The Villages Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting

Field Day Edition

June 18, 2020

TVARC General Membership Meeting

Agenda

5:30 PM Sign in and chit-chat

6:30 PM Business Meeting

7:15 PM Program – Field Day 2020

Adjourn

TVARC Business Meeting

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of new members
- Birthdays and anniversaries
- Officers' reports
- DX Honor Rolls and upcoming contests



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TVARC President's Report

- Here we are, Zooming again. Tonight's meeting focuses on Field Day with information about how every club member who wants to participate can get on the air and have some fun.
- Our July meeting will probably also be held via Zoom.
 The recreation department is not ready to have a group our size get together.

TVARC Secretary's Report

- Our May Board Meeting was held via Zoom due to the Coronavirus Shut down.
- Our May Membership meeting was held via Zoom as we continued to be unable to meet in person.
- We expect this situation to continue until the Recreation Centers are opened for large meetings.

The Villages Amateur Radio Club, Inc Treasurer's Report May.2020

Total Income			\$ 48.00	\$ 4,387.06
		50/50	\$ 00.00	
		2 Dues Renewal	\$ 24.00	
Inc	ome:	2 New Members	\$ 24.00	
Beginning Balance	05/1/2020			\$ 4,339.06

Expenses:

	Total Ex	pense	s	\$ 00.00	
Ending Balances	05/31/2020				\$ 4,387.06
Petty Cash 50/50		\$	50.00		
	Petty Cash Treasurer		88.00		
	Undeposited Checks	\$			
	Cash not deposited	\$			
	Total Money	\$ 4	,525.06		

Status of Repeaters in The Villages

as of June 15, 2020

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.150
       Working Fine – PL 103.5 Hz – T – K4VRC/R
.225
      Working Fine - PL 103.5 Hz - TSQ - K4VRC/R
                                                                              NEW RC Controller installed.
      Offline – EchoLink – K4VRC-R – Node # 848490 – No RX
.250
      Working Fine – PL 110.9 Hz – T – K4LFK/R
.210
      Working Fine PL 110.9 Hz – T – K4LFK/R
                                                                              Standby Emergency EmComm
.940
      Working Fine – Digital: Open. Wires Offline FM: PL 103.5 Hz – TSQ
                                                                              Split antennas. - WA1UTQ/R
       Working Fine – EchoLink – W2TR-R Node # 67670 – FM
       Offline
                    - Wires - X Digital - # 53816,63816 - coming soon
       Working Fine - Allstar - W2TR - FM - 43572
       Working Fine - FM: PL 91.5 Hz - TSQ* - WA1UTQ/R
.980
.575
       Working Fine - Closed Repeater – WA1UTQ/R
       Working Fine – Wires-X Node # 11186 – Private – PDN added soon
.670
        Off the Air - PL 103.5 Hz - TSQ - Not HT Coverage - K4LFK/R
CERT
       Working Fine - CERT TEAM MEMBERS ONLY - TSQ
       Working Fine - Under W2TR - TSQ
Tech
* Strobe Noise at night only on FM on .980 and .575
On Repeater PL: T on the RX
                                        TSQ (Tone Sq.) it's on both TX and RX.
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TVARC Education Report

- KN9B has proposed dates for Technician and General Class license classes beginning in late September.
- However, the Recreation Department is not scheduling any extra meetings at this time, and Station 44 is following the rec centers.
- So, for right now, it is wait and see.

Education Coordinator

KN9B Brad Castelli



ARRL VEC Report

TVARC May 2020 DXCC Standings

ARRL DXCC List Standings worked from The Villages
No QSLs or other confirmation required
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Callsign		Name	DXCC	Adds	New DXCC	
	K9IA	Chuck	292			
	K2PS	Pete	257	1	4J	
	K2TE	Ed	252	0		
	KA1AF	Frank	227	1	A3	
	NP2B	John	212	0		
	K1LTJ	Al	174	0		
	N0SMX	Dennis	163	0		
	WB4CKI	Don	157	12	6O	
	WN4R	Byron	155			
	N8RW	Ralph	154			
	ND4G	Rich	144	0		
	K4ZDM	Karen	136			
	WD4JJI	Rick	136			
	WU3Z	Glenn	132			
	KB4XO	Jeanette	132	0		
	K3ZGA	Bob	125	2		
	KI4VPD	Wally	118			
	KA9YKB	Dan	118			
	K2DM	George	113			
	N4FP	Wayne	107	_		
	K1CTR	Doug	105	2		
	K4WCK	Cam	103			
	N1XAU	Bridget	103	14		
	W3US	Rusty	101	The Villages	ES, QE, IS	S, ZP, VK
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Callsign	Name	DXCC	Adds	
KF4CQ	Frank	97		
W1IPN	Earl	96		
KB8SB	Sam	95	19	KG4, VK, ZL
KB9MI	Art	93		
K4QR	Tony	91		
W4OE	Hal	81		
N1UC	Chuck	68	2	
W1IBI	Steve	66		
WB2ART	Ken	66		
KN9B	Brad	64		
AL7BA	Jim	62		
WB2RBS	Vito	50		
K4PIM	Pim	47		
KM4PIH	Paul	33		
K2WEK	Bill	30		
K4ZEE	Vic	27		
KR1BW	Steve	24		
KN4ULF	Nancy	11	0	



May 2020 TVARC FT8/4 Standings

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Callsign	Name	FT8	Adds	
KA1AF	Frank	219	2	A3, 4U1UN
K2PS	Pete	217	1	4J
NP2B	John	208		
K2TE	Ed	206	3	HZ, 4L, 6O
WB4CKI	Don	157	12	6O
K4ZDM	Karen	136		
WU3Z	Glenn	123		
K1LTJ	Al	122		
KB4XO	Jeanette	118		
ND4G	Rich	111		
WD4JJI	Rick	105		
K4WCK	Cam	103		
N1XAU	Bridget	103	14	
N0SMX	Dennis	96		
K2DM	George	93		
KA9YKB	Dan	81		
K3ZGA	Bob	79		
KB8SB	Sam	76	19	KG4, VK, ZL
N1UC	Chuck	60	2	
AL7BA	Jim	48		
WB2RBS	Vito	47		
KM4PIH	Paul	32		
KN4ULF	Nancy	9		



TVARC May 2020 WAS Standings

US States worked from The Villages starting 8/1/2017
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Worked all 50 (28 TVARCers):

K9IA N1XAU K2TE KA1AF ND4G K3ZGA NP2B KB4XO WD4JJI KM4ISN KF4CQ K2DM W4MRJ

KA9YKB K2PS K4ZDM W4WNG WU3Z K4WCKK1LTJ WB2RBS W9DAL N8RW WB4CKI

K1CTR N1UC W3US N1XAU

Still working on it:

Callsign	Name	States	Adds	RF/Internet Needed
•			Auus	
KB8SB	Sam	49		R MS
N0SMX	Dennis	49		R AK
K4QR	Tony	48		R AK, MT
KM4PIH	Paul	48		R AK, HI
K2WEK	Bill	46		R AK, HI,NV, WY
W8RCW	Rich	44		RAK, NE, NV, ND, OR, UT
WB2ART	Ken	44		R
KR1BW	Steve	41		R
KI4VPD	Wally	33		R
KN4ULF	Nancy	27		R
WN4R	Byron	22		R
KM4ZTE	Mike	14		I
KM4ZTE	Mike	9		R

Special Mention: KA1AF 247 out of 250 5BWAS Special Mention: WD4JJI and KA1AF WAS on FT4



TVARC May - June 2020 Operating Notes

Significant Dxpeditions: None

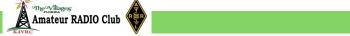
Contests Coming Up: (all local times)

Field Day 6/27 2PM thru 6/28 5 PM 27 hours 1D NFL

IARU HF 7/11 8 AM thru 7/12 8AM 24 hours 59(9) 08

What is Field Day?

- Field Day is an emergency-preparedness exercise sponsored by the ARRL.
- Generally, groups of hams or individual hams set up one or more stations in the field (often literally), operating with emergency power and makeshift antennas, to prove the concept of emergency communication via ham radio.
- Each group makes contacts with other groups over a 24-hour period exchanging simple information about their setups.
- A variety of modes can be used: SSB, CW, FM, digital
- Most bands can be used (excluding WARC bands).
- You don't have to be in a field, and you don't have to use emergency power. You can operate from home using commercial power.



RS1 Robert Schwer, 6/8/2020

When is Field Day

Saturday June 27 at 2:00PM – Sunday June 28 at 2:00PM***
If you enter as a Class A or B station, AND you do not begin setting up until 2:00PM Saturday, you are allowed to operate until 5:00PM on Sunday.

What do I need to do?

- 1. Choose a Class of Operation.
- 2. Know your FD Exchange.
- 3. Prepare your Station ahead of time.
- 4. Operate in Bands and Modes available under your license class.
- 5. Submit your entry to ARRL designating The Villages Amateur Radio Club as your affiliated club.

There are 6 Operating Classes (see details in FD Rules)

Class A In the field – what our club has traditionally operated as.

- * 3 or more people
- * No permanently installed FD structures (antennas, towers, etc.)
- * Emergency Power
- * All operations in a 1000 ft. circle.
- Class B Same as A except with only 1 or 2 people
- Class C Mobile Station capable of being in motion with all equipment operational
- Class D Home Station 1 or 2 person on commercial house power
- Class E Home Station 1 or 2 person on emergency power
- Class F This is an EOC (Emergency Communications Center)

Temporary Rule Waivers from ARRL for FD 2020

- 1) For FD 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations for points.
- 2) For FD 2020 only, an aggregated club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club.

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and F entries.

What is my Exchange? – It consists of 3 parts:

- 1. The maximum number of simultaneous transmitted signals
- 2. Your operating class letter
- Your ARRL Section in our case North Florida or NFL

Example:

1D NFL 1 operator operating an HF home station with commercial power

1E NFL 1 op with an FM HT operating with all batteries charged prior to FD

1D NFL 1 op using a 50watt mobile 2m FM radio at home with commercial power

1C NFL 1 op in a car with a mobile antenna sitting in the parking lot at Chick-Fil-A.

2B NFL 2 ops at a local park with batteries as power & 2 transmitted signals on the air

- Field Day Exchange Cheat Sheet
- Exchange:
- (0) Run: CQ FD CQ FD DE < Call Sign> < Call Sign> K
- (1) S&P: <Ans Call Sign>
- (2) Run: <Ans Call Sign> <CQ Class> <CQ ARRL Section>
- (3) S&P: <CQ Call Sign> <Ans Class> <Ans ARRL Section>
- (4) Run: TU <CQ Call Sign> QRZ?
- (5) Both: Back to (0) or (1)

- Field Day Exchange Cheat Sheet
- Example:
- (0) Run: CQ FD CQ FD DE < K2DM> < K2DM> K
- (1) S&P: <K3YQA>
- (2) Run: <K3YQA> <2D> <NFL>
- (3) S&P: <K2DM> <1D> <WPA>
- (4) Run: TU <K2DM> QRZ?
- (5) Both: Back to (0) or (1)

• What can I do with my Technician License for FD? Lots!

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10 Meters

SSB – 28.300 to 28.499 Mhz.

Digital – FT8/FT4 or PSK 28.05 to 28.10 Mhz.

6 Meters

SSB – 50.125 to 50.299 Mhz.

Digital – FT8/FT4 (need radio capable of SSB)

2 Meters

FM Simplex Frequencies

Digital – FT8/FT4 (need radio capable of SSB)

HF CW (for more ideas see (tiny.cc/fwm)

80 meters - 3.525 to 3.600 Mhz

40 meters - 7.025 to 7.125 Mhz

15 Meters – 21.025 to 21.200 Mhz.
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Please all General, Advanced & Extra classes spend some time monitoring and calling CQ on the Technician privilege frequencies and modes (including 2M FM simplex) to encourage more activity.

"Field Day with a Baofeng" a.k.a. VHF/UHF FM on Field Day

- You can work Field Day with just a handheld or other FM transceiver!
- Each contact counts for points, and receives a multiplier depending on your power output and how you power your rig.
- Your Rubber Duck will work, but, you'll get far more reach out of a better antenna, whether a whip, ground plane, J-Pole or other antenna. The higher the better.
- FM contacts count as Phone (Voice) contact. All voice contacts are equal.
- FM mobile rigs work as well as base stations.
- Contacts must be via Simplex (direct radio to radio), repeaters are not allowed.
- Calling CQ on FM on Field Day is OK!
- As of 2015, it's OK to use 146.520, the National Calling Frequency, for Field Day contacts. Yield the frequency to emergency traffic, of course.

Commonly used Local Simplex Frequencies

Other simplex frequencies are OK, but here are Some to start with:

2M: 146.520, 146.550, 146.580 Mhz.

220: 223.50 Mhz.

440: 446.000 Mhz

6M: 52.525 Mhz

10M: 29.600 Mhz

1.2Ghz: 1.2450 Ghz.

VHF / UHF Satellites

Satellite contacts count as a separate "band" and Get a one-time 100 Pt bonus if your Class B.

Operating Classes for Common Setups

Battery powered handheld at home:

Class xE if you don't recharge off commercial power during FD.

Class xD otherwise.

Mobile rig in vehicle: Class xC.

Base Station at home:

Class xE if you use emergency power. Class xD if you use commercial power.

Battery Handheld at Park etc.:

Class xB or Class xB-Battery depending on if you recharge off mains or generator.

X = number of simultaneous transmitters.

Bonuses Available to the "Baofeng FD Shack" and Home/Mobile Stations

Power Multiplier:

5W or less for all contacts, and no mains/generator/motor power for recharge or during

operations: x5

150W or less for all contacts: x2

Transmitter Bonus: 100 points per simultaneous transmitter (even for a Baofeng!)

Media Publicity: Press release to media or a published report: 100 points

Message to ARRL Section Manager (via RF): 100 points. Winlink counts!

Message Handling: 10pts/message, up to 100 points.

W1AW Bulletin: Copy the W1AW Bulletin for 100pts (listen at 147.555 or with a shortwave receiver.

Digital transmissions can be decoded via audio with a computer.)

Site Visitations: Get visited by an elected official (100Pts) or an Emergency Services Official (100Pts)

Web Submission of Results: 50Pts.

Class B: Public Place (100 points), Satellite QSO (100 Points)

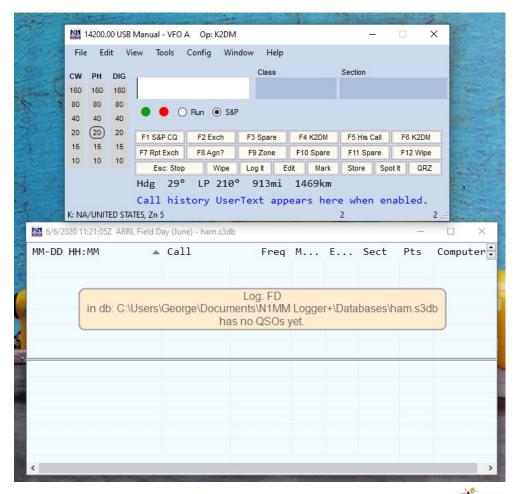
Three of the most popular Logging Software packages for FD

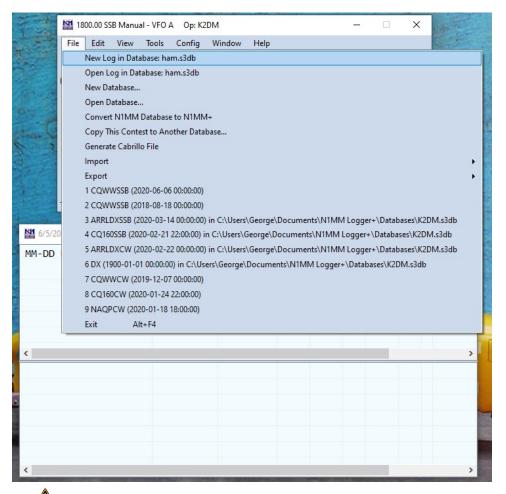
N1MM+ (free) https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com

N3FJP (\$8.95 for FD version) www.n3fjp.com

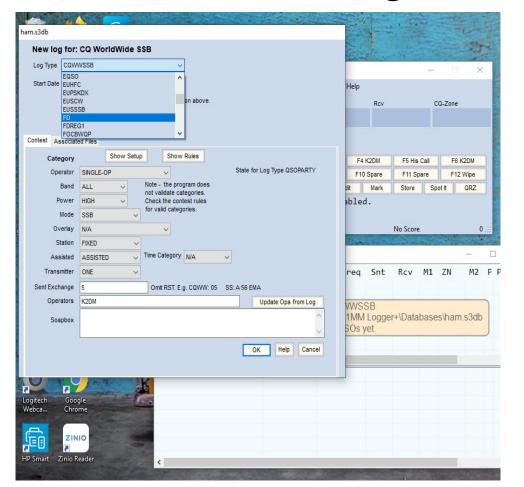
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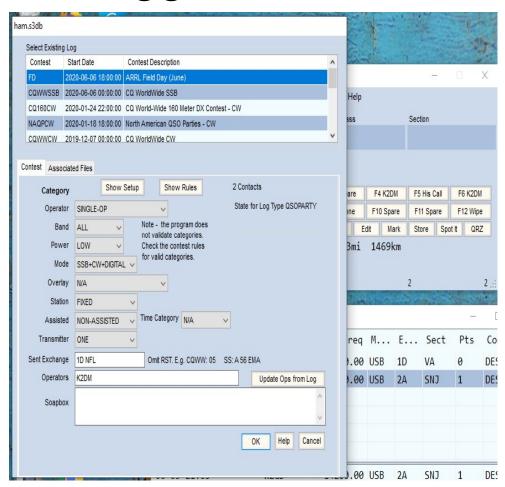
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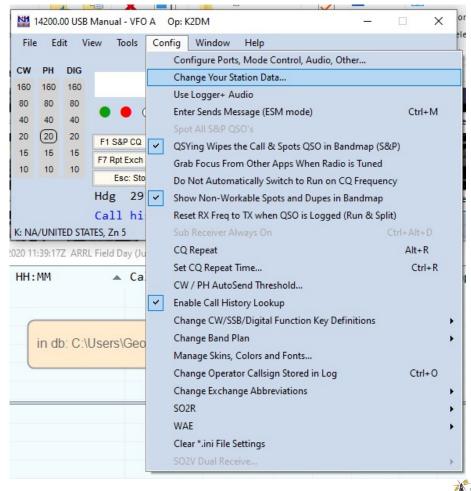


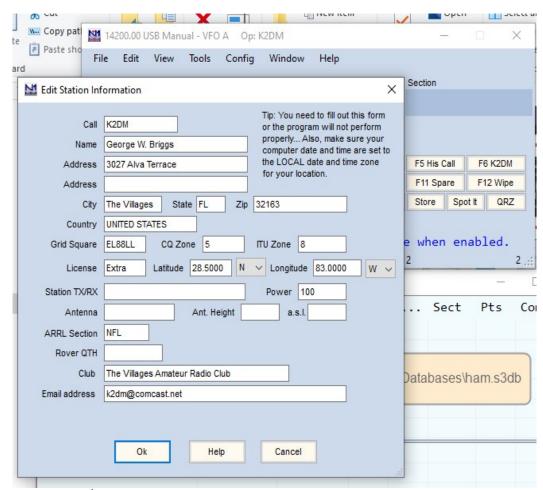
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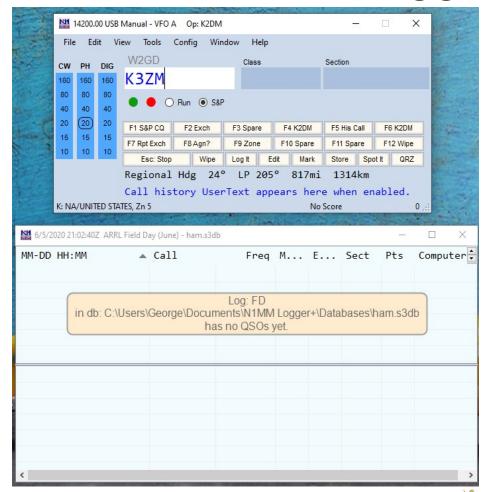
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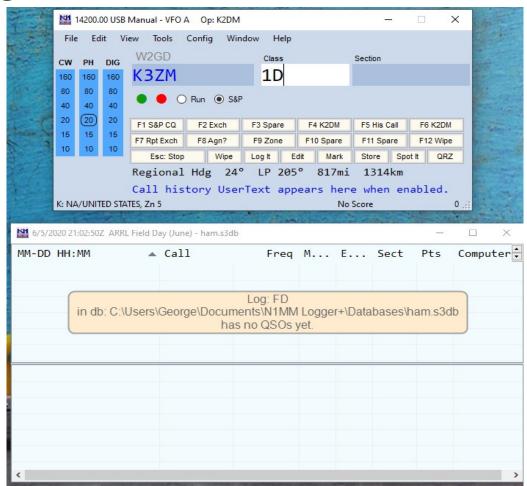


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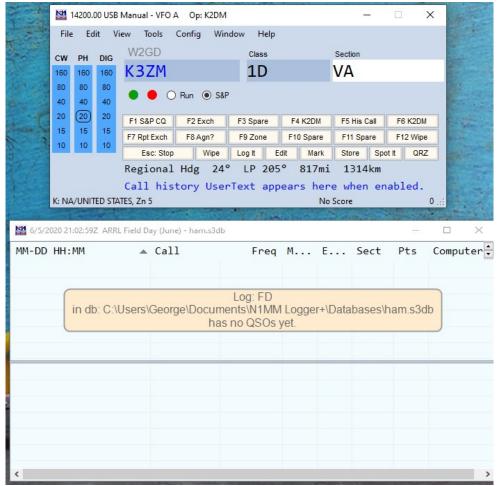
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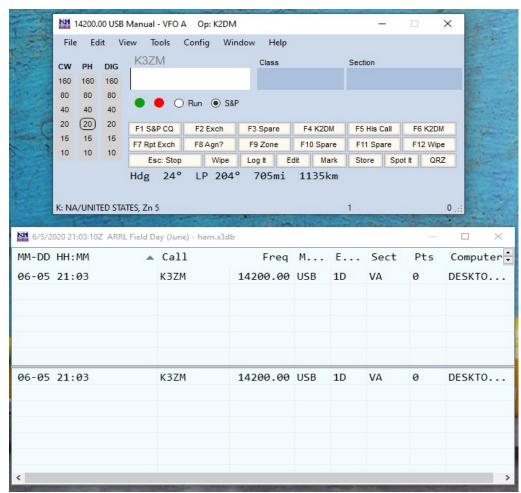


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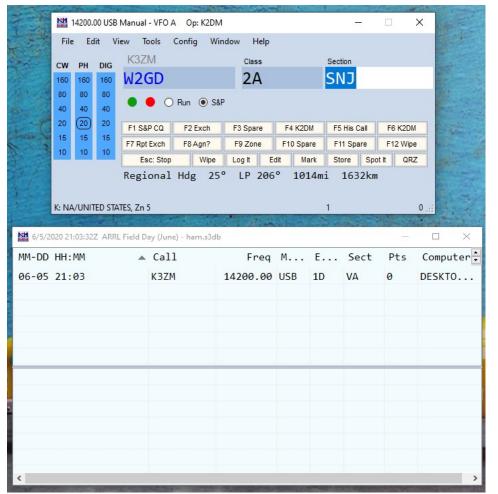


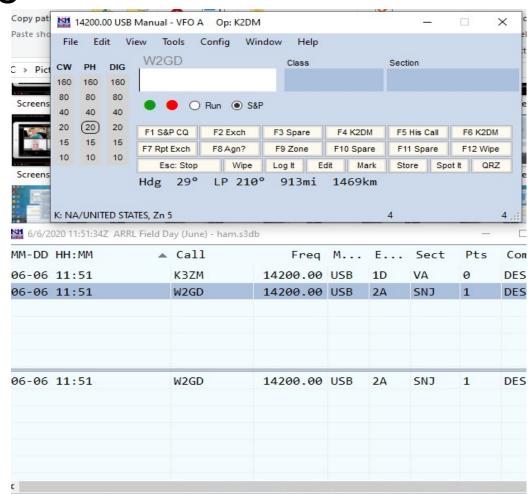
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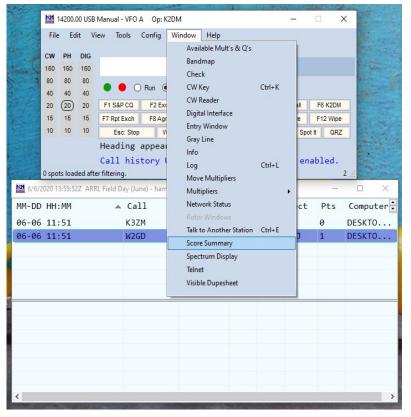
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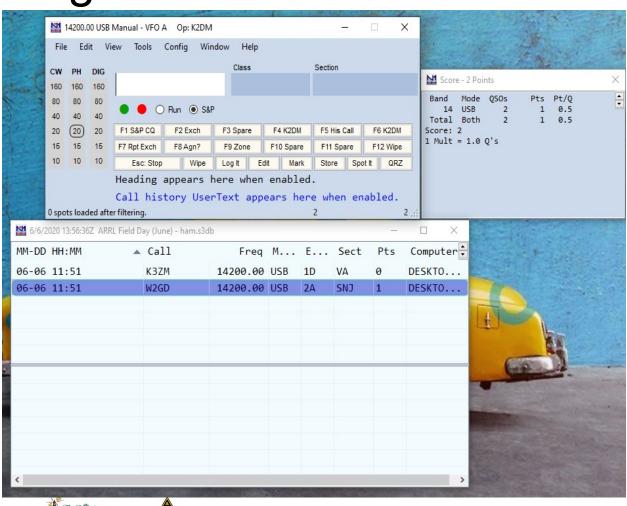




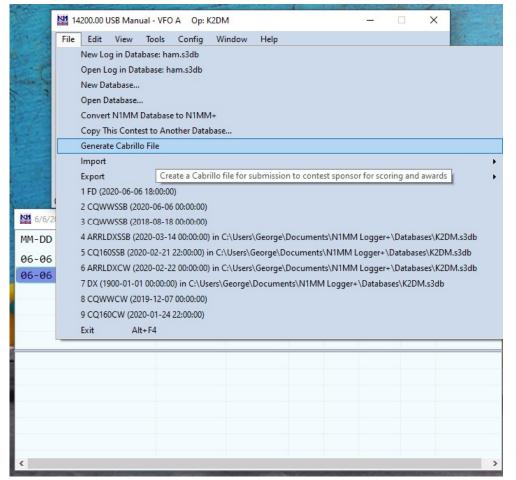
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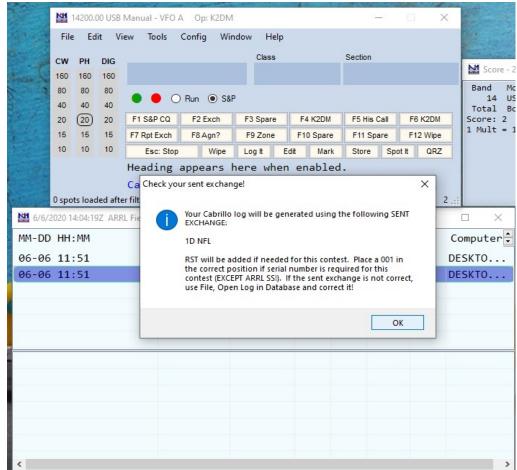
Monitoring Your Score



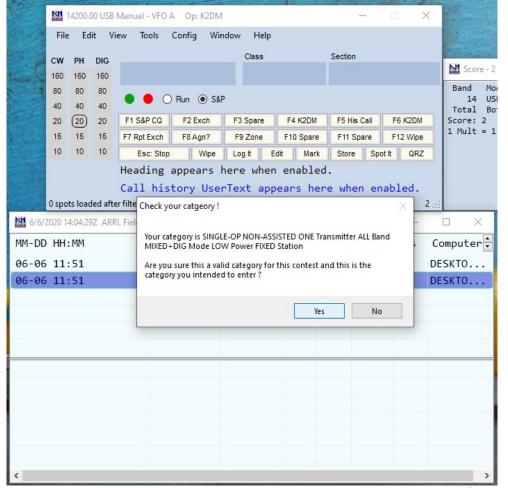


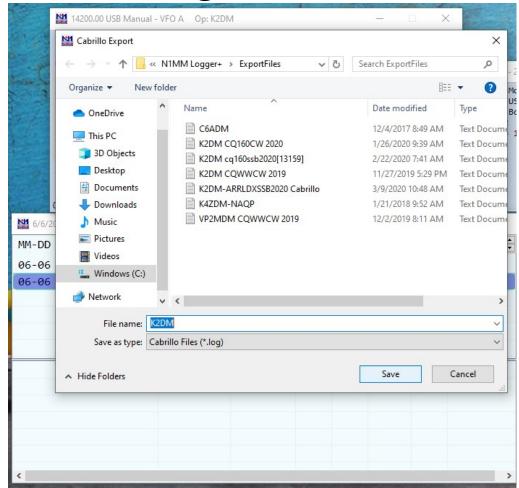
Generate a Cabrillo Log File



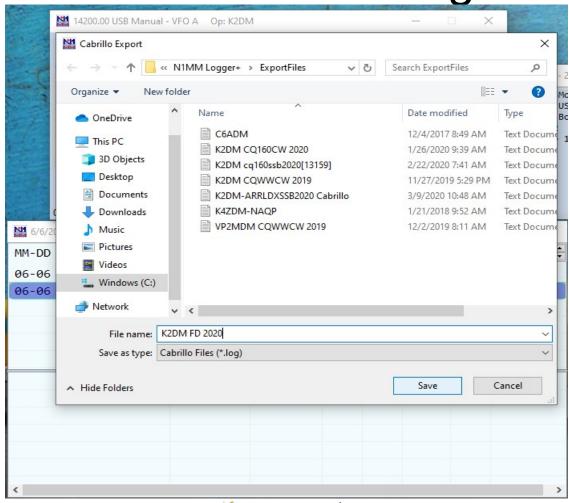


Generate a Cabrillo Log File





Name the Cabrillo Log File



Do You Need to Submit an Entire Log?

The official submission form calls for you to submit either a log in Cabrillo format or a Dupe Sheet.

If you do manual logging, ie., you do not log using a computer, you will not have a Cabrillo file. So you will have to submit a dupe sheet.

"Dupe Sheet" Submissions

Before we had logging software to track prior contacts, we used "dupe sheets" to list prior callsigns contacted by band/mode to avoid duplications.

Now, ARRL uses the term to refer to a list of contacts sorted by **band**, **mode and callsign**. Since Field Day is not a formal contest, this is all that you need to submit to record your contacts.

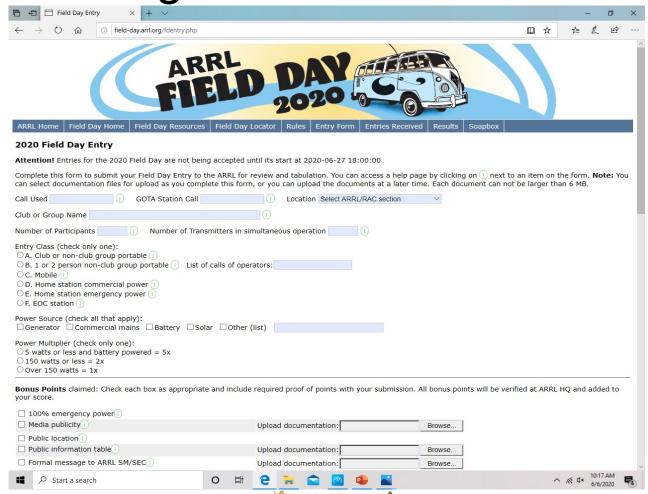
Contacts for W8BIT, Field Day 2020: Band / Mode

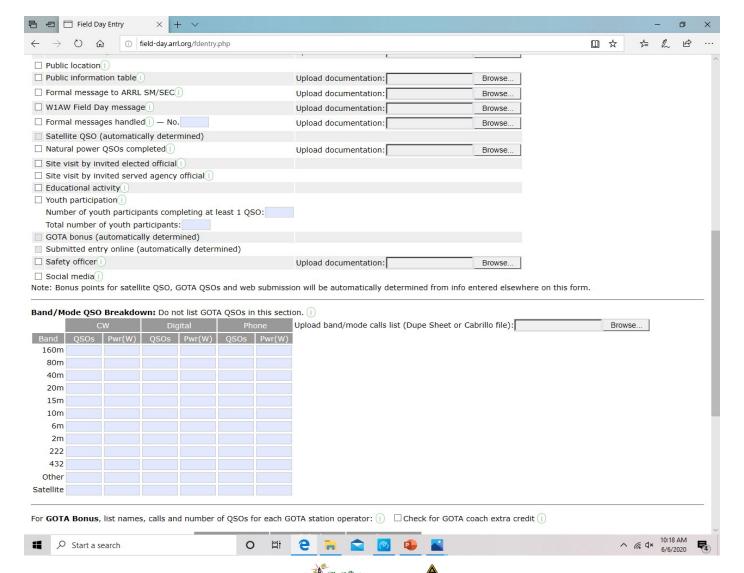
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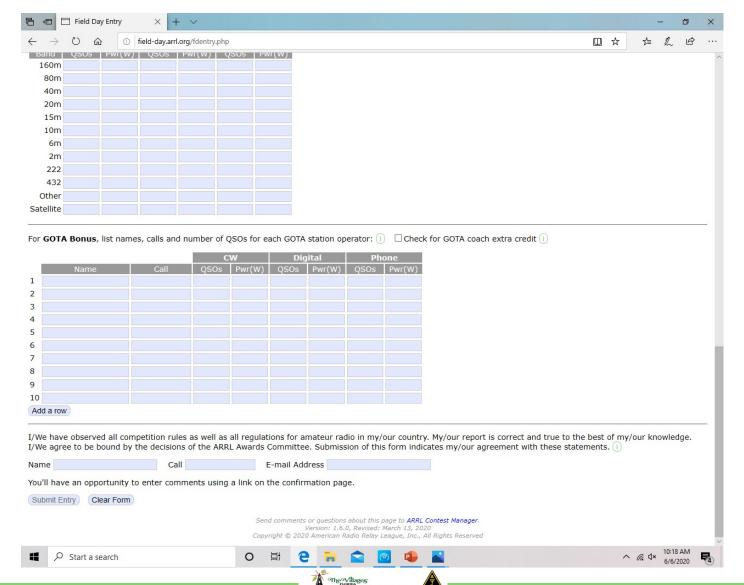
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20m Phone: K3ZGA, WA1UTQ, K2DM, NP2B

Submitting Your FD Score to ARRL







The most Important Things:

- Get on the air no matter what band(s), mode, class and make contacts
- 2. Learn Something New
- 3. Be Safe Out There (or In There)
- 4. Have Some Fun
- 5. Submit your entry to ARRL using the online form. Make sure you list our club with this exact name: The Villages Amateur Radio Club.