

## 2017 ARRL FIELD DAY



L to R Sally, Mel and Joe making lots of QSOs.

The Field Day operation for the Macon County ARC is in the books. This year due to the Round House being booked before we asked, was at the Macon Education Center on Industrial Park Drive in South Macon. There was air-conditioning to some extent and there was lots of outlets and tables to use.

We had 15 Hams attending Field Day 2017 and they were (in the order signed in) Dale: KØKY, Randy: KM4KDH, Gary: WAØZSU, Larry: ABØHP, Matt: NRØQ, Mel: KDØUNV, Sally: KDØNTZ, Joe: NØWPI, David: KEØKMC, Jesse: KDØETU, Curtis: KEØBCO, Charles: WBØHLW, Todd: AKØAK, Bill, WAØJCO, and Mike: KMØMVR. If I anyone, please let me know. The Picnic went well and Larry did a great job cooking the burgers and Brats. Thanks to Scott Bigham, NØDBM, for sponsoring this year's Field Day picnic. Randy Trant, KM4KDH, was attending a family reunion at the Fairgrounds and stopped by to be a part of our Field Day operation.



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This year Bill Schmidt, WAØJCO used a new antenna with a unique design. It had 4 legs at 90 degrees to each other 43 feet long. The center was 26 feet in the air and fed with ladder line. It worked well on all bands and went up in a flash.



We also had three scouts Hunter, Luke, and Wilson, attend with their Scout leader David Matheis, KEØKMC. The Scouts had a nice program about Amateur radio thanks to Gary Freeman, WAØZSU and Larry, ABØHP.





Thanks to Lily's Field Day contact with W5ODL, 4A LA, for NØPR we qualified for the Youth Element and got 100 points. Thanks a lot Lily

## 2017 FIELD DAY RESULTS

This year our total QSO points were 2384 points on CW, 256 points on Phone with a grand total of 2640 points. Our Bonus points claim is for 1000 points. Media, Public location, FD message, visit by elected official and Served Agency, Education, Youth, GOTA, & Safety. The 2017 ARRL Field Day projected score is 3,640 points. This year's score is similar to most years, with the exception of super year 2014.

Gary Freeman, WAØZSU, operated the GOTA station and produced a remarkable score. Gary had been inactive in Amateur Radio for many years and then in February this year he received a QSL card he had sent to another ham back in the late sixties. He was thinking about what he was going to do in retirement and the QSL card gave him a push toward Ham Radio. He still had his old equipment and he decided to get back on the air. He sends CW with a Bug and operated the entire Field Day. We were glad to have Gary with us this year and hope he takes part in future MCARC operating events.

### **FOR THOSE THAT LIKE DETAIL!**

#### **Call NØPR**

CW: 80m = 83 40m = 184 20m 15m = 20 15m = 4  
CW Total = 351

Phone: 40m = 48 20m = 36 15m = 44  
Phone Total = 128

#### **Call ABØC (GOTA Station)**

CW 40m = 85 20m = 75 15m = 64 10m = 17  
CW Total = 241

The number of ARRL sections we were able to contact this year was 68/71 with the only three missed were SF, SJV, and ND. We also worked 7 of 12 CRRL sections in Canada plus the Virgin Islands and Porto Rico.



A photograph of the NØPR and ABØC Antenna Farm via Gary Freeman, WAØZSU's cellular phone camera.

Jesse Jones, KDØETU, did a great job re-furbishing the beam and you can see Charlie's vertical in the background.

