

ARRL Vice President Visit

WFD 2025

Provided by Mark Godbout N6IV

Wrap up.

N6FRG WINTER FIELD DAY 2025

We arrived in Copperopolis at Barry's K06F0V home at 9am to a sunny blue sky and a crisp morning.

On site were Mike N6AXQ, Dee KM6ELF, Mike KB6USJ, Barry K06F0V (and xyl Cheryl), and myself, Mark N6IV. Helen KM6ELE arrived later to join the fun.

We set up a 40m doublet at 35feet, a 2 m Fm j.pole, and a 40m/80m wire antenna.

Qso's were to be had on 40m, 20m, and 10m. No contacts on 2m and we did not try 15m.

Propagation was fairly decent. We contacted HI, UT, WWA, OR, AZ, STX, NTX, ID, BC, MN, OK, NV, SDG, SF among others.

Helen and Barry made their first contesting qsos so now they are addicted like everyone else.

Clouds finally ensued and the temperature dropped to the point we said qrt.

We all are thankful to Barry and Cheryl for the accommodations, hot coffee, and homemade coffee cake.

All in all we had a good time and it was worth braving the elements for some good fellowship and ham radio.

73

Mark, n6iv

Cold Day For WFD 2025



N6AXQ , NVIS Antenna



Small antenna Farm



N6AXQ making the connection



K06F0V surveying the site



Dee KM6ELF, And Barry K06F0V



Mike and Dee handling 40 Meters



K06F0V Barry at right with N6IV center and N6AXQ left Barry completed his first QSO on HF



Helen-KM6ELE- and Mark N6IV going over Log



Helen-KM6ELE- completed her first QSO on HF



Dee and Women's best friend warming each other

**Winter Field Day January
25th, 2025**



Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

ARRL January VHF Contest

Contest Objective: For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

Dates: The third or fourth full weekend in January as announced. (**January 18-20, 2025**)

Contest Period: Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday.

[Click Here for Complete ARRL January VHF Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)

For contest information contact contests@arrl.org or (860) 594-0232

ARRL Town Hall Meeting January 11th 10 am PDT

ARRL Division NewsPacific Division

TIA, Cheers & 73,

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Forwarded By Sam Hernandez W6SP

Club Business Meeting January 9, 2025



Meeting Starts at 6:30 pm (local) Roundtable Pizza 27 N. Main
St. Angels Camp, Ca.

POTA Activation

Give a listen for Marlin N6MIV from Indian Rock on the HF frequencies hours of operation will be January 2, during the afternoon.

Happy New Year!

El Paso TX



**ARRL Straight Key Night:
January 1, 2025**





January 1, 2025, from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC. This 24-hour event is not a contest but rather a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage – radio communications by Morse code.

Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs (radio contacts). The use of straight keys or bugs to send CW is preferred. There are no points scored and all who participate are winners. All authorized amateur frequencies may be used but activity has traditionally been centered on the HF bands.

Entries for Straight Key Night must be received by January 3, 2025. Votes for “Best Fist” and “Most Interesting QSO” will be tabulated and included in the results. Send your information to straightkey@arrl.org or by mail to ARRL Straight Key Night, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. For more information, contact contests@arrl.org or (860) 594-0232.

Visit the ARRL website for more
details: www.arrl.org/straight-key-night.