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Why A Supplement To The June Edition?

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The number of submissions for the June issue of the RARA Rag was much larger than usual due to the addition of the RARA Hamfest news. That combined with my having only recently assumed the role of editor resulted in my losing track of a few things and omitting some important and time sensitive news of events being hosted by two of our area clubs.

I have already apologized to the clubs involved and told them that I would publish a supplement to the June issue to insure that the news of the events are received by all RARA Rag subscribers. Thus the reason for this "Supplement."

On page 2, of this supplement you will find news of the "XRX and Monroe County ARES" ARRL Field Day event and on page 4, news of the "Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association" Hamfest.



NEWS FROM AREA CLUBS

Join us for Field Day 2023

Bob Karz, K2OID

The ARRL Field Day this year is June 24th and 25th. The XRX and Monroe County ARES clubs will be participating from Kent Park in Webster. Everyone is invited.

If you're a new ham wanting to try out contesting, if you're an experienced operator looking to join a Field Day group, or if you're not yet licensed and simply curious about Field Day, contact FD Chair Bob Karz, K2OID (rkarz@rochester.rr.com) and join the fun.

Field Day is by far the largest amateur radio event of the year. Last year 27,000 hams throughout the US and Canada took part along with a handful of DX stations. While nominally a civil defense preparedness exercise, it is also a contest, an educational opportunity, and for some a 24-hour party.

To simulate emergency conditions most field day operations use generators or batteries for power and temporary antennas often set up in fields or parks. Our Field Day has something for everyone. Last year we had over forty hams and even some non-hams participate. Some helped with set up. Some ran the "get on the air" (GOTA) station reserved for new or inactive hams. Some ran the VHF station. Some ran the computer logging network. Some operated the digital station. Some operated CW exclusively. Some operated SSB exclusively. You get the idea.

The Field Day exercise runs from 2:00 PM EDT Saturday, June 24th to 2:00 PM EDT Sunday, June 25th with antenna setup on Friday June 23rd and equipment setup on Saturday morning. Disassembly starts at 2:00 PM Sunday and will be complete by 4:00 PM. Participants need not be present the entire Field Day period. Indeed, most of us are not there the whole time.

Our Field Day location will be at the lower soccer fields in Kent Park, 1700 Schlegel Road in Webster. Our Field Day is completely free. We hope you will join us.



Ben Kennerknecht, W2BMK operates GOTA Station while GOTA Coach Tim Brown, WB2PAY looks on



Operating from the Kent Park Soccer Field Shelter IN 2022



Our Field Day Antennas at Sunset 2022

You can find more information about Field Day at:

[A "field day" like no other | webster on the web](#) (a few minor errors but is a great description of our Field Day from a lay perspective)

[ARRL Field Day 2022: W2XRX - Rochester, New York || Special Club Edit for XRX Amateur Radio Club - YouTube](#) (Video by Don Vallone, KD2REU of our 2022 FD)

[W2XRX Field Day 2021 - Google Photos](#) (Photos by Don Vallone, KD2REU of our 2021 FD)

June 2023 QST Field Day 2023 Guide pg. 65 (special section)

KEUKA LAKE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, KLARA

The [Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association](#),
Hamfest is August 19, at the "Howard Community Center." Breakfast, coffee, tailgat-
ing and Ham Radio! Friendliest little Hamfest around.

Do you want to camp? Come on Friday and spend the night with us for your \$5 gate
fee! Contact us is you plan to camp please.

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Howard Community Center

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