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**W8MWA FIELD DAY**  
Saturday and Sunday,  
June 26 & 27, 2004  
Sand Springs by Chestnut Ridge

## Broadband over Power Line Video Available

June 18, 2004 -- A video that clearly and concisely explains and depicts the threat of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) to Amateur Radio now is available for downloading free of charge from the ARRL Web site. The video, *BPL and HF: A Primer*, runs approximately three and one-half minutes (including credits). It's suitable for Amateur Radio club presentations as well as for non-ham audiences, such as the news media, civic clubs, local governments and emergency response agencies. A suitable "companion piece" for the video presentation is the ARRL brochure "Broadband over Power Line: Why Amateur Radio is Concerned about Its Deployment," which makes an ideal informational handout. Members of the North Carolina BPL

Action Team--Frank Lynch, W4FAL; Tom Brown, N4TAB; and Gary Pearce, KN4AQ--with assistance from Cyndi Pearce, KD4ACW; Danny Musten, KD4RAA; and SoundTrax Studios in Raleigh, North Carolina, shot and narrated the video. It was produced and edited by Flint.Ridge Productions. The file is approximately 18 MB. A high-speed Internet connection is strongly advised for those wishing to download *BPL and HF – ARRL* (Editor's Note: There are several BPL developments published on ARRL's web site.)

## Editorial

This is my first newsletter as assistant editor and you may have noticed a few differences. Besides the late publishing date, one major difference is the length of the newsletter. There is only one story! While I know there were several events in the past month that could have added to this newsletter, I was unable to attend them. I am asking again for information regarding events that you've been involved in. I would love to include in the July letter some information from the Special Olympics, Butler Ham Fest, the CERT training session, what's new on the Nets out there, etc... Please email submissions to [jmccartney@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:jmccartney@hsc.wvu.edu)

--Jennifer KC8YNY

**WV State Amateur Radio Convention**  
Saturday and Sunday  
August 28 & 29, 2004  
Jackson's Mill

## FIELD DAY IS HERE

Field Day will be held at the base of WNPB's TV tower. June 26 and 27. Starting time will be Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Most bands will be covered and there will be plenty of opportunities for all to try their hand at operating the stations.

### DIRECTIONS

Exit Interstate 68 at the Cooper's Rock exit. Turn left, then right. Up the hill 1/4 mile you make the left toward Sand Springs Campground. Follow the signs to the campground. Go past the campground on the dirt road and follow it for about two miles. Look on your right, you will pass a short (150-200 feet) tower. The next right is the one to the Transmitter site. That tower is about 520 feet high and can be seen from the turn off.