

ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

FIELD DAY 2001

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.



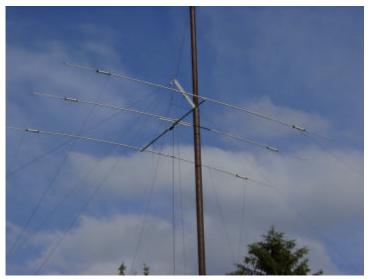
N2CK and K2MP dig into dinner after Friday setup.



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



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



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?



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!

Saturday, 23 June

Let the Games Begin



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



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





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



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

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Sunday, 24 June

The Games Continue



This is why it's called Field Day: the Novice station in the field. Note the slightly askew element on the 10m beam...a casualty of attempting to pull up a push-up mast!



K1PY, inventor of the famous flagpole GIZMO, works the early-morning pileup in the SSB tent.



W2FE works 'em in the VHF tent. Note the monitor in the foreground...used for the airborne N2VNO ATV demo from NG2P's plane later in the day. From packet to pilot, NG2P: our renaissance man.

The Numbers

2001 FD Statistics

Rochester DX Association

2001 Field Day W2RDX/N2TW - 3A Final results

Band	CW	DIG	SSB	BOTH
160				0
80	266		559	825
40	735		1342	2077
20	351		294	645
15	242		15	257
10	0		0	0
VHF	9		53	62
Sat	0		0	0
Nat	6		0	6
Nov	0		111	111
QS0s			2374	
CW Qpts				3218
DIG Qpts	0 x	2 =		0
SSB Qpts	2374 x	1 =		2374
Tot Qpts			=	5592
Pwr mult		5592 x 2	=	11184
Tot bonu	s		=	1400
Total Sc	ore			12584



N2TWI and N2YJU racking up the Qs at the Novice station.

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All those with an interest in amateur radio and DXing and contesting are cordially invited to any meeting. Meetings are held at 19:30 local time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Location is the auditorium of the Monroe County Social Services Bldg., 111 Westfall Rd., Rochester, NY.

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