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Sun	0100Z	7.137	KC8NYW
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1,814 kHz	3,564 kHz
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14,062 kHz	18,100 kHz
21,064 kHz	24,910 kHz
28,064 kHz	

(All days/times listed are UTC)

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## Flying Pig QRP Club International – Field Day June 26, 2004



Caesar Creek State Park - Ohio

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## Ramblings

Hi gang!!

It's good to be back in the editor seat here at Flying Pig Central. In this issue we visit the happenings of last June at the Flying Pig Field Day event held at Ceasar's Creek State Park in Ohio. Many thanks to Robert WA1FXT for the CD full of pictures.

I am going to attempt to bring the BB back online every month, but to do this I need your input. We here at the newsdesk of the BB need your ham radio stories, be they construction articles, operating stories, or just about any general human interest story related to amateur radio. This is your chance to become semi-famous, or maybe even world famous...it's all up to you.

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73 de KB9BVN

## K9DI and KF9HL Field Day Report

Hi Gang,

Wayne K9DI es LD Patriot here. I just had to jump in and share a bit about how FD 2004 went for the K9DI/KF9HL team!

The Scace clan loaded up and headed out on the road about 1230 CDT and after only getting lost once we made it to Tom (KF9HL) and Patti McMahan's QTH around 1600. I've known Tom since the summer of 1987 when he and I met at the (then titled) Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute (I.V.H.I) on S. Wood in Chicago. In fact, Tom is my first elmer.

Tom and Patti share their home (Adventureland) with 3 birds, 3 cats, a basset hound named Andrew, Tom's retired Leader Dog Bonsi, and Tom's current Leader Dog Shadow. After putting the dogs out in the spare lot and unloading the van, Tom and I proceeded to setup and guy the 5 band Cushcraft vertical that I had borrowed from the Lamoine Emergency Amateur Radio Club (LEARC). That

was the easy part, then we worked on how to get the feedline into the house. Plan A, didn't work as the screen on the ground floor window wasn't the kind that slides up. So we routed the feedline up to the 2nd floor. Tom drilled a hole in the ceiling where the gravity feed register used to be. Then we fed the feedline and an extension cord down through to where my operating position. I setup the folding table I'd brought for the purpose, and setup my TS820s.

Within a few minutes I had 20M tuned up and ready to go. Then we took a break and ate a fine supper of steak and ribs, tater wedges and a blooming onion...YUM!!!!

After supper Tom and I discussed what other antenna we were going to put up and how we were going to approach Field Day operations. Then bedtime!! We decided to sack out early so that we'd be relatively well rested going into Field Day.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, we got Tom's modular longwire antenna system up in the air. We borrowed a rubber mallet from Tom's Mom-in-law and snipped the male end off of a 100ft extension cord, figured out how much to keep in the house and dropped the rest out the window. Then I tied one end of a length of rope to the female end of the extension cord and tied the other end to the mallet. Within a very short length of time we had the antler strung up and ready to rock! I must say, using a bright orange extension cord sure made it easier for me to track the antler in the trees :) While Tom worked on getting his TS520 station setup and ready to go. I went and fired up the TS820s and started playing Field Day in the Extra portion of 20M as per our plan. About 1530 or so Roy Eades KA9MZJ arrived and we fixed him up with some sweet iced tea and invited him to sit down at the 820s station and enjoy himself.

Roy got us a few QSO's then he went upstairs and helped Tom finish getting setup and helped try to get the extension cord antler to tune up...:) Unfortunately for Roy, he had to leave after only a short visit and missed out on the homemade Italian Beef Patti had prepared for Field Day supper...:) Tom got on 15 worked what he could then switched to 40M SSB and worked there until supper time.

Around 1900 supper was announced, and I hooked up the K2 to the vertical and tuned to 3680 to try and check into the Illinois Training Net. No luck getting checked in, but I listened to the entire half hour of the net, then I went to supper. After supper, Tom and I decided that a nap was just the perfect way to finish our meal. We set the alarm for 2230 and crashed. The only ones who didn't crash were my XYL and harmonic. Both of them were reading, the XYL for an English class and my daughter for the sheer pleasure of it.

After our nap Tom and I quickly fired up our stations and got back to business. I was still searching and pouncing on 20M and Tom took advantage of a late opening on 15M and racked up some Q's. When 15M died, Tom switched to 75M for a while. We decided to shut one station down for awhile and tag team on 75M. I ran the mic and radio and Tom logged with his Perkins brailier. Thank GOD for Y adapters...:) Then Tom clued me into a mistake I had been making, and I flipped the AGC to fast instead of OFF...:) whoops. About 0500 Tom went and fired his station back up and got on 20M phone while I continued to work 75M. 75M was a workhorse band up until about 0800 or 0830. At that time 75M went short and started be taken over by the 75M ragchewers and nets. Then I tried 15M and worked a few Q's, then switched to 40M and for the last 40 minutes of operations I worked a steady stream of Q's. Tom was doing quite well on 20M too! After shutdown, we let the rigs cool down then shut 'em down. While they were cooling I went ahead and unplugged and packed away just about everything from the 820s setup. Tom and I also caught up the log. Tom had logged everything he'd worked on his Perkins Brailier and every so often and at the end he'd read his rough braille log to me and I transcribed the Q's into the notebook I'd been using as a logbook. We then took down the vertical and moved it over by the van for loading. While my XYL and daughter cleaned up I began loading up the Mom-Mobile to go home. Just as I finished loading everything in the Mom-Mobile my XYL announced that brunch was ready. She'd made baked French toast. Everyone wolfed down the French toast and then those of us still hungry ate Italian Beef sandwiches with mozzarella on toasted garlic bread...DOUBLE YUM!!! (Ed note: I AM DROOLING)

During the meal Patti asked if we were planning on coming back to their QTH for Field Day 2005...YAY!!! We also had a lively critique session during the meal on ways to improve operations next year. We also discussed whether we'd reached our goals for Field Day. We had!! We had FUN, and we also achieved Tom's goal of having at least 100 QSO's. Grand total was 137, SSB QRO 2D IL, QSO's on various bands. Sorry, no CW QSO's this year.

To Tom and I, Field Day is not a contest, but an operating event. A chance to be radioactive, enjoy time with friends and good food. A bonus was that we were able to leave an antler in place so Tom could stay radioactive...:)

After Brunch, a quick shower and we were telling Patti goodbye, Tom had already conked out...:) Boy, did that shower feel good. I am so glad I can't drive...:) I slept most of the way home. I'd say that our performance in Field Day 2004 was not at all bad for a casual low stress Field Day operation. At this writing, Tom and I have discussed Field Day 2005 plans. We have the option of operating at Tom's QTH, or if his club decides to engage in Field Day operations then we'll jump in and work with them. Being flexible is a good thing! I've also challenged Tom to get on the air and get at least one CW QSO everyday until the next Field Day so our code proficiency can increase. I pass this challenge on to you my fellow Flying Piggie brothers and sisters...:)

### Caesar Creek Ohio Field Day – WB8ABE

Caesar Creek 2004.

I arrived Friday a bit after 3 PM with Bob WA1FXT & Judith KC8BOM and my friend in caravan. We found W8DIZ and Dan N8IE already there. My friend was lending me a pop up trailer which took about 15 minutes to get set up. The friend and his family set off for King's Island and I tried to get organized.

DIZ and Dan surveyed antenna locations While I set up some tables for operating positions and got the traditional camp fire ready to go.

Soon /Rick WB6JBM and Matt K8KLP showed up with two guests in tow.

After getting their tents set up Matt began to prepare dinner and /Rick did the traditional fire dance. Friday night dinner was Caesar Salad with a delightful Roquefort cheese, porter house steaks about 3/4 inch thick, baby carrots and whipped potatoes with cheddar dressing.

And a full bodied Merlot to aid the taste buds.

After dinner much of the evening was spent sitting around the camp fire enjoying the company. A fiery port was enjoyed to fend off the evening chill.

Before we knew it /rick was starting Saturday Breakfast. /rick provided a superior thick sliced sacrifice of pig. Also there were pancakes and a delightful scrambled egg dish with a garnish of jalepeno {SP} pepper and baby scallions. As well as the bacon there was an offering of heated ham. Toast was available for those who wanted it. Of course there was several blends of gourmet coffee on the table.

Antennas were erected and lunch came just a few minutes before the start of the radio exercise.

For lunch I provided 3 style of Johnsonville brats. Either grilled over mesquite charcoal or heated in a beer and onion marinade. Or both if requested. There was also baked beans with onion topping and or cheddar cheese or bare naked. Several kinds of chips were provided and baby carrots. The normal dressings for the brats were provided.

More coffee.

A little Matuse set off the brats and cleansed the pallet.

OH yes ! we even did some regular hot dogs for our youngest guest. While some people were operating Bob and Judith began dinner.

Judith grilled some super chicken breasts that had been marinated in her secret formula. They were truly yummy. She also had a Pasta salad and a mysterious Bean dish that was sort of like a chilly but was so good that I went back for thirds. [I have been promised that Judith will send the secret formula]. With dinner was served a golden Champaign that set off the chicken and

delighted the pallet. After dinner coffee was served with chocolate snacks.

Diz and /Rick operated most of the night.

Shortly after sunrise the grill was started up again and breakfast begun.

/rick's delicious pig sacrifice was again enjoyed and this was a sort of a do it yourself breakfast. I saw several toasted cheese sandwiches being made during the weekend. /rick has a new instant coffee. One puts a spoon of the instant coffee in the mouth and takes a sip of hot water. Instant buzz.

Of course regular style of coffee could be had at any time, day or night.

We started to disassemble the stations in late morning. My friend came and got his tent and we all headed out about noon.

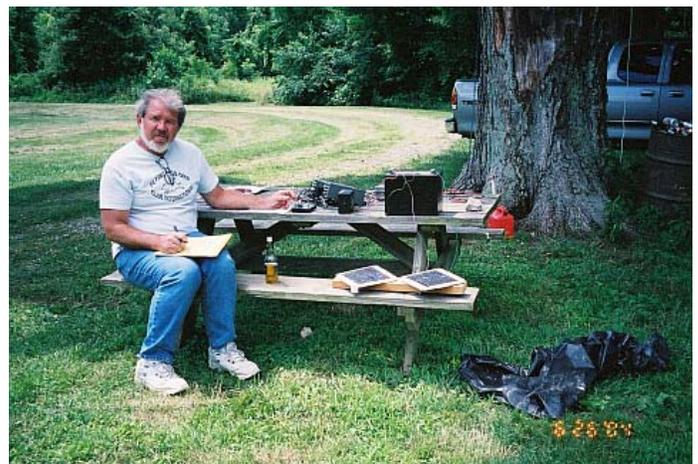
A super wonderful weekend.

There were several visitors that wandered in and out and I will provide a copy of my list in another email.

I hope everyone had a safe field Day.

73, From Totus Porcus WB8ABE Columbus

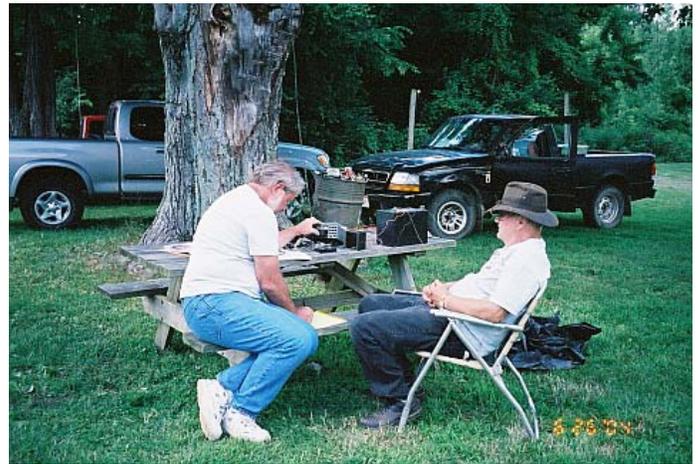
### Flying Pig Field Day Pictures



**Diz on Deck**



**Dan N8IE Working Hard**



**Diz and Phil WB8ABE in consultation**



**Judith KC8BOM**



**/rick and friends enjoying camp cooking**



**/rick AKA WB6JBM under plastic**



**Dan N8IE looking busy**



**Judith making her "special" chicken**



**N8IE, WB6JBM, and WB8ABE tasting the iron**



**Judith teaches Diz how to "Tie"**



**Sumo anyone?**



**Matt K8KLP and Michelle**



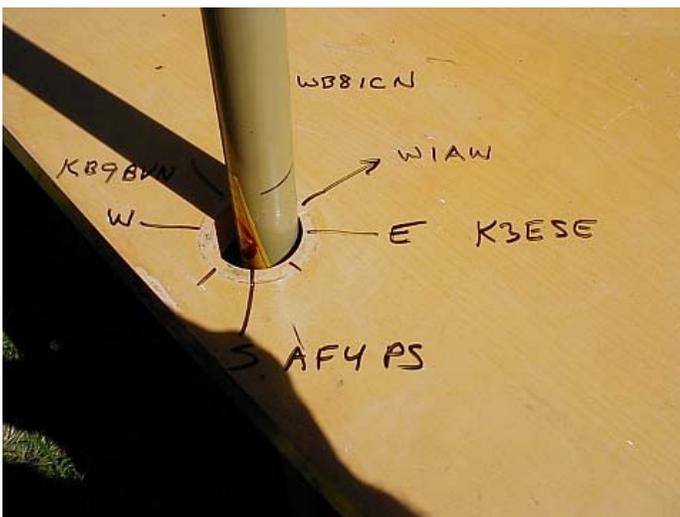
**Robert? and Dan**



**Robert WA1FXT – Thanks for the Pictures!**



**One Vertical**



**Homebrew Antenna Turner**



**WB8ABE Makes Choco Chip Pancakes!**

## WAPS Contest Update

Currently we have 42 Flying Pigs that have posted their ongoing results to the website. (<http://www.fpqr.com>)

Rank	#	Call	Rank	#	Call
1	46	N7MFB	22	9	W2LJ
2	34	KW4JS	23	9	WB8ICN
3	34	N0JRN	24	8	AC5JH
4	31	K1EV	25	8	WB1HGA
5	30	W0EB	26	7	NN1F
6	28	WB8YYY	27	6	VE3VG
7	26	N0OR	28	5	KJ0C
8	23	KB9BVN	29	5	N0DT
9	23	KI0II	30	5	N0NBD
10	22	W8DIZ	31	3	WB8ABE
11	21	W7ILW	32	3	WN4M
12	20	KC8AON	33	2	N0UB
13	16	AF4PS	34	2	N8WS
14	16	KC9EUH	35	2	W4GNS
15	15	KC5GXL	36	1	K3ESE
16	15	KQ9L	37	1	K4FB
17	13	KG4FSN	38	1	KC5WA
18	12	K6XR	39	1	KO1M
19	12	N3JV	40	1	NE4LS
20	12	W5FRG	41	1	W0MPR
21	10	WN1B	42	1	WB0WAO

## Upcoming QRP Contests – TNX to Ken N2CQ

### N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR July 22 to Aug 29, 2004

Summer FOX Hunt - CW:  
Every Friday through August 20 (UTC) 0100z to 0300z  
(9 PM - 11 PM EDT Thurs evening US/Canada)  
Info: <http://www.cqc.org/fox/>

Truffle Hunt - CW:  
30 min before CW Fox hunt.  
Info: <http://fpqr.com/struffle.html>

Summer SSB Fox Hunt:  
Every Friday through August 20 (UTC) 0000z to 0100z  
(8 PM - 9 PM EDT Thurs evening US/Canada)  
Info: <http://www.zianet.com/k5di/ssbfox.htm>

Islands On The Air Contest (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category  
Jul 24, 1200z to Jul 25, 1200z  
Rules: <http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/rules/riota.shtml>

Flight of the Bumblebees (CW) ... QRP Contest!  
Jul 25, 1700z to 2100z

Rules: <http://www.arsqrp.com/>

Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW) \*\*\* QRP CONTEST!  
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Aug 3, 0100z to 0300z (Monday Evenings US/Can local time)  
Rules: <http://www.arsqrp.com/>

TARA "Grid Dip" Contest (PSK/RTTY) ... QRP Category  
Aug 7, 0000z to 2400z  
Rules: [http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_grid\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_grid_rules.html)

Ten-Ten Summer SSB Contest ... QRP Category  
Aug 7, 0001z to Aug 8, 2359z  
Rules: <http://www.ten-ten.org/calendar.html>

EUROPEAN HF CHAMPIONSHIP (PH/CW) (EU work EU)  
Low Power Category  
Aug 7, 1200z to 2359z  
Rules: <http://lea.hamradio.si/~scc/euhfcrules-04.htm>

ARRL UHF Contest ... Low Power Category  
Aug 7, 1800z to Aug 8, 1800z  
Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/uhf.html>

North American QSO Party (CW) ... 100W Max. (/QRP noted on entry)  
Aug 7, 1800z to Aug 8, 0600z  
Rules: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

Worked All Europe DX Contest (CW) ... 100W category  
Aug 14, 0000z to Aug 15, 2359z  
Rules: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/xedcwr.htm>

Maryland/DC QSO Party (SSB/CW) ... QRP Category  
Aug 14, 1600z to Aug 15, 0400z  
Aug 15, 1600z to Aug 15, 2359z  
Rules: <http://www.w3cwc.org>

**RUN FOR THE BACON (CW) \*\*\* QRP CONTEST! \*\*\***  
**Aug 16, 0100z to 0300z**  
Rules: <http://fpqr.com/fpqrprun.html>

SARTG WW RTTY Contest ... Low Power Category  
Aug 21, 0000z to 0800z  
Aug 21, 1600z to 2400z  
Aug 22, 0800z to 1600z  
Rules: <http://www.sartg.com/contest/wwrules.htm>

North American QSO Party (SSB) ... 100W Max. (/QRP noted on entry)  
Aug 21, 1800z to Aug 22, 0600z  
Rules: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

NJ QSO Party (CW/SSB)  
Aug 21, 2000z to Aug 22, 0700z  
Aug 22, 1300z to Aug 23, 0200z  
Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/w2rj/>

The Colorado QRP Club Summer VHF/UHF QSO Party \*\*\*  
QRP Contest \*\*\*  
Aug 22, 1600z to 2200z (Sunday North America local time)

Rules: <http://www.cqc.org/contests/summer04.htm>

Hawaii QSO Party (CW/SSB/Digital) ... QRP Category  
Aug 28, 0700z to Aug 29, 2200z

Rules: [http://www.karc.us/hi\\_qso\\_party.html](http://www.karc.us/hi_qso_party.html)

TOEC WW Grid Contest (CW) ... Low Power category  
Aug 28, 1200z to Aug 29, 1200z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/toec/contest.htm>

Ohio QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category  
Aug 28, 1600z to Aug 29, 0400z

Rules: <http://www.oqp.us/>

SLOVENIA CONTEST CLUB RTTY Championship .. 100W  
Category

Aug 28, 1200z to Aug 29, 1159z

Rules: <http://lea.hamradio.si/~scc/rtty/htmlrules.htm>

Thanks to SM3CER, WA7BNM, N0AX(ARRL), WB3AAL  
and others for assistance in compiling this calendar.

Please forward the contest info you sponsor to  
[N2CQ@ARRL.NET](mailto:N2CQ@ARRL.NET) and we will post it and give it more  
publicity. Anyone may use this "N2CQ QRP Contest Calendar"  
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<http://www.amqrp.org/contesting/contesting.html>

<http://www.n3epa.org/Pages/Contest/contest.htm>

## About the Flying Pigs QRP Club International

### OUR MISSION:

- 1: Have Fun.
- 2: No rules.
- 3: Have a group of Friendly Hams who enjoy Amateur Radio, and sharing their skills with their fellow Hams.

### CLUB EMAIL POLICY:

These are not rules, just common sense.

Club email is not moderated, as we are not a stuffy group. You can send off topic messages about most subjects, but please keep it clean and in good taste. We do like good-natured ribbing and joking with each other, but we will not tolerate flaming other members or spamming the group.

We will remove offenders who abuse our open policy.

### CLUB WEB PAGE:

The club web page is our forum for sharing projects, and information about us. You are encouraged to submit your ideas and projects to be added to the web page.

### PROBLEM REPORTING:

If you are having problems with email, the web page, or a fellow club member, please report this to either:

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We welcome all to join the Flying Pigs QRP Club, and we hope you have fun! Ω