

Field Day 2021 – Planning Notes

As of: 5/3/21

Next meeting: Monday, 24 May, 7:30 pm on zoom

Event: 27 and 28 June

Setup: 26 June, 11am

Where are we now?

- Location will be the Georgetown Airport
- 4 hf stations low power <150w and one bonus VHV/UHF station
 - Small canopies to limit people at each station (covid)
 - Antennas and generators located
- Pizza Friday night
- BBQ Sat night – food provided by club
- Breakfast Sat & Sun by AI6US
- T-shirt logo complete – 30 ordered so far
- Jim, WA8MPA, will set up logging computers
- Orion, AI6JB, will be in charge of antennas/generators
- Don, WB6LPJ, will be in charge of tents/shelters and tables
- Greydon, KC6SLE, will be Safety Officer
- Jim KQ6VP, will be in charge of food

Details:

1. Location

[On 4/12 the decision was made to commit to the Georgetown Airport location](#)

- Less uncertainty (will USFS approve BC in time?)
- Eliminates multiple planning
- Minimize expenses (e.g. no porta potty)
- Allow T-shirt graphic to show actual location

Previous considerations:

Blue Canyon Airport

- Application submitted to USFS
- Not approving apps until covid rules clarified

Nyack

- Inverter interference.
- Noise from trucks
- Older members had difficulties with the terrain.

Georgetown airport

- Wrong area - not Placer County.
- Access – need to cross runway

Good for camping
Robinson Flat will not work – Western States aid station

2. Infrastructure

RF - Radios

Traditionally we have 5 stations (4 hf and bonus VHF/UHF)
Let's duplicate the 2019 setup
No GOTA station this year
Jon, KI6RT, has solar panels and controller for alt power contacts
Amir, N6ADT, will set up the VHF station
Brian, AI6US, has an Icom 7300 he will bring for SSB
Herb, KM6JBI, will set up his 991A for the digital station
Tim, KD6HOF, has an Icom 7300 he will bring
Advise operators to bring their own headphones

Tents/shelters

Configure so no centralized social area – disperse rather than gather
Brian has one 10 x 10 pop up
Chip has 2 10 x 10 pop ups
Tim, KD6HOF, has one
Al has 10 x10 in his rv
Orion has an 8x8
Don, WB6LPJ, has two 10x10 pop-ups

Antennas

Orion, AI6JB, has a map of the site. Will distribute to all
Orion volunteered to head this effort
He will hang antennas and bring feed line to each station
Each station “owner” sets up his own tent, table,
Map shows antennas and tent locations
We have:
80M doublet
One hex beam – AI6JB/AI6US
One Tribander two element - N6ADT
160M Vertical antenna (30 to 40' tall) - AI6JB
Triplexer - Club
Filters – Two 80-15, Only have one 10M filter and one 160m filter
Club is bringing 500+ feet of RG8 belonging to N6ADT
Orion will check with Gary KC3PO about his long wire antenna
Gary, KN6AVC, will provide PU truck to drive on base to support vertical
antenna mount

Generators

Orion will head this effort
Al, N6ADR, has 2k Honda w/ extended run

Est max total load would be >2kw
Orion, AI6JB, has the interface cable for two generators
Greydon, KC6SLE, as a 2k and gas cans

3. Expenses

Food

Club provides food – Friday and Saturday
Friday eve: Pizza – pay as you go
Somebody will volunteer to go pick up pizza
Common table for serving and snacks
Have people bring individual servings (bags) of snacks during the day
Food will be served – not self serve
Friday night in 2019 had about 20 people
Saturday 2019 had 65 signed in for dinner
How many members can we expect to attend?
Poll: 55 responses. 80% (about 44 people) wanted in-person event
Brian will do RSVP list for dinner
KQ6VP – Jim – will head food effort
Dinner will be BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken
Side dishes provided by club
Club authorized budget of \$500 for FD
Donation bowl at end of food line for \$\$\$ contribution
Brian and Lin – Pancake breakfast Sat and Sun
Jim (KQ6VP) will purchase water and side dishes
Coffee pot – Dennis, WU6X, has loaned club his pot. Brian has it
Will need to buy items have some inventory at KG6LSB Utensils, napkins
Greydon has two ice chests he will bring with ice in them

4. Other

Safety Officer – We get extra 100 points for having a Safety Officer and having him/her certify to meeting FD Safety Rules. Greydon, KC6SLE, will perform this duty. He will bring fire extinguishers. Thomas, KN6MJB will assist. Brian has 2 fire extinguishers also.

Incorporate at-home participant scores as in 2020

Live Zoom meeting like in 2020?

Herb, JBI, has unlimited data on a jetpack so on-site video possible
No need for special prizes

T-shirt.

This is complete. Available for order on website
<https://www.customink.com/g/jgy0-00ce-ed34>

Bob, K6UDA, designed it.
Pay for shirt when ordered.
In 2019 club ordered 22 ARRL T-shirts
In 2019 club ordered 30 ARRL pins
Cost is about \$20
Orders close on 7 June
Last check there were over 30 ordered

For extra points have a presentation on something for purposes of
“education.” Scott, KK7AIR, will talk and show the HF/VHF radios and
antennas in his airplane

3/29/31 Meeting Attendees:

AI6US
A6E
C3PO
B6LPJ
M6MPU
N6ADT
WU6X
W6SOM
KM6JBI
K6ABJ

4/12/21 Meeting Attendees:

AI6US
WB6LPJ
KI6RT
WA6E

5/3/21 Meeting Attendees:

WA6E - Gerry
KD6HOF – Tim
AI6US - Brian
AI6JB – Orion
K6SAL – Sal
KC6SLE – Greydon
WB6LPJ – Don
N6ADL - Amir
W6SOM – Charlie
KO6TH - Greg
KA6UAI – Ron
KQ6VP - Jim
KN6MJB - Howard
KK6AM – Ray
KM6YKX – Rob

W2OHV – Paul
KM6JBI - Herb