



FIRST PLACE WINNER !

CATEGORY 3A

FIELD DAY 2001



WEBSTER PARK, WEBSTER, NY, JUNE 2001 – 23 June found the determined amateurs of the Rochester DX Association once again assembled in Webster Park for their annual Field Day exercise.

For many years now, members of this 50-year old amateur radio club have gathered at the Webster Park site, erected shelters, hoisted antennas, laid out power cable, and put three (3) HF transmitters plus a Novice station on the air for the ARRL Field Day event. The work is often heavy and hot, and the rewards—aside from a weekend of radio fun and camaraderie—have been few.

Field Day efforts over the past several years have focused on maximizing the RDXA score. The Field Day Committee—led by W2TZ, N2RD, and K1PY—has analyzed the scores of previous winners, looked carefully at antennas as they relate to the site, propagation, the bands, modes, etc. and made several key changes in strategy.

This year the strategy, at long last, yielded the desired results. Though the overall score was lower than the 2000 effort, it was sufficient to put RDXA at the top of the list of entrants in the 3A classification.

Congratulations RDXAers. Herewith, a photographic look back at Field Day 2001...**the year we won!**

Mike – N1OKL

Friday, 22 June

Setup



Setup isn't so bad if you take a break with a "cold 807" from time to time. N2CK and N2RD enjoy the shade and a respite from the antenna raising action in the field.



N2OPW unveils dinner while AF2K searches for the clean cups. W1TY and W2FE await the call to feed. NG2P stands by in the background.



K2MP, K2SKO, and N2RD enjoy a rest and a cold one after lifting the big generator into place.



N2CK and K2MP dig into dinner after Friday setup.



The fruits of the labors. The TA-33 and 80m dipole in place on the flagpole, supported by the famous, patented K1PY GIZMO. Look at all those lines! Wonder where they all go?



AE2T and son carefully watching the dinner setup proceedings...asking the age-old question, "Did they get enough?"



Come on! How hard could it be to set this station up? Ah remember, what you don't see is the antenna: N2OPW's VHF stack on a tower, with rotor. The VHF tent is ready to QSO!



N2RD and K2ZT fire up the CW station. Unknown ops at the SSB position in the background.



NG2P explains the intricacies of packet communications. So that's how the Cluster works? I always wondered!



The NG2P packet node demo setup: 2 TNCs, 2 radios, 2 antennas, 2 terminals, miles of wire. And they call this "wireless?"



"Hit any key!" NG2P in action during the packet demo.

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