



REMARCS

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FIELD DAY JUNE 27-28

Last year we had vicious homicidal weeds at Field Day. The botanical equivalent of "Jaws." This year, we've been promised that the killer veggies will be nuked, or something, but you should still wear shoes and socks in case any poison ivy survives. The site (and the generator!) are ours once again courtesy of Bell of Pennsylvania and contacts made by BOB WBSA. The date is June 27-28, and CARTER KD3AO is this year's chairman. If he doesn't buttonhole you first, let him know what band/mode you'd like to operate. We will have "facilities" (the WBDZI Memorial Throne Room), and you can bring your cook-out stuff and picnic food. Novice and Tech operators are especially welcome. Even if you have never been on the air, don't stay home. We'll have experienced operators assigned to help you get into the swing. See the map on the outside back cover. Set-up starts at 10 AM

Have you written to FCC arguing against the proposal to take 220-222 MHz away from the Amateur Service? Whether or not you use this band, you cannot be complacent about loss of any Amateur spectrum. The deadline has been extended to May 21. See the April QST for how to file -- or speak to KC3LM Today!

STAN WA3JW gave another of his rock-em-sock-em talks in March, covering digital voice and what it takes to get a radio past military scrutiny. RUSS K3RH, who works for PECO, explained in April how the juice gets from the generator to your shack. Two club members, two excellent programs. In May the scheduled speaker is SR. BERNADETTE KA3PXA, talking about her operating experiences overseas. Contact PAUL N3DTY with your ideas for future programs. Volunteer yourself!

The Board has authorized the purchase of a 220 MHz repeater to make our club more attractive to Novice operators. A frequency pair has been specified by T-PARC frequency coordinators. The location and other details are still being worked out at this time.

A 10 Mbyte hard disk for the packet BBS has been donated by DON N3FDE. That's a handsome gift and I'm sure all the other MARC packeteers join me in a grand Salaam to Don for his generosity. Thanks to NAT WBJ5 and WALT WA3BDP for donating to the packet BBS fund. It's not too late to make a contribution towards the price of the computer. The BBS is working out nicely thanks to principal sysop JOHN WB3ELA and his helpers. Nationally, packet usage is doubling every five months. In our area, packet operates from 144.930 through 145.090. Voice operation in that area both experiences and causes considerable QRM, so it's better for everyone if fone chats take place somewhere else.

