

2017 ARRL Field Day Results

This year, over 37,700 participants made nearly 1.3 million contacts.

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Even with dangerously high temperatures in the southwest, and rains delaying some setups in the east, 2017 ARRL Field Day participants were not deterred. They marched on to successfully set up and operate June 24 – 25, with some doing so under less-than-ideal conditions during this annual operating event. This year, more than 3,000 groups submitted logs documenting both group and individual support of this communications exercise.

As Amateur Radio's largest social event, more than 37,700 participants joined in with their local clubs, or their area emergency communications teams, while others operated while hiking with friends, went mobile or roving, or operated on their own from a favorite site or their homes. Several groups reported successful operations from their local parks, schools, municipal facilities, churches, hills and mountaintops, and even open fields while entertaining visits from the media, served agencies, local officials, and the public.

While operating digital, CW, or phone modes, participants amassed nearly 1.3 million contacts! And contact numbers were up this year for each mode. CW contacts were up 10%, while phone and digital contact totals were both up 20%.

Activity by Class

Class A — The most popular operating category, these are Club or Non-Club groups of three people or more who set up a temporary/portable Field Day site away from their usual stations or locations: 1,308 entries (43.6%)

Class B — These are the temporary/portable Club or Non-Club groups of one or two people who set up their Field

Day sites away from their usual stations or locations: 380 entries (12.7%)

Class C — These are the mobile or rover operators from vehicles, and sometimes even bicyclists or hikers who cover tens of miles with an HF/VHF backpack station: 58 entries (1.3%)

Class D/Class E — Stations operating from home, either with commercial power (Class D) or emergency power (Class E): 1,042 entries (34.7%)

Class F — Stations operating from or as EOCs: 186 entries (6.2%)

Checklogs — 45 checklogs were



At KB5A, the Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society in Argyle, Texas, brought out the welcome sign with open arms. From left to right: Safety Officer Venzula Mathews, KF5PJH; Kevin Grantham, N5KRG; Annie Ackors-Bruce, KG5OVU; future ham Henry Chen; Seth Bruce, AF5YN, and Liz Brown, K5EMB. [Michael Brown, W5MDB, photo]

Entries by ARRL RAC Section/Prefix

Section	Entries	Section	Entries	Section	Entries	Section	Entries
AB	16	KY	38	NTX	66	SK	4
AK	9	LA	22	NV	18	SNJ	24
AL	41	LAX	41	NWT	2	STX	72
AR	30	MAR	17	OH	142	SV	40
AZ	75	MB	2	OK	33	TN	74
BC	31	MDC	58	ONE	22	UT	32
CO	62	ME	27	ONN	4	VA	94
CT	42	MI	92	ONS	36	VI	2
DE	9	MN	52	OR	53	VT	9
DL	1	MO	64	ORG	47	WCF	24
EB	19	MS	17	PAC	6	WI	53
EMA	39	MT	17	PR	9	WMA	13
ENY	36	NC	95	QC	26	WNY	60
EPA	96	ND	10	RI	20	WPA	44
EWA	18	NE	12	SB	18	WTX	8
GA	79	NFL	47	SC	41	WV	19
GTA	15	NH	26	SCV	35	WWA	78
IA	32	NL	2	SD	7	WY	9
ID	25	NLI	26	SDG	26	DX — C6 - Bahamas	1
IL	108	NM	22	SF	16	DX — CO1 - Cuba	1
IN	67	NNJ	36	SFL	30	DX — TI8 - Costa Rica	1
KS	41	NNY	10	SJV	21	DX — PV - Brazil	1

Class	
Class	Class definition
A	3 or more person club/non-club portable using emergency power
AB	Per above, with battery or alternate non-generator power source
AC	Per above, but with commercial power
B1	1 person club/non-club portable using emergency power
B1B	1 person per above, with battery or alternate non-generator power source
B1C	1 person per above, but with commercial power
B2	2 person club/non-club portable using emergency power
B2B	2 persons per above, with battery or alternate non-generator power source
B2C	2 persons per above, but with commercial power
C	Mobile stations
D	Home stations using commercial power
E	Home stations using emergency power
F	EOC stations

Count by Class Summary					
Class	Entries	Class	Entries	Class	Entries
A	1,132	B1C	26	C	58
AB	45	B2	50	D	650
AC	131	B2B	31	E	392
B1	103	B2C	6	F	186
B1B	154				

Transmitter Count by Class			
1A	139	1AC	15
2A	389	2AC	56
3A	321	3AC	34
4A	133	4AC	13
5A	75	5AC	10
6A	39	6AC	2
7A	16	10AC	1
8A	11	1B1	102
9A	3	2B1	1
10A	3	1B1B	151
12A	1	2B1B	3
15A	1	1B1C	26
16A	1	1B2	33
1AB	15	2B2	17
2AB	8	1B2B	25
3AB	11	2B2B	6
4AB	6	1B2C	4
5AB	1	2B2C	2
6AB	2	1C	54
9AB	1	2C	3
13AB	1	4C	1

acknowledged (see the list at the bottom of the Logs Received page at www.arrl.org/logs-received).

Geographical Participation

While “contacts are king” in this event, tracking on a map or with software made it possible to work many ARRL Sections and/or DX stations during Field Day, which is always exciting for new hams and for sharing with curious visitors. During Field Day 2017, participants submitted entries from all 83 ARRL/RAC sections, as well as from the Bahamas, Brazil, Cuba, and Costa Rica.

Field Day is one of the greatest opportunities for local Amateur Radio clubs to connect with their communities. As we look to grow our exciting hobby, getting our message out remains a fundamental component of our organized club and group activities. To encourage spreading this message electronically, ARRL added a social media bonus in Field Day 2016, promoting use of social media (including platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and we were excited to see the bonus claimed by

hundreds of participants and the media clips in the supporting documentation. Additionally, supporting documentation showed an increasing number of state and local Field Day proclamations, as well as elected official and served agency visits to Field Day stations. Check out some of the great Field Day 2017 videos on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ARRL+Field+Day+2017.

Field Day also offers an educational activity bonus, and we were pleased to see so many groups offering short training programs, license classes, and license exams, as well as dipole, quad/quagi, and Yagi (including satellite) antenna measuring/building, coax cutting, and other station accessory assembly and testing. Some groups also held first aid and AED training on site. Field Day 2017 brought focused ham radio education to participants when and where they were most interested.

The new Safety Officer bonus for practicing safe site principles grew in popularity in 2017. In addition to those

groups who held first aid/AED classes mentioned above, several increased the formality of the position of Safety Officer and even cross-trained new staff for future ARRL Field Days.

Field Day 2018

As we look forward to next year's ARRL Field Day, groups are already planning their operations. They are investigating or reserving their locations, preparing operating plans (number of stations, antennas to be used, bonuses to be sought), and more. With the 2017 weather events in the Caribbean, as well as southern and southeastern states (particularly Texas and Florida), Amateur Radio operators have again been called upon to provide equipment, and message handling to support communications in storm-ravaged regions. Field Day is our annual activity targeted at preparing for such support.

Be sure to get yourself or your group on the air next year from June 23 – 24, 2018.

2017 Field Day Statistics

Entries active:	3,009 (includes checklogs)	Up 8.6% from 2016
Checklogs:	45	
GOTA entries:	432	Up 6% from 2016
Total CW contacts:	556,362	Up 10% from 2016
Total digital contacts:	63,406	Up 20% from 2016
Total phone contacts:	667,653	Up 20% from 2016
Total contacts:	1,287,421	Up 16.5% from 2016
Number of participants:	36,725	Near equal to 2016

Top Ten Claimed Scores

Call	Score	Transmitters
W3AO	39,430	16A
W4IY	20,930	12A
W4EZ	19,760	9AB
K6EI	19,350	13AB
K2AA	18,154	7A
W6YX	17,420	7F
KS0MO	16,554	2A
K4BFT	16,452	4A
W2GSB	16,102	6F
N6HC	15,466	6A

Oakland Co. ARS							
W8TNO	2502	2 15	7,856	MI	Sons of DARCChess	West Virginia Amateur Radio	Prelle ARA
Falmouth ARA					W9XS	826 2 17	K8YR 842 2 12
K1RK (+W1NOB)	2096	2 50	7,724	EMA	Pine State ARC	3,030 WV	W9FEZ 550 2 10
Williamsburg Area ARC					N1ME	4,698 IL	Green Valley ARC
K4RC (+AI4WU)	2129	2 44	7,718	VA	Souris Valley ARC	576 2 67	WE7GV 507 2 34
Smith Chart ARS					K0AJW	4,536 ND	Washington Co. Oregon ARES
K4OO (+W2RML)	2111	2 22	7,606	NC	N7KE (+KZ1W)	1,203 2 39	W7BT (+KF7YBT)
NA9U Group					1203 2 39	4,414 WWA	388 2 12
NA9U (+N9AFU)	1977	2 15	7,542	IN	San Andreas Faultline Survivors	4,414 WWA	2,380 OR
BARC					W6SW	707 2 30	ARC EmComm Svc.
N7DXT	2249	2 7	7,312	MT	+KJ6UVQ)	2,984 OH	WB2QBP (+K2ARC)
Mississippi Valley ARA					1118	2 14	521 2 19
W9MVA	2364	2 6	7,270	WI	4,296 SJV	2,976 IN	Penn-Mar RC
CTRI Contest Group					West Allis RAC	866 2 50	W3MUM (+KC3IVN)
KE1S (+W1DX)	2062	2 26	7,260	RI	W9FK	4,278 WI	884 2 24
Victor Zulu Field Day Group					New Providence ARC	2,976 IN	W MI Repeater Assoc.
N3VZ	2139	2 6	7,252	EPA	N2XJ (+W2FMI)	1,220 2 51	W8GJX 386 2 7
Story Co. ARC					4,272 NNJ	4,272 NNJ	Pamlico. ARC
WØYL (+WØYI)	1580	2 43	7,142	IA	Palos Verdes ARC	1,087 2 25	K4BCH (+K4OTH)
McHenry Co. Wireless Assoc.					K6PV	4,208 LAX	410 2 26
K9RN	1682	2 25	7,050	IL	Sam Mateo RC	2,966 VI	2,316 NC
Williamson Co. ARC					W6UQ (+AB6D)	2,950 WI	Larkfield ARC
N5TT (+N5TW)	1742	2 109	7,022	STX	1015	4,180 SCV	W2LRC (+WB2UPN)
Monroe Co. Radio Comm Assoc.					The North East Wyoming Contesting Club	1,210 2 24	526 2 30
W8PI (+W8DWL)	1972	2 32	6,734	MI	WY7FD (+WY7SS)	4,180 SCV	Maple Valley ARC
Northeast Maryland AR Contest Soc.					Ottawa OVMRC + OARC	1,210 2 24	W7A 443 2 26
NE3MD	2067	2 22	6,724	MDC	CF3RAC (+VE3JW)	4,180 SCV	Downey ARC
W/K ARC of Greater Milwaukee					793	4,148 WY	W6TOI (+W6CHI)
N9AW	1658	2 15	6,662	WI	Anaconda ARC	1,210 2 24	610 2 20
Bergers Bandits					W7VNE	4,120 MT	Huntsville First Baptist Church Ham Club
K3II	1737	2 4	6,536	EPA	Kankakee ARC	1,210 2 24	K4FBC 458 2 8
Dummy Loads Contest Group					W9AZ	(+N9FD)	2,286 AL
W4DRN	1725	2 6	6,372	AL	1012	4,026 IL	Hidden Valleys ARC & UW-Platteville
Boulder ARC					Blossomland ARA	1,210 2 24	KC9KQ (+W9UWP)
WØDK (+NØYE)	1916	2 25	6,164	CO	W8MAI (+W8KIT)	4,026 IL	531 2 32
Boeing Employees ARS — St. Louis					873	3,988 MI	Hiawatha Valley ARC
WØMA	1673	2 25	6,036	MO	Blue Avalanche Communication Group	1,210 2 24	AA0RW 542 2 25
Oakville ARC					N4K	3,972 VA	Sierra Blanca ARC
VE3HB	1380	2 8	5,990	GTA	Franklin Co. ARC	1,210 2 24	KR5NM (+K5FBK)
Fall River ARC					AC1L (+KB1MSU)	4,026 IL	393 2 17
W1ACT (+N1JOY)	1770	2 14	5,982	EMA	974	3,934 WMA	Pacific Co. ARC
Explorer Post 599					Escondido ARS	1,210 2 24	W7R 386 2 9
WA2DFI (+W7BSA)	1593	2 21	5,948	AZ	N6SD (+N6WB)	4,026 IL	Laguna Mountain WFD
Tennessee Valley DX Assoc.					960	3,930 SDG	WW6CC 473 2 13
W4PL	1671	2 16	5,890	TN	Freescale ARS	1,210 2 24	Valencia Co. ARA
Gaston Contest Club					W7FSL	3,878 AZ	K5OUR (+KC5OUR)
K9NN	1628	2 3	5,796	IN	Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Assoc.	1,210 2 24	280 2 74
Jefferson Co. ARC					W1TU (+KB1NEB)	3,842 ME	Pals Repeater Group
W7JCR (+KL7HI)	1033	2 27	5,504	WWA	783	3,842 ME	K7Y 918 2 10
Susquehanna Valley ARC					Trident ARC	1,210 2 24	West Sound ARC
W3VPJ (+W3RGA)	1481	2 33	5,468	EPA	870	3,840 SC	N7IG 330 2 25
Shenandoah Family Field Day					Whitley Co. ARC	1,210 2 24	Mora Open Repeater Assoc.
KK4PH (+N3QKA)	1501	2 5	5,462	VA	WC9AR (+KC9ANF)	4,026 IL	N9OY 861 2 6
United Radio Amateur Club					875	3,780 IN	LAARC
K6AA	1233	2 20	5,460	LAX	Hancock ARC	1,210 2 24	W5PDO 608 2 15
Mining ARC and St. Paul RC					W9ATG (+N9TT)	3,780 IN	SC4 ARC
WØMR (+KØAGF)	1423	2 34	5,444	MN	748	3,780 IN	W6SCF (+K16FAO)
Palatine ARS RACES/Aux Comm					Morris RC/Hanover Twp. OEM	423 2 37	2,822 BC
W9P (+W9PAL)	1411	2 47	5,368	IL	2YD	3,776 NNJ	VAE7VCC 516 2 57
Nashoba Valley ARC					Canton ARC	1,210 2 24	2,848 BC
N1NC	1377	2 35	5,338	EMA	W8AL (+KT8BSA)	4,026 IL	W4HZZ 673 2 36
Montrose ARC					914	3,758 OH	Peekskill/Cortlandt ARA
K0II/T (+KC0QXX)	1334	2 38	5,310	CO	618	3,756 IA	W2NYW 813 2 22
Metro DX Club					Hellgate ARC	1,210 2 24	2,734 ENY
W9TY	1378	2 16	5,222	IL	W7PX	3,748 MT	The Hill Gang
Central OR DX Club					965	3,748 MT	N0OY 861 2 6
N7LE (+N7XU)	1209	2 14	5,114	OR	Southern Vermont ARC	1,210 2 24	2,722 KS
Montgomery ARC					K1SV (+N1RZ)	4,026 IL	W5PDU 608 2 15
W4AP	1228	2 21	5,106	AL	956	3,604 VT	SC4 ARC
Heart of Texas ARC					Wayne ARC	1,210 2 24	W6SCF (+K16FAO)
W5ZDN (+W5TS)	954	2 43	5,076	NTX	N8IW	3,554 OH	424 2 27
Hattiesburg ARC/Lamar ARC					MARCA	1,210 2 24	Heritage Hunt Hams
K5PN (+KF5ZCI)	1273	2 50	5,038	MS	W7MOT	3,510 AZ	WA4HH 547 2 48
South Canadian ARS					W5ANR	3,480 AR	Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC
W5NOR (+WB5ULK)	1122	2 100	4,970	OK	W5NEM (+KE5LUX)	3,500 NTX	W1SMH 515 2 15
Mid-MO ARC					1002	3,472 MS	Blackstone Valley ARC
N0SS	1233	2 33	4,778	MO	Butts Co. EmComm Auxiliary	423 2 37	2,134 RI
Eastern Panhandle ARC					W4BCA (+K3GWK)	3,472 MS	W9SW (+KA9ERS)
K8EP	1496	2 15	4,728	WV	851	3,414 GA	586 2 15
Palms West ARC					W9ZL (+N9AOT)	1,210 2 24	2,134 IL
N2JF	1346	2 35	4,724	SFL	764	3,218 WI	NC4NH 434 2 51
Crawford ARS					1120	3,218 WI	Hospital Disaster Support Comms System
W3MIE (+N3QQH)	1138	2 25	4,714	WPA	1180	3,210 EPA	W6PA (+N6NH)
Anderson RC					N0IW	3,194 IA	301 2 44
N4AW (+N4SBA)	1168	2 48	4,714	SC	W5NEM (+KE5LUX)	3,150 OH	Parker Radio Assoc.
1168	2 48	4,714	SC	752	3,150 OH	K0PRA (+N2SRK)	

