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Xerox Amateur Radio Club
Field Day Exercise

Dear XARC Members and Friends:

On the weekend of June 27-28 from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday, members of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club participated in the 45th Annual American Radio Relay League Field Day emergency preparedness test.

On this weekend, thousands of Amateur Radio operators (hams) in the United States and Canada set up their stations in the open, using only emergency power and portable antennas. They contacted as many other operators as possible in the twenty-four hour period. These tests are designed to help hams refine operating skills so necessary during disasters and times of emergency when normal channels are disrupted or unavailable.

The operation site this year was near the wooded area west of the Webster Building 337 Recreation Center. The Xerox maintenance staff allowed the use of a small generator and picnic tables. The Webster Army Reserve Unit provided the loan of a field tent and the weatherman kept all the rain clouds away.

This was the first year of participation by the Xerox Amateur Radio Club. The final tally sheet revealed 479 contacts with other amateur stations in 42 of the 50 states and 4 of the Canadian Provinces. A total of 1,196 points will be credited to the group for this effort. That's pretty good for the first time out folks!


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