

2016 FIELD DAY RESULTS 2016

The Field Day operation for the Macon County ARC was.....Let's say interesting. The Round House was reserved, but the Secretary at the City of Macon had the reservation for July 25th and 26th. The decision was to operate from the QTH of Dale Bagley, KØKY's.



**Bill Schmidt, WAØJCO,
Operating his portable
CW Station in the
improvised Field Day
site.**

Bill Schmidt, WAØJCO built a nonresonant balanced dipole, We also put up a 40m/80m dipole. Operations started a little late and the antenna were a bit too close. Even with the antenna so close, we were able to make 596 total contacts.

Bill, WBØJCO, was at the CW Key and Paul Poteet, ABØC, was handling the Digital PSK-31 QSO machine. Ralph, WD6BGN, set up his PSK-31 station at the Round House, but was needed in LaPlata so he didn't participate for NØPR. On Sideband we had Jesse, KDØETU, Charles, WBØHLW, Larry, ABØHP, (and his two grandchildren), and Dale, KØKY.

Others helping out with the station set-up were Steve Mallett, KCØAMJ, Larry Willingham, KØARS, and Mike Morgan, KMØMVR. We worked most of the ARRL and Canadian Sections. The seven ARRL sections we didn't get in the logs were...DE, NNY, VI, LA, AK, NV, and ND. The Canadian Provinces we missed were NL, ONN, SK, NT and MB.

I will have to say that we had a successful Field Day and another outstanding Field Day picnic. There were around Hams and family who enjoyed the Burgers and Brats cooked by Larry, ABØHP. Thanks to Scott Bigham, NØDBM for his generous support of this year's picnic.

As usual all the carry-in food was great and it looked like nobody walked away hungry. Thanks to everyone for the great effort during the 2016 ARRL Field Day Exercise and remember to put the last full weekend in 2017 on your calendar for Field Day 2017.



Jesse Jones, KDØETU, at the mike on the GOTA station using the call sign ABØC.

SUMMARY OF FIELD DAY CONTACTS

Call NØPR and ABØC

Mode CW 80m =70 40m= 171 20m 142 15m=1

Phone 80m = 4 40m = 65 20m = 73 15M = 59

Mode Digital 20 m = 6 15m = 5

Total QSOs = CW=384 Phone = 201 digi = 11

Grand Total = 596

For Field Day 2017, we will make sure that the Round House is reserved for the month of June **not** July. . Antenna will be spread far apart so that interference will be kept to a minimum. We will spare no effort in making sure that the weather is ideal and that propagation will be good.

We have plenty of soda pop for the Fall Long Branch Lake picnic on hand. We usually have the Fall picnic in late September or early October. When the date for the picnic is set we need to write it on our calendars. Remember that the Lester Dent – Doc Savage Special event will be held in La Plata October 8th. On October 9th the Special Event MCARC members will be operating from their own QTH. Those operating need to give their log to Dale Bagley after the event to help with the QSLs.