

SINEWAVES

STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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July 23, 2007

Monthly Meeting at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of US 19 and SR 98
Next meeting will be August 16, 2007

Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association		Tuesday Night Net
N8FMD Repeater 147.210 Mhz with P/L tone of 103.5 hz		
Net Control Operator	Date	Call Sign
Tom Bell	July 24 th	KB8WRZ
Bill Snyder	July 31 st	KB8QIN
Tom Bell	August 7 th	KB8WRZ
Bill Williams	August 14 th	K8WWW
Dick Wilt	August 21 st	K8TPH
Dave Morris	August 28 th	WD8NSC
Bill Williams	September 4 th	K8WWW

FIELD DAY 2007

Results reported to ARRL:

CW QSOs : 449

SSB QSOs : 1668

GOTA SSB 381

CW points $449 \times 2 = 898$ + PH points $1668 = 2556$
 $\times \text{Pwr } 2 = 5132$ plus Bonus points 1650
6782

Total score claimed.

Supporting documentation for Bonus Points will be sent via mail to:

Field Day ARRL

225 Main St.

Newington, CT 06111 USA

This Field Day started off on Friday about 5 PM when most of us showed up on Lowndes Hill to start setting up the antennas. When we arrived John (NW8U) and his son (KC8RIP) were there and had the tower up with the tribander installed on the north end of the site. We completed the stringing of the 80 meter inverted V and a 40 meter dipole. When the antenna installation was completed

everyone went home to get their last night of uninterrupted sleep until Monday.

We all arrived around 9 AM on Saturday and proceeded to set up all of the shelters and tables for Field Day. We found we only had two shelters so K8TPH made a run home to pick up another shelter. Unknown to most, the shelter was new and had no directions telling us how to put it together. After a couple hours of lots of twisting and turning and putting things together we old gents took some instruction from the resident teenagers and finally got the last shelter up.

We installed four operation positions including computers for the task of logging. One station was dedicated to CW, the next to 20 meters SSB. The third was set up to operate SSB on 40 and 80. The fourth position was dedicated to GOTA.

We also put up another tower with a tribander dedicated to the CW station.

When 2 PM rolled around we were ready, NW8U and KV8S were our CW operators. N8FXH was the

first 20 SSB operator being assisted by N3CXD logging. Operators traded on and off most of the day on 80 and 40 and later in the evening also took over 20 meters.

The GOTA started out with KD8FLI (48 contacts) with coach K8TPH. During the day, later other operators took over and operated the GOTA station, KD8FDD (47 contacts), KB8ABS (3 contacts). Later in the day KB8WSX took over and made 283 contacts running most of the night until the next morning. KB8WSX was also our resident computer tech keeping the computers going.

Other operators manning the stations and logging were:

WD8NSC, W9AFC, KC8FWD, WV3WLC, KD8FOH, KA5NYN , KB8RIA, KC8RIQ, KC8RIP, N8YPE, KO3E. John, N8ZQD dropped by just to give us that extra nudge and lots of moral support.

Later in the evening Brad Bowden local news reporter from WDTV Channel 5 TV came by to take a few pictures for the local evening news. Many thanks to WDTV for promoting our Field Day operations.

N8YPE created a feast fit for a king to serve all of the workers around 7 PM and the meal was really enjoyed by all participates.

The night was long and unlike the beautiful day on Saturday, the temperature dropped a little and became a little cool. The old bones just did not appreciate the cool damp night air, but we made it through until the sun came up and Sunday turned into a beautiful day also.

N8YPE, Dave, out did himself with breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, eggs to order and lots of hot coffee. Things were running very well on Sunday morning when all of a sudden the main backup computer went south. The only thing we could get the computer to do was to tell us the Hard Drive was corrupted. After some panic, KB8WSX got our his recovery software and then removing the hard drive and placing it into one of the other computers. He managed to recover the data file. We logged by

hand during the computer outage and when the data file was restored we finished our logging for the day.

Of course, we had to do everything in reverse and put things away until next year.

A link to pictures taken during Field Day 2007 can be found on the Main Page. All the pictures are complements of our young but very competent photographer, Tyler Hollandsworth, age 9 using grandpa's camera. I want to thank him because I just didn't have the time to take pictures. Hope to you all in 2008.

Submitted by K8TPH

JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association was called to order by the President Paul Howe KB8RIA. Paul then ask for the reading of the minutes from the June meeting from the Secretary Dave Morris WD8NSC. Next the Treasurers Report was given by the Club Secretary Dick Wilt K8TPH. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary and Treasurers Report as presented, motion carried.

Next a report on Field Day Results was made by K8TPH who stated that the result were on the clubs website.

Under new business a short discussion about the planned special event station to be run by the club during the State Convention at Jackson's Mill on August 25th. The plan is to have the antenna erected by 7AM and the station to be on the air by 9AM. NW8U, John Shafferman is to in charge of erecting the antenna and running the station. Final plans will be made at the August meeting.

A short discussion about classes to upgrade class of license and CAP and FEMA took place before a motion to adjourn was made.

9 Members present and 1 visitor.

