



**Amateur Radio Club of Alameda**



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## Electronic News Letter

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By KL7IDY

### Report On May Club Meeting and June/July Activities

#### Order your ARRL Field Day Tee Shirt & ARRL Field Day Pin:

Michael John has volunteered to collect funds and submit a Club order:

Contact: Michael John Torrey, KF6YRG  
510-865-3723  
174 Maple Way  
Alameda, CA 94501-1847



2005 Field Day T-Shirts  
Soft, heavy weight cotton.  
**\$12.95 each.** Unisex sizes:

- # Small #9548-S
- # Medium #9548-M
- # Large #9548-L
- # X-Large #9548-XL
- # 2X-Large #9548-2XL
- # 3X-Large #9548-3XL



2005 Field Day Pin #9533—  
**\$5.00 each.** One size fits all

Plus Shipping: Club orders over \$75 save on shipping.  
(only \$12 shipping within the US for T-shirt orders over \$75).

#### Next Monthly Meeting:

**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2005 **(No June Meeting due to Field Day)**  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Building 522, West Midway Ave. Alameda Point

## **NCS for June 2005:**

June 2	Tom, KG6MAC
June 9	Al, KG6HM
June 16	Sandy, KO6JF
June 23	Michael John, KF6YRG
June 30	Joe, KL7IDY

## **FIELD DAY SCHEDULE:**

1. Pre-Field Day Meeting:  
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2005  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Place: Applebee's Restaurant, South Shore Shopping Center
2. Field Day Setup:  
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2005  
Time: 8:30 am  
Place: Building 522, Alameda Point
3. Field Day Operations:  
From:           Date: Saturday, June 25, 2005  
                  Time: 11:00 am  
  
To:              Date: Sunday, June 26, 2005  
                  Time: 11:00 am
4. Operating Class:  
Class A – Battery       (QRP)  
3 or 4 transmitters     (To be determined during setup on June 25)
5. Call Sign and Exchange:  
"K6QLF 3A EB" or "K6QLF 4A EB"
6. Computer Logging Program:  
N3JFP "FIELD DAY CONTEST NETWORK LOG 2.4"  
<http://www.n3fjp.com/>

## **FIELD DAY SUPPORT:**

Club members promised to provide the following equipment and materials at the May Monthly Meeting:

1. Radio Equipment
  - a. Yaesu FT-817,       Al, KG6HM
  - b. Yaesu FT-817,       Jay, KF6YQZ
  - c. Elecraft K-1,       Joe, KL7IDY
  - d. Yaesu FT-817,       Sandy, KO6JF

2. Antennas
  - a. Multi-Band Dipole (40,20 & 15) Sam, KJ6AF
  - b. Eighty Meter Dipole Sam, KJ6AF
  - c. Twenty Meter Dipole Al, KG6HM
  - d. "Buddy Pole" Assembly Sandy, KO6JF
  - e. 160 M Dipole wire (standby) Joe, KL7IDY
  - f. Fiberglas Mast Set #1 Joe, KL7IDY
  - g. Fiberglas Mast Set #2 Jay, KF6YQZ

3. Saturday Dinner  
Jay, KF6YQZ and family have volunteered to provide Saturday night dinner. Members should arrange for their own food for Saturday Lunch and Sunday breakfast.

4. Accessories to be needed
  - a. Logging computers
    1. Desktop, wired ethernet Sam, KJ6AF
    2. Wireless router Joe, KL7IDY
    3. Wireless laptop Joe, KL7IDY
    4. One or two more wireless laptops needed.
  - b. Shelter tents
  - c. Assorted cables, adapters and tools

## **JULY FOURTH PARADE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications support for the Alameda July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade is planned.

The following stations will be providing communications. Any member also interested in participating should contact Al Sweet, KG6HM for sign-up and operational details. Details will be discussed during the Field Day operations.

Al, KG6HM  
 Fran, KF6UVB  
 Andy, N6AJO  
 Michael John, KF6YRG

## ORIGIN OF "HAM"

From the 1969 ARRL "The Radio Amateur's Operating Manual"

**"Ham: a poor operator. A 'plug'"**

That's the definition of the word given in G. M. Dodge's 'The Telegraph Instructor' even before radio. The definition has never changed in wire telegraphy. The first wireless operators were landline telegraphers who left their offices to go to sea or to man the coastal stations. They brought with them their language and much of the tradition of their older profession.

In those early days, spark was king and every station occupied the same wavelength -or, more accurately perhaps, every station occupied the whole spectrum with its broad spark signal. Government stations, ships, coastal stations and the increasingly numerous amateur operators all competed for time and signal supremacy in each other's receivers. Many of the amateur stations were very powerful. Two amateurs, working each other across town, could effectively jam all the other operations in the area. When this happened, frustrated commercial operators would call the ship whose weaker signals had been blotted out by amateurs and say "SRI OM THOSE #&\$!@ HAMS ARE JAMMING YOU."

Amateurs, possibly unfamiliar with the real meaning of the term, picked it up and applied it to themselves in true "Yankee Doodle" fashion and wore it with pride. As the years advanced, the original meaning has completely disappeared.

-Louise Ramsey Moreau W3WRE/WB6BBO