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The annual ARRL Field Day event to be held
on Saturday June 25th, and Sunday June 26th



Team being briefed by George, VE2NGH
regarding the proposed Field Day site in Dorval

This special edition is being published to enable up-to-date information regarding the 2011 Field Day activities to be distributed to all concerned as soon as possible.

Your editors will do their best to keep you informed.

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FIELD DAY 2011

As you already know by now the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, The West Island Amateur Radio Club, and the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club have teamed up as a joint-venture effort to host this year's annual ARRL Field Day event to be held on Saturday June 25th, and Sunday June 26th. The location is now confirmed at Pine Beach Park in Dorval. Pine Beach park is located on Lakeshore Road at Pine Beach Blvd in Dorval and is very well accessible by bus and car. STM bus #202 runs all weekend on Dawson road just north from Lakeshore. Also STM bus #211 runs along highway 20 and stops at Pine Beach Blvd. There is also STM bus # 203 which runs along Carson Avenue. In addition there is a FREE parking lot just across the street from the park.

We will start to set up at 8:00 AM local time on Saturday with the operations getting underway at 2:00 PM. We will be operating all night long with operations coming to an end on Sunday at 2:00 PM. All radio operations will take place in the large gazebo which is located right on Lake St-Louis. This is one very nice park right on the lake!

We plan to operate as Class 1-A with an HF station running on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. We will also have a dedicated 6 and 2 meter VHF station. In addition we will have a dedicated satellite station working the FM and SSB "birds". All logging will be done on computers running N1MM logger. We will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK-31, and FM. We will be using the callsign VE2CUA which is the Concordia University Radio Club callsign.

We are actively looking for experienced SSB and especially CW operators who would be willing to take shifts operating the various radio stations. We are also looking for dependable and capable people for setup and teardown. There will be food and drinks available throughout the weekend as well as a Saturday late-afternoon BBQ for ALL active participants. The evening crew will be served a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning. So if you are interested in participating in a fun radio contest event outdoors, or would like to help in the setup, please contact me at VE2NGH@rac.ca. Experienced operators will be operating as per a schedule to avoid conflicts and confusion. There will be time set aside Saturday afternoon for teaching and coaching newer or inexperienced Hams in contest operating. That is why it is very important to let me know your availability so that I can make up a realistic schedule. We plan on having two towers and wire antennas for the low bands so we would be needing a sizable crew to help in the setup and teardown. I guarantee that you will be well fed!

DON'T BE SHY! Even if you have never operated on HF before, let alone in a contest, there will be experienced coaches on hand to assist you. One of the goals in this year's Field Day is to educate new Hams to contesting and HF operation. You are also encouraged to bring the whole family as we plan to have the young kids make some QSO's! Even if you come by to help out, this is a great social event and an opportunity to meet your fellow Hams. We will have an information booth open to the public and even the mayor of Dorval as well as the media might drop by.

So come on out even if just to check out the operations! And if you would like to participate just let me know your capabilities along with the hours that you would be available during Field Day weekend and we will accommodate you. I will be getting back with all the participants around mid-June to finalize the planning.

Let's all now start praying that Mother Nature will cooperate! The goal of Field Day is to HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH RADIO SO BRING THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!

cu at Field Day!
de George
VE2NGH



The Prez, Jim Hay, VE2VE, describing the area for the Field Day activities.