

# 2016 W4BFB ARRL Field Day

May, 2016

# What is Field Day?

An Annual Event sponsored by the ARRL 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 always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 2:00PM Eastern Saturday and running through 6:00PM Sunday. Field Day 2016 is June 25-26.

#### 2016 W4BFB Location

Park on Wilgrove

7750 Jim Harper Ln, Mint Hill, NC



#### How it works

- Trade "exchanges" with other stations (operators)
  - Ours will be "3A NC" or "Three Alpha November Charlie"
- Typically easier to sit on one frequency and call "CQ CQ CQ Field Day" vs. hunting for people but that is an option

# Potential Layout



#### Operating Details

- Operating as a 3A Station
  - 3 simultaneous transmitters, emergency power
- Phone (Voice), CW (Morse Code), Digital
- 6M/VHF/UHF Station
- GOTA (Get-On-The-Air) Station
- Operate under 1-2 giant tents
- PLEASE SIGN IN! Sign-in Sheet will be at GOTA Station

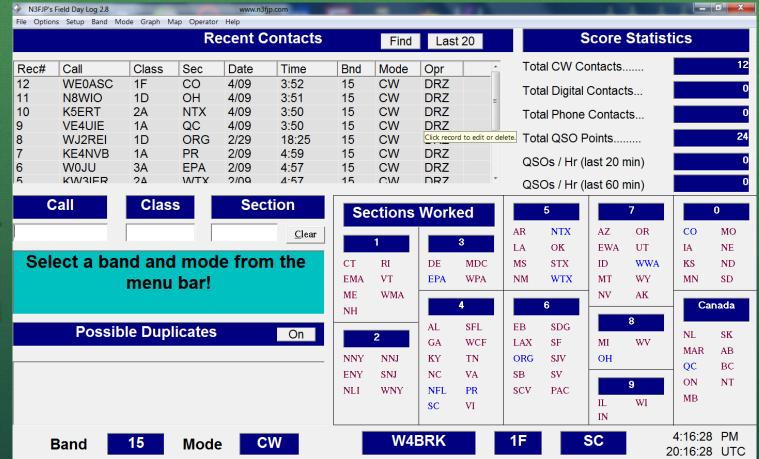
### Annual Field Day Picnic

- When: June 25, 2016 at Noon
  - If you are bringing food, please arrive by 11:30a
- Where: Picnic Shelter near Club Trailer
- Food: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Buns, Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Drinks all provided by the club.
  Members sign up for sides & snacks!

### Logging Software

- N3FJP's Field Day Contest Logger: http://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html
- Youtube Video: https://youtu.be/DJEIXuoKWqc
- Tutorial: http://www.n3fjp.com/ N3FJP\_FieldDaySoftwareTutorial.pdf

Move from one field to the next by pressing space bar, tab, or simply type the exchange and the software will tab on it's own!



#### What We Need From You!

- Media Publicity
- Public Information Table
- Message to Section Manager
- Message Handling (up to 10)
- Satellite QSO
- Alternate Power
- W1AW Bulletin

- Educational Activity
- Contacting Government Officials
- Contacting Agency served by ARES
- Friends & Family
- Social Media
- Safety Officer

### Where Do I Sign Up?

- Signup Sheets being passed around
- Online (After tonight)
  - Picnic: http://w4bfb.org/fd\_picnic2016
  - Operating: http://w4bfb.org/fd\_ops2016
- If you have any problems, email board@w4bfb.org

### Any Questions?

- Ask us now!
- Email board@w4bfb.org to ask the board
- Email members@w4bfb.org to ask the members
- Ask on the M2MEN to ask the community