

## Winter Field Day - A tune-up for the June event!



Ken Young, K1KEY, sends out a 'CQ' from his 40 meter phone station during the two-day Winter Field Day event held on January 26-27, 2008.

Ken Young (K1KEY) and Bill Barron (W1WAB) organized the Club's activities for Winter Field Day; held January 26 and 27th 2008.

The contest, sponsored by the Society for Preservation of Amateur Radio [SPAR], encourages emergency operating preparedness in the winter. The event was held on all bands, except 12, 17, 30 and 60 meters and kicked off promptly at 17:00 UTC [noon].

Although an informal event, considerable planning was required: from gaining SCC-CA approvals to notifying the Security Patrol and HCSO that members would be at the 'shack' all night, to de-  
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### Winter Field Day

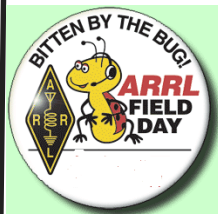
Winter Field was established by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio [SPAR] in 2004 as a vehicle for amateurs to field-test their equipment for emergency deployment in the winter. Similar to the ARRL's regular June Field Day event, the 'contest' requires deployed stations to exchange signal reports, station class, and temperature.

Details can be found at:  
<http://www.spar-hams.org/>

### June Field Day

*Don't miss this year's June 2008 Field Day held on the fourth full weekend of the month.*

*Last year was great -- this year will be better! Sign up to volunteer with the Committee now!*



*See Ken Young K1KEY or Bill Barron W1WAB*

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# Winter Field Day *(from page 1)*

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**Club Meetings** First Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Florida Room



**New amateur Deya Schierenbeck enjoyed examining all the equipment deployed in the Palm Room.**

*-Photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF*

ciding what equipment and antennas should be used.

Three stations were deployed: Jim Messer (K1JGM) 20 meters [Icom 706], Ken Young (K1KEY) 40 meters [Yaesu FT-100], and Bill Barron (W1WAB) digital [Yaesu FT-897]. The KE4ZIP FT-920 was used for CW contacts.

Separate logs were maintained at each station using Ham Radio Deluxe software. eQsIs were issued for every contact.

Food was kept simple: donuts and pizza!

## *Volunteer* *Spotlight:* 2008 Committees

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### **Radio Room Operations & KE4ZIP Nets**

George Gray W4GAG

### **Mentor program**

Don Davidson KI4YIT

## *New Members*



Jim Messer K1JGM and his YL Monica K4DNP were accepted as new associate members of the Club.

## *Silent Keys*

None this Issue

**Get involved! Volunteer for a Committee today!**



# Winter Field Day Snapshots !!



Fred Nassar (left, KD8AQ), Hillsborough County ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator, mans the club's FT-920 CW station.

Fred logged almost half the WFD contacts in the poor band conditions.

- photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF

Ken Young (below, K1KEY) is dwarfed by his fully-extended Buddi-pole portable antenna.

Ken brought his FT-100 to WFD and operated mainly on 40 meter phone.

- photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF



Jim Messer (above K1JGM), SCCARC's newest member, brought his ICOM 706 to WFD and operated on 20 meter phone.

A recent upgrade to General, the event gave Jim a chance to find out what you can do on HF!

-- photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF



## Winter Field Day Snapshots !!



Bill Barron (left, W1WAB) retreated to the CERT HQ building on Sunday to escape some of the intermod from the other WFD stations set-up in the Palm Room.

The proximity of the rigs-- and the cheap coax employed -- created havoc between the 20 phone, 40 phone, and digital stations.

--photo by Jim Key KI4TMX



Dick Bishop (left, W4NWD) manned the club's FT-920 at night to try to garner some 80 meter phone contacts.

But, alas -- no one on that band appeared to be in the contest -- although Dick had a few good ragchews.

--photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF

## Elmer Spotlight: Giving back to the Hobby

In a fitting tribute for his efforts, Don Chinnery WU9T was presented with an "Award of Merit" by the Club at its January 2008 meeting.

Don, who served for many years as the Training Coordinator for SCCARC -- and as Club President as well-- has seen



many of his students progress from Technician to General .. and all the way to Extra class.

--By Bill Barron W1WAB

SCCARC President, David Schierenbeck N8PF (left) presents the award to Don Chinnery WU9T at the January Member meeting.

## Winter Field Day Snapshots !!



A case of the blind leading the blind ~~~

Bill Barron (left, W1WAB), George Gray (W4GAG), Rita Hale (W1UZR), and Jim Messer (K1JGM) are dumfounded at the reading from the antenna analyzer; while diagnosing problems with one of the Buddi-pole antennas.

The problem turned out to be a too-short counterpoise wire..

--photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF



Bill Barron (left, W1WAB) and Jim Messer (K1JGM) go over the logging software before WFD.

No dupes were recorded -- but better internet-connected logging software is planned for June's FD event..

-photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF

Roll  call!

Many members turned out for the Winter Field Day event: some to operate, some to help set-up, others just to see what it was all about.



Rita Hale (left, W1UZR) made several night-time 40 meter phone contacts as the band suddenly 'opened-up'.

-photo by Mike Friolet W4MJF

Members who signed in included: Bill Barron W1WAB, David Schierenbeck N8PF, Jim Lewis WB8GIP, Lou Pomales KI4ILP, Deya Schierenbeck KJ4AIB, George Gray W4GAG, Rita Hale W1UZR, Mike Friolet W4MJF, Bob Wehrle KI4ILT, Bob Goldberg WA4M, Ken Young K1KEY, Don Chinnery WU9T, Jim Messer K1JGM, Dick Bishop W4NWD, Fred Nassar KD8AQ, & Bill Madigan N4BJM.

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<i>Bizarre!</i>	<i>Event Calendar</i>
 <p>Looking like something collected from the trash cans, Bill Barron W1WAB erected this Rube-Goldberg-type antenna on the back of his golf cart.</p> <p>The antenna is a Hustler Mobile 4-foot mast and resonator ; terminating into a 3/8ths "CB-mirror-mount" attached to Military fiberglass push-up poles. With its 20 different counterpoise wires, the antenna did a great job capturing PSK31 contacts at the event.</p> <p>Who needs expensive gear?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>-Photo by Bill Barron W1WAB</i></p>	<p><u>February 2008</u>          6 Monthly Member Meeting</p> <p><u>March 2008</u>          5 Monthly Member Meeting</p> <p><u>Radio Nets:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VHF Weekly -- Tuesdays 7:30pm</li> <li>2. HF -- Mondays 9:20am on 14.282</li> <li>3. UHF-Fridays 10:00am</li> <li>4. YL Weekly -- Wednesdays 7:30pm</li> <li>5. ARES/RACES- 1st Thursday-7:30pm</li> </ol> <p>Events are regularly posted at the <a href="http://www.sccarc.info">www.sccarc.info</a> website or announced over the 147.225 [pl 146.2] KE4ZIP repeater</p>