

**AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS  
IN PACIFIC COUNTY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL  
FIELD DAY AND THE PUBLIC IS INVITED**

With memories of the December storm fresh in mind, the Pacific County Amateur Radio Club members will be testing their emergency communications gear and their operating skills in this year's North American Field Day event. The public is invited to observe amateur radio at work and to take part by sending an email to a friend or relative via radio or by learning how to make contact with another radio station in North America. One of the radios in the Pacific County Command Vehicle will be dedicated for public participation and demonstrations.

Official operations begin at 11 AM on Saturday morning, June 28 and continue non-stop until 11 AM on Sunday morning, June 29 at the Nahcotta Mooring Basin of the Port of Peninsula and at the adjacent Morehead Park. The best time to visit the operation is Saturday midday through late afternoon. Stop by the information booth for a brochure and get directions to the other activities or ask about becoming a licensed radio operator yourself. There's good parking available at the Port.

In addition to the radios in the County Command Vehicle, the club will have a voice station at the Port and a Morse Code station at Morehead Park. These two stations will have elaborate antennas set up and will be operating around the clock to see how many other stations in North America they can contact. Last year over 1,600 contacts were made during the 24 hour event.

Other stations operating for shorter periods on Saturday afternoon will send messages to public officials and attempt long distance contacts via Amateur Radio Satellite. All of the operations that you see will be using emergency power and be independent of the public utility. Last year, the Morse Code station operated entirely from batteries with no recharging or use of a gasoline generator.

Field Day began as a national event in the 1930's and has evolved into the largest on-the-air radio operation during the year. Although Field Day is not a formal contest, we do get ranked according to the number of contacts made as well as training and public outreach activities. Last year there were a record 2,331 Field Day entries submitted. Our local club placed first in our class in Washington State and 36<sup>th</sup> in North America.

Come join in the fun, learn something about amateur radio, and cheer us on. For more information call Bob Cline, our Emergency Communications Radio Officer 665-4496 or Dick Lemke, club president, 665-2438.