

Military Radio Field Day - 2020

In light of the cancellation the MRCA fall Meet, W3LP (“the Amish chapter of MRCA”) will be hosting a military radio field day. The purpose of this event is to put your retired military radios on the air and make contacts with other military radios. This is a casual event, keep scores if you like and submit them. There are no prizes but the scores will be posted for you to see how well you did.

1. Eligibility: Military Radio Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit.
2. Object: To work as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, and in doing so to learn to operate retired military radio equipment in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on using the military radios in the field, with the original antennas and power systems.
3. Date and Time Period: 1300 Hrs. UTC. 26 September 2020 till 0200 Hrs. UTC 27 September 2020
4. Entry Categories: Military Radio Equipped station is any station that is using a retired military radio as its transmitter. This would include any radio model adopted by any armed forces or auxiliary of any country. Basically if it's in Janes military radio guide it's a military radio. Non-military radio equipped station would be any radio that has not been used by any armed forces or auxiliary of any country.
5. Exchange: Radio model and maidenhead grid square for example “prc320, FN20”
6. Miscellaneous Rules:
 - 6.1. A person may not contact for QSO credit any station from which they also participate.
 - 6.2. Field Day contacts are allowed using Phone, CW and RTTY digital mode. Stations can be worked once per band per mode under this rule.
 - 6.3. Self-Spotting is permitted
7. Scoring: Scores are based on the total number of QSO points.
 - 7.1.1. One point for every contact with a non-military radio equipped station, two points for every contact with a military radio equipped station.

7.3. Bonus Points: All stations are eligible for certain bonus points.

7.3.1 50 bonus points for any operator who is a current member of any of the armed forces, reserves or auxiliary (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary or Air Force Auxiliary). This may be added up if you are a club station.

7.3.2 50 bonus points for any station that operates “on patrol”, that is away from a permanently setup radio station. This may include your backyard.

7.3.3 50 bonus points for any station that uses original military radio antennas. To qualify at least one part of the antenna must be original issue for the radio. For example if using a military dipole with an original balun, you can use any feedline or radiator elements.

7.3.4 50 bonus points for any station that operates mobile. This can be added to the “on Patrol” bonus. If it’s in a vehicle its mobile.

7.3.5 50 bonus points for any station that operates low power, less than 30 Watts.

7.3.6 50 bonus points for any station who copies the CW “Emergency Action Message” aka Bulletin transmitted at 2200 Hrs UTC 26 September, 2020 on 3.581.

7.4 Penalty points: 50 point penalty for any station that operates greater than 300 Watts

8. Log submission: online log submission is available at <https://forms.gle/xawHEEDnbhZdTkgz8> or email your call-sign and claimed score to **kb3sbc@comcastdotnet** before November 1, 2020

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. The idea is this is a fun low key no drama event. Lets keep it that way. Get your green radios on the air