

Indy United Amateur Club Field Day operation on June 26-27

Indy United Amateur Radio Club with the support of the Indianapolis Radio Club, Midtown ARC, HDXCC and the RCA ARC will operate the ARRL Field Day exercise from Victor Conservation Club, 6675 Red Day Road, Martinsville, IN 46151 – actually located off State Road 67 about 7 miles south of Mooresville, near Centerton.

Setup will start Friday afternoon preparing the Phone and VHF stations, CW trailers and internet linking setup.

Saturday morning for final setup and checking out the generators, computers, stations and antennas and the GOTA station starting at 10 a.m.

There is space for tent camping overnight Friday and Saturday night.

Field Day, held on the fourth full weekend of June, is the most popular annual on-the-air amateur (“ham”) radio event in North America. Thousands of federally licensed radio amateurs will trek to remote locations in all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and beyond, setting up portable radio stations and operate off the grid for 24 hours (2 pm. Saturday, June 26 to 2 pm. Sunday, June 27).

Two to three dozen federally licensed amateur radio operators – competing under the banner of Indy United Amateur Radio Club – will operate around the clock, scoring points by contacting as many other stations as possible using voice, Morse code, digital and even satellite communications.

Indy United will be operating in Class 3A with 2 CW HF stations, 1 HF SSB station, a 6 meter VHF station and a GOTA station.

The GOTA station allows new hams, hams who are not currently active, and unlicensed individuals interested in ham radio to operate with the guidance of a licensed operator. It provides a great way to experience ham radio and at the same time providing bonus points for the club during FD.

Guests are welcome to visit the Field Day site.

Last year, Indy United scored a state record 17,330 points, topping more than 10,000 other competitors to bring home Indiana’s first-ever Field Day championship.

Directions: There is a stoplight with a gas station / convenience store on the corner of State Road 67 and Robb Hill Road. Turn right onto Robb Hill Road, proceed up the hill, turn right on Red Day Road and follow it to Victor Conservation Club, 6675 Red Day Road. Park by the clubhouse in designated areas, don't block the drives, and DO NOT drive south into the private members' area.

EVENT SUMMARY: FIELD DAY 2021

WHO: Indy United Amateur Radio Club, a 3-year-old local group that will assemble a working ham radio station from scratch and operate off the grid for 24 hours, competing for high score against thousands of other participants.

WHAT: Field Day, sponsored by the ARRL, America's largest amateur radio organization. The event was first held in 1933.

WHERE: Indy United will set up at Victor Conservation Club, 6675 Red Day Road, Martinsville. The site is located on a 900-foot hill, just off State Road 67 near the small community of Centerton.

WHEN: On-air operations are from Saturday, 2 p.m. June 26, to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, rain or shine. Station set-up will take place on the afternoon/evening of Friday, June 25, with final checks on the morning of Saturday, June 26.

WHY: Field Day is (1) an annual simulated emergency communications exercise in the U.S. and Canada, (2) a competition to see who can make the most contacts and achieve the highest score; and (3) amateur radio's open house, designed to demonstrate the dynamic hobby to visitors and show how amateur operators serve their communities.

CONTACT INFO: Would-be visitors should first contact Field Day Chairman Brian D. Smith, W9IND, at w9su@arrl.net or by texting or calling 317-506-1980. Emails will not be checked during Field Day weekend.

HEALTH NOTES: Despite a more relaxed COVID protocol in Indiana, Indy United will again employ basic health and safety measures, including limited visitor access and daily forehead thermometer checks. Please call or text before arriving.

For photos from 2019 and 2018, go to <https://www.facebook.com/IndyUnitedFieldDay>.

Anyone seeking more information about the Indy United Club Field Day should call 317 506 -1980 or email w9su@arrl.net