



Field Day is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. GSARA will be operating two stations from the Red Cross with commercial power (Class 2F). from 2pm Saturday to 2 pm Sunday. These stations can operate either SSB or CW depending on the operator's

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preference. We will also be operating a Get On The Air (GOTA) station for those more recently licensed.

All GSARA members are encouraged to participate in this annual fun-filled event. Since the stations are essentially already set up, there should not be a significant setup or take-down effort but we will need operators to keep both stations on the air for as much of the 24 hours as possible. Hopefully, a sign-up form will be available on the GSARA website so members can sign up to operate or log in time slots of their choice. We plan to be on the air continuously from 2 pm Saturday to 2 pm Sunday but to do that, we need lots of operators and loggers.



How can you best prepare for this event? I would recommend that you download the N3FJP logging program found at www.n3fjp.com and play with it on your home computer to get familiar with how to enter the required logging information. It's a free download for the first 30 contacts so you can play with it and then delete it (the program will be on all of the GSARA computers in the radio room).

You also might want to explore the capabilities of programming the function keys to send canned messages on either phone or CW. Proper use of these keys makes operation much simpler. Look into it!

If you have any questions, please contact our President Howard, W2HTS (w2hts@arrl.net) or our Vice President Rem Hunnewell, K2REM (rh@thetraindoctor.com). The more participation, the more fun!