



**Polk County Amateur
Radio Association
1732 Forest Circle
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**

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RickW9WS & Dan KB9OBF Field Day update

- Rick, W9WS has been put in charge of antenna and their arrays this year. Between him and Jim, K0KFC I feel that the antenna groups will be set up in a fine fashion.
- Mark, KC9PJJ for donated a rotor and controller that will be used by the club. It is believed that K0KFC has an antenna and mast that will be utilized for FD this year to be placed on the telescopic mast of the EOC.
- As far as radios, Mike, KC9JIK will be bringing his setup for PSK and other digital modes. We will also be using the clubs Ten Tec Jupiter and Dan KB9OBF's IC-706 for the other two stations. There may be other radios available but antenna and feed line may become an issue.
- Fred, AB9LV will be providing us with a plan B for operations in the case the county need the Mobile EOC for an emergency. Fred has a pull behind camper that we will be able to use for operations if need be or sleeping quarters if the need arises.
- Dan KB9OBF procured N3FJP's Amateur Radio Software CD which has the Field Day 2.8 logging program. It is my intention to have a laptop at each operating station during the event so that we will be able to complete dupe checks and provide legible logging that can be easily merged to one log that would be looked over and then submitted to the ARRL. I will provide the code for those wishing to utilize the program during FD.
- Dan KB9OBF mailed invitations out to Ann Hraychuck, Tim Moore, and Kathy Poirier to attend our activities. I have not gotten response except from Kathy as far as attendance.
- Dan KB9OBF purchased and was reimbursed for promotional pamphlets from the ARRL to have on display during FD. I could bring a card table to have those set on for the display and if we have visitors, someone would go to the table to discuss amateur radio and what we are doing and answer questions.
- Dan KB9OBF talked about placing a small sign by the highway but leave that up to the club
- As far as meals, how many would be willing to do pot luck? I do realize that we do not have many people that would show up and therefore our food variety would be limited but what are your thoughts?
- Dan KB9OBF planed on making flapjacks again this year? Coffee is a no brainer that WILL be there.
- Dan KB9OBF said we should try to get a little something in a paper for an additional 100 points?

Mark KC9PJJ Skywarn update

Mark KC9PJJ talked about the NWS changing the reportable hail to 1inch and we talk about getting a net script ready for storm season

Mark KC9GHQ Winlink/ RMS packet update and wanting the association to get a deviation meter

Talked about getting his node up and what is next for getting more node up and running

BLBBS has been working better lately but still has problems

Talked about a deviation meter for the association to buy

Mike KC9JIK Net Update

Looking for net operators

Working on a new net script

Chris KC9NVV Grant Money info

Polk Burnett electric gave us a grant for \$250 for Training and equipment needs

Fred AB9LV information about camping trailer

It was talked about and approved to help defray the cost of registration for the camping trailer that Fred has donated the use of to the club