

Field Day 2013 Report

Weather was no Match for NPARC Field Day 2013 Participants

Despite the down pour Saturday evening, NPARC Field Day 2013 participants managed to almost double their score from the year before. A total of 7394 points were made compared to 4909 in 2012. We had almost 50 logged participants which was also an increase over the past two years.

The club operated eight stations on emergency power showcasing a variety of antennas. Radio conditions were not that bad as 10 meters opened up. Our submitted claimed score to the ARRL was 7394. Total CW QSO points - 1184; total digital QSO points - 192; total phone points - 1671; total QSO points - 3047 with a power multiplier of 2. We had 1300 bonus points, for having 8 stations on emergency power, media publicity, a setup in a public place, an information booth, a site visit from an agency official and an nts message.

I would like to thank Darcy Baker at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the use of Woodend Conservation Area. Darcy was very happy to see the park being used by our group and says we can use it again for Field Day 2014. NPARC President Kevin, VA3KGS and myself VA3WET visited the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in Welland and presented Darcy a thank-you certificate and a cheque for \$100.00 as a token of our appreciation.

I would like to thank Oscar, VE3PIO and his team for feeding the troops again. The variety of food and quality gets better every year.

I would like to thank Larry, VE3TLN for the use of the generators and for supplying the fuel. The small portable generators worked very well and stream-lined clean up on Sunday.

I would like to thank the following Band Captains for getting their teams and equipment together: Kevin, VA3KGS on 80 meters; Rick, VA3WU on 40 meters; Bob, VE3HNN on 40 meters CW; Kaitlynn, VE3AUO on 20 meters; Doug, VE3JDF on 20 meters PSK-31; Al, VE3ALS on 10 meters, Dennis, VE3XC on 15 meters phone and Ian, VE3ERL at the GOTA Station and Information Booth. I was on 40 meters operating PSK-31 with my sister.

Lastly, Thank-you to all the members and guests who chipped in to help put stations together, to operate, to log contacts and to stick around for the disassembly and clean-up on Sunday. This event could not have

been done without your help. Thank-you very much.

There were many people walking around with cameras. If you have any note worthy photos, please forward them to John, VA3BOZ and he will see they are placed on the NPARC website and into the archives.

Sincerely,
Peter, VA3WET,
Field Day 2013 Co-ordinator.