

# THE KLARION

Newsletter of the  
Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association

**Special Edition**  
**2019**  
**ARRL/KLARA Field Day**

## Major KLARA Events

**June 12**  
KLARA Monthly Meeting  
Program: Field Day

**June 15**  
Annual Picnic at Kanakadea Park

**June 22-23**  
ARRL Field Day with setup on  
June 21

**July 13**  
National Warplane Museum  
Geneseo, NY  
Airshow Special Event Station

**July TBD**  
Annual Red House Picnic

**July 21**  
Wine Country Classic Boat Show  
Hammondsport, NY

**August 12-17**  
KLARA Booth at Steuben County Fair

**August 16-17**  
KLARA Hamfest

**October 6**  
Wineglass Marathon

**October 12**  
Annual End of the Season Picnic at  
Kanakadea Park

**December TBD**  
Annual Christmas Dinner

# Field Day

June 22 and 23, 2019 Something for Everyone

## Yes, Something for Everyone!

You can get on-the-air (with or without a license) in a remote location under possible adverse conditions. You can interact with the



public and explain ham radio. You can camp or setup a station on a table next to your car. You will eat and perhaps



man the grill. You can socialize with KLARA members and the public. You can fuel and start a generator and setup antennas. You can even sweep the floor and wash tabletops! **You will have fun.**



**2:00pm Saturday, June 22 through 2:00pm on Sunday, June 23**

**Setup begins anytime after 2:00pm on Friday, June 21**

**Steuben County Civil Defense & Fire Training Center  
7220 State Route 54, Bath, NY**



*Attend our next KLARA meeting on Wednesday, June 12 for answers to all your Field Day questions. Dish-to-pass and social hour at 6:00. Business meeting and program at 7:00.*

**Talk with us on-the-air using our linked repeater system:**

Bath, NY 145.190- 110.9  
Arkport, NY 147.045+ 110.9  
Jasper, NY 147.330+ 110.9

**Visit us on the web:**

[www.klara.us](http://www.klara.us)



# What is ARRL Field Day?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

## What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

## What is Amateur Radio

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

For More Information visit: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

*From the ARRL Website*

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