



# **OUR** NEWS & VIEWS RADIATING FROM THE WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB **TOWERING TIMES**

**FIELD DAY 2001 SUMMARY**

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**COMING... FULL FIELD DAY COVERAGE WITH PHOTOS IN  
THE JULY 2001 MEGA-ISSUE OF *OUR TOWERING TIMES***

**FIELD DAY IN WELLINGTON...  
A FUN, SAFE, BUSY EXERCISE  
ATTRACTS 70+ PEOPLE  
AND CONNECTS TO 1200  
EMERGENCY SITES NATIONALLY**



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## **WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB'S FIRST SOLO FD**

The Field Day Committee felt a touch of anxiety... not *really* knowing that all the pieces would fit together in its first solo effort. Especially crucial was volunteer turnout, but it did not become the anticipated stumbling point. Friday's well attended setup session set the tone for the weekend and the only period where people had to do double duty was early Sunday morning.

## **TEAMING UP WITH THE VILLAGE... A SUCCESS**

The Village did a terrific job making sure all requested resources were available for the weekend, including the labor saving bucket truck and its skilled crew. It was great to observe, as Mayor Wenham did, the Village's staff work as a team with ham setup and teardown crews. The Village bus proved to be an excellent, realistic communications shelter as did the FHP's Winnebago. Even the small, bare Public Works trailer was pressed into service for an hour or so when the FHP vehicle was detained. There's little doubt about this team's work in real emergencies.

## **MASTERING SKILLS**

Particularly gratifying was that 24 of the Club's 38 members came to the exercise as did many indispensable volunteers from other clubs. What was truly impressive was that a significant number of new hams and "inactive" ones quickly mastered operating, computer and setup skills to work with or relieve "old-timers." The EOC's HF equipment was field tested and many volunteers learned to operate them skillfully.

## **MOTHER NATURE COOPERATES**

The Weathervine Group was on site to act as our personal weather forecasters. We were spared any major storms and even the ionosphere cooperated by keeping open the critical 20 meter band for 24 hours!

## **ONWARDS & UPWARDS**

Although exhausted, many volunteers started talking about next year's Field Day, how to improve it and eke out a few more contacts! Even with its faults, Field Day 2001 will be remembered as a great starting point for the Wellington Radio Club.

# **THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT A SUCCESS!!! FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS**

## **VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON:**

Mayor **THOMAS WENHAM**  
1st Lady **REGIS WENHAM**  
Emergency Management Director  
**KEN ROUNDTREE**

## **WEATHERVINE GROUP:**

**JEFF GAMMONDS**  
**CHRIS COLLURA**  
**DAVE CORNWALL**

## **TOWNCRIER NEWSPAPER:**

**CAROL PORTER**

## **PBC FIRE RESCUE:**

**BATTALION CHIEF BLOUNT**  
**3 F/R PERSONNEL**

**BOB WALLINS**

**BILL BERTRAM & SON**

**AA0BA BILL**

**AD4C HECTOR**

**DK8NV GERD**

**K4YV ROY & WIFE**

**K4GTE VIE**

**KB2BBG HOWIE**

**KB2PHW TOM**

**KB2TGQ DENNIS**

**KB2VUQ DENNIS**

**KC2GXX FLORENCE**

**KC4LCE PAT**

**KC4VMO JOHN**

**KC4YRR BOB & MARY**

**KD4GLO CATHERINE**

**KD4LXB JAMIE**

**KE4JAR STEVE**

**KE4MSA CARL & WIFE**

**KE4PWE PHIL**

**KE4PYP LARRY**

**KE4SMZ BRYAN**

**KF4FAJ REX**

**KF4IHX ERNIE**

**KF4OCC RACHEL**

**KF4TSQ LARRY**

**KG4U GRAF**

**KG4BZF ROB**

**KG4FKY JACK, TANYA,  
ALEISHA & TAYLOR**

**KG4HMC NANCY**

**KG4JCS CLETUS**

**KG4JMO JOHN**

**KG4KYB KEN**

**KG4KYC LLOYD**

**KG4KYD CLETUS (SR)**

**KG4NTT STEPH**

**KR4WD GEORG**

**KS4EC ROB**

**KS4NB LARRY**

**N4JZK CHARLIE**

**N4OCI GENE**

**W1CHS CARL**

**W1DLH DAVE**

**W1RIC RICK, SUSAN, NICOLE**

**W2IDX BERNIE**

**W2WAK MOE**

**W9KEN KEN**

**WA3NKO DAVID**

**WB4KGY DOUG & JULIE**

**WD4IUD WALT**