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Field Day 2008 - June 28th & 29th

Dear Field Day Participant:

Main Street USA 1933 - the world of Hiram Percy Maxim... The New Deal was just starting as the country was beginning to move out of the Great Depression. There is no McDonalds... no jet air travel... no television... no rock n' roll... no computers... no one had ever visited the moon... If you lived outside of the city and wanted to make a telephone call, you probably had to ring up the operator who would have to connect you through her switchboard. Commercial AM radio was barely a decade old and most of the amateur radio operators still could remember operating "spark gap".

If you could teleport Hiram Percy Maxim to **Main Street USA 2008**, what a different world he would find! Instead of looking at the moon thousands of miles away, he could see "moon rocks" up close while talking to men who had walked on its surface. Knowing how much "hams" like to eat, you might guess that Taco Bell and Wendy's would be familiar to him. Modern technology like computers, software defined radios, and microchips certainly would hold the interest of his inquisitive mind.

Welcome to Field Day 2008

Where the spirit of "Amateur Radio Past" joins forces with the Next Generation of Innovations, Interests and Individuals!!!!

Amateur radio is about knowledge and growth. It is a hobby and service that truly offers "something for everyone." Amateur Radio stands at a juncture where we can **embrace both the old and new**. While **CW** may no longer be a testing element, it is still a strong and favorite operating mode for many. Tens of thousands of operators are embracing digital technologies, from **RTTY** to newer digital modes like **PSK31** and **Olivia**. Phone operation, probably the largest segment of our hobby, also has new frontiers to be explored with digitized voice, **VOIP**, and **IRLP**. And this is why Field Day - the largest annual on-the-air operating event - is so exciting. It gives all - the old timer and the newcomer, the brass-pounder and the computer assisted operator - the chance to share and teach the broad range of modes and technologies we find in our hobby.

Field Day is truly the time in which we radio to **bring amateur radio to Main Street USA**. By setting up in parking lots, malls, Emergency Operations Centers, parks and even at home, amateur operators learn skills that will allow them to better serve their communities. Setting up in these public venues gives added public relations value - their friends and neighbors can see and experience the fun and public service capability that their "ham radio" neighbors bring to the community.

There are several rules changes for FD2008. First, has been the **GOTA station may operate on any authorized Field Day band - HF or VHF. And anyone who has been licensed since Field Day 2007 is eligible (regardless of license class). Also, the Demonstration Bonus category replaced by an Educational Activity Bonus.** Be sure to read the Field Day rules and FAQs in the FD2008 packet for details of these changes.

The buildings on Main Street in your town will be different from mine. Your Main Street may speak with a Southern drawl, a Texas twang, or a Yankee accent. But deep down - Main Street is Main Street. Use Field Day 2008 to open up our wonderful hobby to the next generation of amateur radio operators on **YOUR Main Street!**

73!

Dan Henderson, N1ND

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BUDGET BASEMENT:

I make personalized address labels, simple business cards or QSL cards. There are 30 address labels to a sheet, 10 business cards to a sheet or 4 QSL cards to a sheet. The charge is \$1.00 a sheet (mix or match) with a 3 sheet minimum (\$3.00). I have many graphics to choose from.

Contact Doris (KD8DXJ) at 734-941-5043 or Dorimae492@yahoo.com for more information.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

Local Hams in your Neighborhood

<http://www.vanityhg.com/maps/enterzip.html>

National Weather Service Detroit

<http://www.orh.noaa.gov/dtx>

Logging Programs

<http://www.n3fjp.com>

R A D A R

<http://www.qsl.net/wr8dar>

Antennas

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/bc.htm>

<http://www.cebik.com/radio.html>

Contests And DX

<http://cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/>

International Call Look-Up

http://www.book.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcallexe

Mega ConverterWeb Page

<http://www.megaconverter.com/mega2>

Aurora Activity Map

<http://sec.noaa.gov/pmap>

Here is a list of repeater frequencies charts, coast to coast for those of you that will be traveling buy car this year. <http://www.geocities.com/usrepeaters/>

AREA EXAMS & SWAPS:

Chelsea Radio Swap

June 1, 2008 Talk-in 145.450 (PL100)

Chelsea Fair Grounds

20501 Old US 12 Hwy

Garden City ARC Swap in the Park

Sunday June 8, 2008

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cherry Hill and Merriman Roads

Main Picnic Pavilion

Table 10.00 or sell from your trunk for Free

Talk-in 146.860 100 PL

Monroe Hamfest

June 15, 2008

Monroe Coounty Fair Grounds

Gerstacker Bldg

6905 Eastman Ave

Talk-in 147.00 (PL 103.5)

There will be no program this month, because of the Constitution and By-Laws, and Finishing up Field Day. The meeting is Monday May 19, 2008 @7:30 p.m. Livonia Civic Center Library. Please bring your copy of the Constitution and By-Laws for this meeting. If you did not get them, please go to the Members Web Site in Yahoo download and copy them.

Meeting Rooms for this year

May 19, 2008 Room A****

June 23, 2008 Room A

No Meetings July and August but the Board Does Meet. Hot Dog and Corn Roast In August.

September 22, 2008 Room B

October 27, 2008 Room A

November 24, 2008 Room A

December there is no meeting, that is because of our LARC Christmas Party.

****** The meeting is one week earlier than usual; January is early because of the Library's Book Sale. May is earlier, because of Memorial Day. Please make a note of these meeting rooms.**