

## President's Corner

### July 2010

Field Day has come and gone, and BARA's showing was strong this year. We had 15 members and 10 visitors up at the shack that weekend, and our operators made a total of 426 contacts across five HF bands, working up to three stations concurrently (our most distant contacts were several California stations). I went up on Friday for setup, and camped all the way through to teardown on Sunday. The weather was terrific, and I had a lovely campfire going each night. We had a number of notable occurrences, among which were:

- A successful amateur satellite demonstration by Drew Deskur (KA1M)
- Erection of the newly purchased 40 m temporary tower by Ray Terry (K1OW) and crew
- Andy Rudy (KC2QYA) vowing (and succeeding!) to make 100 contacts (including California and Puerto Rico)

Ray Terry logged the most contacts (178, on both voice and CW). I managed 63 contacts, and Lee Savidge (W3EFE), who (along with Ray Terry) worked late into the night, logged 60 stations. Other participants (most of whom worked the rigs at one point or another, and/or helped with setup/teardown) included Brian Adey (K2DLB), John Carrington (WB2SGS), Ford Drake (AB2HS), Vinnie Griggs (N1JPM), Bill Jaker (WB8RAE), George Kilpatrick (N2GSS), John Rudy (WB2FQZ), Mel Snitchler (WE2K), Tom Vroman (N2BGM), Ann Whyman (KB3UQX), Sam Chaplin (N2SLC), Rob Gault (KC2VMP), Mark Hall (N2MTH), Evan Shelp (KC2USH) and Mike Christian, and Jack Connors (WB2GHH), who was observed on a brief drive-by visit with his family. Our visitors included a number of youngsters as well, several of whom are on target to get their ham tickets. I know some of y'all were taking photos – please let me know where I can get ahold of some copies (and let's get 'em posted to our website, too!).

This year I will make sure our logs are submitted to the ARRL. We certainly won't place near the top of our class (3A), but competition wasn't the point – we decided instead to focus on the emergency preparedness aspects of the event, as well as relaxing and having some fun while doing so. As always, the Field Day proved to be an invaluable learning experience for me. For example, I forgot to bring a key to key up my transmitter for tuning; none of the keys we had up there had the right plug, and we didn't have the proper adapter. After thinking about it for a bit, it occurred to me that my headphones had the proper plug, and their 8 ohm impedance might just be low enough to key my rig. I plugged 'em in, and sure enough my transceiver went into transmit mode, allowing me to tune it up. That's the kind of thinking that Field Day is intended to foster! I hope I'll see you up at the shack for next year's Field Day so you can share the wonderful experience that those of us who attended enjoyed.

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