



REMARCS



MAY-JUNE, 1991

FIELD DAY JUNE 22-23

MARC's Field Day, as in previous years, will be in Audubon [see *map* on *back cover*]. BOB W3SA has arranged the site with Bell Atlantic. We don't go to Field Day grimly determined to win some category, with everyone except high-rate contesters made to feel like disease-carrying intruders. We welcome all operators, whether or not they are experienced contesters, whether or not they have ever operated HF before. We offer the opportunity to improve operating skills, give and receive help, build confidence, grow friendships, solve problems -- and have fun at it.

Field Day chairman WES WB2SVF (446-4923) wants to hear from you about how you'd like to contribute to the event. This year, participants can earn an endorsement for their MARC Public Service Award [see *related story on this page*].

Shoes and socks are recommended, since there is some poison ivy, along with your favorite brands of anti-sunburn goop, bug repellent, etc. Your family members and non-ham friends are welcome to visit.

FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED

The Internal Revenue Service has approved MARC's application for federal tax exemption as a non-profit organization under section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. This section deals with civic leagues and social welfare organizations. That comes down to doing work that benefits the community. Not just walkathons, but the whole realm of volunteer service hams do that improves life for others.

This status will reduce or eliminate the federal income tax the club pays; in fact, some past income taxes were even refunded to us. **However, all members and friends are advised that dues and contributions to the club are NOT deductible on your federal income tax!**

A number of members contributed to this project, which required many hours of work with figures and reams of documentation in response to instructions written in Old High Gibberish: JANET KA3VTQ, HARRY N3EMX, CAROLE KA3UUQ, AL W3DZI, BOB WA3PZO, and KAY KC3LM (who?).

To continue to qualify for exemption under this section, MARC must maintain a high level of service activity. Your work as a member is important and needed.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

Public Service Chairman TOM K3YPO has announced an award program recognizing members who participate in public service events. The certificate carries four endorsements: MARC Traffic Net, MARC Net Control Station, MARC Field Day, and Community Service. Upon completion of one activity, the certificate will be issued along with the earned endorsement sticker. As other activities are completed, additional stickers will be issued. The starting date for earning credits was April 1, 1991. Information on how to qualify for the award appears on page 4.

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