



## Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society

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P.O. Box 752 Stn Main, Yellowknife, X1A-2N6

9 July 2008

Field Day Information  
ARRL  
225 Main St.  
Newington, CT 06111

To whom it may concern,

**RE: Field Day 2008 – Amateur Radio**

Please find enclosed the Field Day 2008 submission for the Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society (VE8YK). We were using the call sign VE8RAC with the kind permission of Radio Amateurs of Canada.

The following are enclosed:

- The Field Day report (2 pages)
- A print-out of our logs
- A copy of the RTTY Field Day Bulletin
- A copy of our press release
- A listing of all visitors to our site
- A compilation of photographs to support our bonus points claim

Our clocks may have been out by about 4 minutes.

We discounted 101 points for the FM satellite QSO. We forgot to record the callsign when this QSO happened. We know that the other station copied us (we believe it was a 1D SCV) and propose that the other station not be penalized.

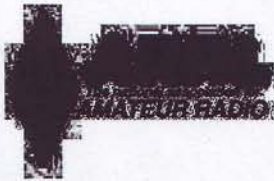
I have also attached a safety briefing for the weekend. We had lightening strikes within 400 m of the site and also the presence of wild animals (foxes in particular). We propose that bonus points be awarded in future years for a safety plan and briefing. You are welcome to use ours as a template.

Sincerely yours,

/\*signed\*/

Ian Rennie (VE8IR)  
Technical Director  
*per* Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society

# Field Day



Please write legibly. Make certain you have filled out this form completely and have enclosed any required dupe sheets, photographs and bonus claims.

Entries must be postmarked within 30 days of the end of the event and mailed to:  
 Field Day Entries  
 ARRL  
 225 Main St.  
 Newington, CT 06111 USA

1. Field Day Call Used VEBRAC GOTA Station Call N/A  
 2. Club or Group name (Class A or F only) YELLOWKNIFE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
 3. Number of Participants 19 4. Number of Transmitters in Simultaneous Operation 2

5. Entry Class: Check only one.  
 A. Club or non-club group portable  
 B. 1 or 2 person non-club Group portable  
 C. Mobile  
 D. Home station commercial power  
 E. Home station emergency power  
 F. EOC Station  
 List call of 2<sup>nd</sup> operator: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Power Source: Check all that apply  
 Generator  Commercial mains  Battery  Solar  Other (list): \_\_\_\_\_

7. ARRL / RAC Section NT  
 8. Total CW QSOs 21 x 2 = Total CW QSO points 42  
 9. Total Digital QSOs 23 x 2 = Total Digital QSO points 46  
 10. Total Phone QSOs 10 x 1 = Total Phone QSO points 10  
 11. Total QSO points 98

12. Power Multiplier (select only one)  
 5 Watts or less and Battery powered = 5  
 150 Watts or less = 2  
 Over 150 Watts = 1  
 (transfer to line 13)

13. Power Multiplier 2  
 14. Claimed QSO Score 196  
 (line 11 x line 13)  
 (excluding bonus points)

15. Bonus points claimed: Check each block as appropriate and include required proof of points with your submission. All bonus points will be verified at ARRL HQ and added to your score.

- 100% Emergency power (Max. 20 transmitters)
- Media Publicity
- Set-up in Public Place
- Information Booth
- NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC
- WIAW Field Day Message
- Formal NTS messages handled (# \_\_\_\_\_)
- Satellite QSO completed\*
- Natural power QSOs completed
- Site Visit by invited elected official
- Site Visit by invited served agency official
- Educational Activity Bonus
- Youth Element achieved
- GOTA Bonus (total bonus points: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Submitted using the b4h.net applet (50)

Total Bonus Points Claimed: = 950  
 (discount) = -100  
849  
 TOTAL = 849

16.  Check here if Summary was submitted via the web applet at: [www.b4h.net/cabforms](http://www.b4h.net/cabforms)

17. I/We have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations for amateur radio in my/our country. My/Our report is correct and true to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We agree to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

Date: 2 JULY 2008  
 Call: VEBIR per VEBRAC and VEBYK  
 Signature: R. Ian Mackay Rennie  
 (signature/call of club president or authorized club representative)  
 Address: #12-5023 48th STREET  
 Address: YELLOWKNIFE, NT, CANADA X1A 1N4  
 E-mail Address: RIR@PATMARK.CA

You must complete the Band/Mode and GOTA QSO breakdown box on page 2 of this form. February 2008 – FD Form

\* Satellite QSO score 100 points not counted as operators forgot to take call sign of the ID scv station starting with "A". Serious logging error but QSO was made.

Field Day Call Used: VE8RAC

18.	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSO	Power	QSO	Power	QSO	Power
160 M						
80 M						
40 M	11	50			2	100
20 M	10	<del>50</del>	23	100	7	100
15 M						
10 M						
6 M						
2 M						
1.25						
Other						
Other						
Satellite					1	5W
GOTA						
Totals	21	CW	23	Digital	10	Phone
	Enter on Line 8 of Summary		Enter on Line 9 of Summary		Enter on Line 10 of Summary	

19. GOTA BONUS: List names/calls of GOTA operators, number of QSOs completed by each and the 20 to 100 point basic GOTA Bonus earned by each if applicable:

Name / CALL	# of QSOs	Bonus Points Earned

Check if claiming double bonus for GOTA Coach

20. Did your Field Day Group claim the Youth element Bonus:    Yes    No

If so, how many participants 18 or younger completed at least one QSO?   

Total number of attendees in group age 18 or younger   3

Log Results

Ref	Log Entry	Date	Time	Zone	Call	Exchange	Mode	Operator	Band
32	1	6/28/2008	18:25:06	UTC	W7OTV	3A	OR	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
33	2	6/28/2008	18:30:49	UTC	N7BXU	2A	WWA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
11	1	6/28/2008	18:30:53	UTC	KL7Y	3A	AK	SSB	VE8RT anc 20m
12	2	6/28/2008	18:32:15	UTC	KL7AA	2A	AK	SSB	VE8RT anc 20m
34	3	6/28/2008	18:35:38	UTC	N7UVH	1E	ID	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
1	1	6/28/2008	19:21:18	UTC	W7VP	1E	WWA	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
2	2	6/28/2008	19:40:43	UTC	W7JCR	3A	WWA	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
3	3	6/28/2008	19:59:50	UTC	W7ZZ	1D	OR	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
4	4	6/28/2008	20:50:43	UTC	W7RDR	2A	WWA	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
5	5	6/28/2008	20:59:29	UTC	KL7AA	2A	AK	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
6	6	6/28/2008	21:02:36	UTC	W6NWG	5F	SDG	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
7	7	6/28/2008	21:07:29	UTC	W7NNN	1E	WWA	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
8	8	6/28/2008	21:12:34	UTC	VE6KC	1B	AB	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
9	9	6/28/2008	21:36:48	UTC	N6XG/VY1	1B	NT	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
10	10	6/28/2008	22:23:12	UTC	W6SG	2A	SF	CW	VE8RT anc 20m
13	1	6/28/2008	23:43:10	UTC	VE7SL	1D	BC	CW	VE8RT 40m
14	2	6/28/2008	23:49:13	UTC	W7RDR	2A	WWA	CW	VE8RT 40m
29	4	6/29/2008	2:09:08	UTC	VE3AIR	5A	ON	SSB	VE8WD 20m
15	3	6/29/2008	2:34:44	UTC	VE6EX	1A	AB	CW	VE8RT 40m
16	4	6/29/2008	2:59:00	UTC	K7AW	2A	OR	CW	VE8RT 40m
30	5	6/29/2008	5:40:51	UTC	VE6FI	2E	AB	SSB	VE8WD 20m
35	6	6/29/2008	5:43:06	UTC	K6SA	2A	SCV	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
26	1	6/29/2008	5:44:42	UTC	W6PT	1A	SDG	SSB	VE8WD 20m
27	2	6/29/2008	5:47:52	UTC	VY1EI	1E	NT	SSB	VE8WD 20m
28	3	6/29/2008	5:50:16	UTC	N6SD	2A	SDG	SSB	VE8WD 20m
24	1	6/29/2008	6:15:58	UTC	VE7OGO	2F	BC	SSB	40m
25	2	6/29/2008	6:57:23	UTC	KE7LGV	1E	MT	SSB	40m
36	7	6/29/2008	7:31:34	UTC	W2IR	3A	ENY	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
37	8	6/29/2008	7:41:09	UTC	W3FT	3D	MDC	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
38	9	6/29/2008	7:49:37	UTC	K3AE	4A	EPA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
39	10	6/29/2008	8:08:28	UTC	W6TRW	3A	LA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
40	11	6/29/2008	9:44:19	UTC	KL7AA	2A	AK	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
41	12	6/29/2008	10:34:38	UTC	KW3K	2F	EPA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
42	13	6/29/2008	13:05:23	UTC	KS1R	2F	ME	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
43	14	6/29/2008	13:31:58	UTC	VA3TOP	2A	ON	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
44	15	6/29/2008	13:45:03	UTC	N2MO	3E	NNJ	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
45	16	6/29/2008	13:50:52	UTC	KL7JFU	2A	AK	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
46	17	6/29/2008	14:17:25	UTC	NOGF	3A	ND	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
47	18	6/29/2008	14:32:16	UTC	W6CUS	3A	EB	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
31	1	6/29/2008	15:00:06	UTC	K6WC	5A	SCV	RTTY	VE8IR 20m
48	19	6/29/2008	15:05:26	UTC	W2YRC	2A	ENY	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
17	5	6/29/2008	16:13:30	UTC	K7LED	6A	WWA	CW	VE8RT 40m
18	6	6/29/2008	16:19:29	UTC	VE7RAR	2A	BC	CW	VE8RT 40m
49	20	6/29/2008	16:21:45	UTC	WA7RF	2A	EWA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
54	SO-50	6/29/2008	16:30:00	UTC	??	1D	SCV	We were so excited and tired we f	
50	21	6/29/2008	16:56:16	UTC	W7CJW	1A	MT	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
51	22	6/29/2008	17:08:03	UTC	VE7SUN	9A	BC	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
19	7	6/29/2008	17:08:43	UTC	VE7VRG	4A	BC	CW	VE8RT 40m
20	8	6/29/2008	17:16:48	UTC	WA7LAW	3A	WWA	CW	VE8RT 40m
21	9	6/29/2008	17:25:48	UTC	VE7SUN	9A	BC	CW	VE8RT 40m
22	10	6/29/2008	17:40:30	UTC	K7SDX	2D	EWA	CW	VE8RT 40m
23	11	6/29/2008	17:51:52	UTC	W7HDX	2D	EWA	CW	VE8RT 40m
52	23	6/29/2008	17:52:36	UTC	N7ELF	1D	WWA	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m
53	24	6/29/2008	17:59:15	UTC	RA3BT	1A	DX	PSK31	VE8IR, VE 20m

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FEW EVENTS IN AMATEUR RADIO GENERATE AS MUCH EXCITEMENT AS ARRL FIELD DAY. THIS WEEKEND THOUSANDS OF OPERATORS AND PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPLETE OVER ONE MILLION QSOs. WHETHER OPERATING CW AND SINGLE SIDEBAND OR USING NEWER DIGITAL MODES SUCH AS OLIVIA OR JT65, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF FIELD DAY IS SIMPLE -- HAVE FUN. CLUBS FROM ACROSS ALL TIME ZONES WILL USE THE NEW EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY BONUS TO BROADEN THE KNOWLEDGE BASE OF THEIR MEMBERS.

THE FASTEST AND BEST WAY TO SUBMIT YOUR BASIC FIELD DAY SUMMARY IS TO USE THE [HTTP://WWW.B4H.NET](http://www.b4h.net) WEB FORM. COMPLETE THE SUMMARY SHEET ONLINE AND THEN EMAIL OR MAIL THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. WHEN YOU USE THE ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM YOU EARN AN ADDITIONAL 50 BONUS POINTS. COMPLETE INFORMATION IS FOUND AT, [HTTP://WWW.ARRL.ORG/CONTESTS/RULES/2008/FD.HTML](http://www.arrrl.org/contests/rules/2008/fd.html).

HOWEVER YOU DO IT, JUST REMEMBER TO GET ON THE AIR THIS WEEKEND AND HAVE FUN. A RECORD 2331 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED FOR ARRL FD 2007. MAY YOU RECEIVE 59 SIGNAL REPORTS FROM EVERY ARRL SECTION AS YOU PARTICIPATE AND HELP SET A NEW RECORD IN 2008. 73.  
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# Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society

NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**

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## **Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS) “Show Off” for Yellowknife Residents**

Public Demonstration of Emergency Communications June 28 – 29, 2008

**Yellowknife, Northwest Territories** – The Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society will demonstrate its capabilities at the Yellowknife Ski Club Biathlon Range (directly across from the Yellowknife Dump) for 24 hours from noon June 28 to noon June 29. The Society invites the public to come and see the Society’s capabilities, operate its communications equipment and learn how to get qualified as a Canadian amateur radio operator.

This event, known as “Field Day”, is an annual event throughout North America. It is an emergency preparedness exercise, cloaked in the guise of a contest. More than 30,000 ham operators will set up emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the continent. Hams will demonstrate their capability to establish emergency communications independent of existing public service infrastructure, with the latest in amateur radio communications equipment (digital, Morse code, satellites, voice etc.).

The Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society is one such group of hams. Its emergency communications capability is an integral part of the Northwest Territories Emergency Plan and territorial emergency preparedness. The Society and its members may be called upon to assist authorities and to establish and maintain communications with distant stations in the event of an emergency. Such occurrences do happen, whether they occur as a result of earthquake, forest fire, extreme weather or terrorist acts.

While Field Day is primarily an emergency communications exercise, it is also a showcase of the hobby of amateur radio in all of its aspects. Some hams will be demonstrating their latest projects, sometimes with entertaining results. The basic principles of radio, electronics and our physical environment will be demonstrated. All are welcome to attend in order to see the volunteer spirit within the community and to learn some hands-on science and technology.

The Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society is a non-commercial and not for profit Society incorporated under the *Societies Act* with objects including emergency preparedness and the promotion of the amateur radio service.

Field Day 2008 (VE8RAC)

Attendance Register

Name	Name	Organization	Remarks
VE8GB	George Blandford	YARS	
VE8RT	Ron Thompson	YARS	
VE8MAP	Terry Hauff	YARS/YK Search and Rescue	
VE8IR	Ian Rennie	YARS/GNWT	
VE8WD	Chris Cameron	YARS	
VE8SS	Sam Saunders	YARS	
VE8PSR	Rok Park	YARS	
VE6NHQ	Dave Chernenkoff	Visiting	
VE8AA	Graham Astbury	YARS	
VE8CGK	Cameron Kos	YK Search and Rescue	
	Sheila Bassi-Kellett	GNWT/ADM MACA	Most senior visitor from an agency
	Jake Saunders		3 years old
	Michelle Saunders		
	James Blandford		
	Erika Thompson		<18
	Anita Lemmtty	YK Search and Rescue	
	Matthew Bailey		11
	Holly Hauff		14
	Tara Hauff		

Total = 19

Supporting Images from VE8RAC for Field Day 2008 Bonus Points



Figures 1, 2 and 3 above – Emergency Power (solar battery rechargers and generator)  
**[100% Emergency Power]**



Figure 4 above – Yellowknife Ski Club  
**[Set up in a public place]**



Figure 5 – Information Table  
**[Information Booth]**

Figures 1 and 2 above –  
**[6 Natural Power QSOs]**



Figure 6 – Concurrent testing and radio exercise using a Yellowknife Search and Rescue Radio assembled by club members (person in foreground is the training officer for Yellowknife Search and Rescue)  
**[Site visit by invited served agency official]**



Figure 7 – Lecture on Map Reading and GPS by Yellowknife Search and Rescue  
**[Educational Activity Bonus]**

Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society  
Field Day 2008  
Safety Briefing

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# Site Delimitation



Figure 1 - Field Day Site



**Figure 2 - Field Day Site**

Figures 1 and 2 delimit the Field Day work site generally. The work site is approximately 3 km from downtown Yellowknife and is located at the Yellowknife Ski Club, directly opposite the Yellowknife dump.

The actual work site will be even smaller than indicated as it will exclude all buildings, the highway and most other areas not in proximity to the area of the biathlon range and the area between it and the first building on the driveway to the main parking area (seen in Figure 2).

## Legal Requirements

### **Safety**

The Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society, although a volunteer not-for-profit corporation, for the purposes of those members of the Society engaged in Field Day 2008, the Society is considered to be an employer as defined under the *Safety Act* and *General Safety Regulations*.

The Board of Directors of the Society has therefore authorized this Safety Briefing to be read at the start of the Field Day 2008 operations and posted in a conspicuous place at the work site as part of the due diligence of the Society and of its Directors with respect to safety.

A copy of the Act and the *General Safety Regulations* is appended to this Safety Briefing and will be available in a conspicuous location.

You are requested to take time out during Field Day 2008 and peruse this Safety Briefing and its appendices. If you witness any activity that causes you concern, please bring it to the attention of any of the Directors of the Society. The Director(s) will take immediate action if warranted.

### **Mitigation of Risk**

#### **Workers' Compensation**

Section 20 of the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* states:

20. Every person who is conscripted under this Act or renders assistance during a declared state of emergency or a declared state of local emergency, is entitled to compensation in accordance with the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

Subsection 4(1) of the *Workers' Compensation Act* is also in application:

4. (1) The following persons are deemed to be workers for the purposes of this Act:
- (a) a person who enters into or works under a contract of service;
  - (b) a person who, although not under a contract of service, is
    - (i) undergoing training or probationary work as a preliminary to employment with an employer,
    - (ii) engaged in, or training for, rescue or recovery services, ambulance services or firefighting services, or
    - (iii) temporarily engaged in carrying out measures relating to emergencies or disasters under the Civil Emergency Measures Act;

The Board of Directors of the Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society is of the view that the *Workers' Compensation Act* is not in application with respect to members of the Society participating in Field Day.

## Liability Insurance

The Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society is an affiliated member of Radio Amateurs of Canada as are a number of its members. Membership in Radio Amateurs of Canada imparts with it liability insurance. A General Liability insurance coverage for \$5M exists with AXA Insurance Limited. Therefore in the event of personal injury or property damage (not loss), a claim may be made.

## Emergency Information

### *Emergency Radio Frequencies*

Call Sign	Frequency	Offset	Watch
<b>VE8YK</b>	<b>146.940.000 MHz (FM)</b>	<b>-600 kHz</b>	Yes
<b>Alternate</b>	<b>146.520.000 MHz (FM)</b>	<b>Simplex</b>	Alternate
<i>CB Channel 9</i>	<i>027.065.000 MHz (AM)</i>	<i>Emergency – if no cell phone</i>	
<i>Marine Channel 16</i>	<i>156.800.000 MHz (FM)</i>	<i>Emergency – if no cell phone and a Xmtr present</i>	

\*In the event of receipt of a distress call on any band, cease all other Field Day activity and record all transmissions. If the distress call remains unanswered, maintain a radio watch on the frequency and notify a Director who will inform the police immediately.

### *Emergency Numbers*

Service	Telephone
Police	(867) 669-1111
Fire Department	(867) 873-2222
Ambulance	(867) 873-2222
Municipal Enforcement	(867) 920-2737
Community Emergency Management (Yellowknife)	(867) 873-7554
Territorial Emergencies	(867) 920-6133

### *Location of Information*

This Safety Briefing and its appendices will be located in the fifth wheel trailer.

## First Aid

### *First Aiders*

The following are holders of St. John's Ambulance Standard First Aid (with at least a minimum CPR A):

Chris Cameron  
Ian Rennie  
Ron Thompson  
David  
Rok  
George Blandford

Sam Saunders (CPR C)

### ***First Aid Kit***

A No. 1 First Aid Kit with 2 CPR Pocket Valve Masks is located in the fifth wheel trailer.

## **Hazard Assessment**

### ***Environmental***

#### **Sun**

- Sunburn – Sunblock
- Glare and UV radiation – hat, sunglasses

#### **Heat**

- Heat injury - hydration

#### **Electrical Storms**

- Lightning – in the event of an electrical storm,
  - all radios will be switched off
  - all persons will take cover in shelter
  - all antennas will be grounded

#### **Mosquitoes**

- Nile virus – very low risk (not present in NWT)
- Chamomile lotion, DEET (caution required for eyes and with plastics), citronella
- Mosquito netting

#### **Wild Animals**

- Wild animals are to be avoided
- No person shall feed any *animalia*
- Camp hygiene is important
- In the event of troublesome animals, Field Day may be suspended or the police may be called

### ***Camp Hygiene***

#### **Garbage**

- All garbage is to be disposed of properly in a plastic bag and container
- No food is to be kept anywhere on the site unless it is in the fifth wheel trailer or inside a locked automobile

#### **Food**

- Caution in handling of food is to be taken
- Where possible any food is to be prepackaged and prepared

## **Toilets**

- The toilet facility in the fifth wheel trailer is to be used

## **Water**

- Potable water will be available in the fifth wheel trailer

## **Petroleum, oil and lubricant (POL)**

- A POL station will be situated away from any tents and trailers in proximity to the generator(s)
- A shovel may be located nearby (if available)

## ***Specific Hazards***

### **RF/Radiation**

- When adjusting antennas or antenna cables ensure that everyone knows what you are doing and that the radios are off and that they have been disconnected from their power source
- Persons with pace makers should be advised of the risks from spurious RF radiation

### **Electrical**

- This is the primary hazard
- Care must be taken to ensure proper groundings
- Ensure that no live wires or equipment is left unattended – if they are to be left unattended they must be shut down and de-energized

### **Chemical**

- There are batteries on scene containing acid – please act responsibly around them

### **Fire**

- A fire extinguisher shall be located next to the fifth wheel
- In the event of fire, shout “Fire, Fire, Fire” and its location and take immediate action to douse it
- If the fire is too dangerous, alert the camp and get help or call the fire department

## **Accidents**

Any accident must be reported to a Director of the Society.