

Field Day 2016 Report

Field Day 2016 was held June 25th and 26th at the Ball's Falls Conservation Area in Jordan, Ontario on the Niagara Escarpment. This was our third year at this location with approximately twenty-five logged participants and five stations operating plus a Get-on-the-air station.

Ball's Falls is an ideal location for Field Day. It has plenty of tall trees with shade and no physical obstructions. This year the weekend weather was perfect. The hot and dry conditions kept the mosquitos and flies away. To see photos of the event, Go to www.pbase.com/NPARC.

The club call-sign, Ve3vm was reporting Five Alpha Ontario South or 5AONS. Five alpha means five stations on emergency power ie. gasoline generators. The GOTA (Get-on-the-air) station was using the call-sign Va3row.

Here is a breakdown of our points sent to the ARRL or American Radio Relay League. Total CW QSO's - 652. total CW QSO points - 1304.

All contacts were on 40 meters. Total Digital QSO's - 90, total Digital QSO points - 180. All digital QSO's were on 40 meters. Total Phone QSO's - 478, total Phone QSO points 478. Phone QSO's were as follows:

89 on 20, 209 on 40, 180 on 80 meters and 23 at the the GOTA station.

Total QSO Points - 1962

Power Multiplier - 2. This means all stations were using less than 150 watts on emergency power. If all stations were running less than 5 watts, the multiplier would be 5. There is no multiplier for using more than 150 watts.

Claimed QSO Score - 3924

Total Bonus Points Claimed - 1100. This includes 500 points for 5 stations on emergency power; 100 for media publicity; 100 for set-up in a public place (we stretched this one); 100 for an information booth with NPARC brochures at the GOTA station; 100 points for having a SATERN Representative in attendance ie. David. Ve3foi; 100 points for receiving a W1AW Field Day Message and 100 points for having a Safety Officer.

Total SCORE - 5024

I would like to thank Nathaniel Devos at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for allowing us to use the Ball's Falls Conservation Area again this year. We have reserved the location for Field Day 2017. Circle the weekend of June 24th and 25th, 2017 on your calendar

A special Thank-you to Kevin, Va3kgs; Denis, Va3ono and Dale, Ve3lfr for coming through at the last minute with your personal generators. Thank-you.

The troops were well fed Saturday evening and Sunday morning by Kaitlynn, Ve3auo and her team. There was plenty to drink and eat with leftovers consumed at Sunday lunch. Thank-you.

I would like to thank the following Band Captains for getting their teams and equipment together: David, Ve3foi on 80 meters with his dipole antenna; Dennis, Ve3xc on 40 meters; Rick, Ve3mm on 40 meters CW with a wire dipole; Kaitlynn, Ve3auo on 20 meters with a vertical.

I was on 40 meters with a Butternut HF6V vertical operating PSK-31, a digital mode with Glenn, Ve3ndw. Thank-you Glenn for bringing the Land Yacht. Thank-you Henry, va3ov for getting the GOTA station on the air and thank-you to your helpers David, Ve3rnf; Brian, Ve3bmx; Dale, Ve3lfr and Roy, Ve3oqp.

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. Your effort will be recognized at the September meeting. This event could not have been done without your help and support. I apologize if I have missed anyone or any group at this writing. Please contact me immediately if this is the case.

On Wednesday July 6th, NPARC presented the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority with a Certificate of Appreciation and a cheque for \$100.00 to further their cause. Nathaniel Devos was in attendance at Ball's Falls to receive the cheque and certificate. To make the presentation were: Eric, Ve3ei President; David, Ve3rnf Secretary; Kaitlynn, Ve3auo Vice-president and Peter, Va3wet Treasurer and Field Day Co-ordinator. See presentation photograph and a copy of the certificate on the www.pbase.com/nparc website.

73,
Peter, VA3WET,
Field Day 2016 Co-ordinator.