Manalapan Twp Town Hall/Manalapan	S Lance Andrew	732-536-8071 piratepage@aol.com
South Plainfield Amateur Radio Club	2520 Plainfield Ave S Plainfield	Marvin Bronstein	732-887-0875 K2VHW@ARRL.NET
SplitRock Amateur	Roxbury Horseshoe	Mike Greenfeld	866-457-6687

Radio Club	Lake, Roxbury		info@splitrockara.org
Sussex County Amateur Radio Club	21 Sunset Inn Road, Lafayette	John Santillo	201-452-1010 N2HMM@warwick.net
Tri-County Radio Association	Watchung Reservation/Loop Drive/Mountainside	Paul Biener	pbeiner@comcast.net
Wayne Amateur Radio Club	St Joseph Hospital, Wayne	John Demetrius	973-432-0011 jdemetrius@buchbinde r.com