

FIELD DAY

PHONE OPERATING GUIDLINES

THESE ARE JUST GUIDELINES TO GET YOU STARTED. LISTEN TO OTHER OPERATORS (AT THIS STATION AND ON THE AIR). LOG FOR ANOTHER MORE EXPERIENCED OPERATOR FOR A WHILE, THEN WHEN YOU FEEL CONFORTABLE, SWITCH PLACES.

CALL CQ FOR ANY FIELD DAY STATION:

(USE A 1X1, 2X2, 3X3 CALL, DEPENDING ON HOW BUSY THE BAND IS)

CQ FIELD DAY CQ FIELD DAY
THIS IS WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA
WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA FIELD DAY

ANSWER ANOTHER FIELD DAY STATION CALLING CQ:

(CQ FIELD DAY THIS IS KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE")

KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE THIS IS
WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA
FIVE ALPHA WEST VIRGINIA

TUNE SLOWLY
LISTEN MORE
TALK LESS
Don't Panic!

IF HE'S ALREADY GIVEN HIS REPORT, ACKNOWLEDGE HIS & GIVE YOURS:

(WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA THIS IS KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE THREE ALPHA NORTH TEXAS")

KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE
QSL THREE ALPHA NORTH TEXAS
WE ARE FIVE ALPHA WEST VIRGINIA

GET FILL: ASK AS NEEDED FOR "CLASS", "SECTION", OR THE WHOLE "REPORT", OR "CALL"

(WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA THIS IS KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE ZYXBPDO FJKLGP DJVKDF")

KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE
SAY AGAIN REPORT

IF OTHER STATION ASKS FOR FILL:

(WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA THIS IS K5DM SAY AGAIN YOUR REPORT")

WE ARE FIVE ALPHA WEST VIRGINIA
WE ARE FIVE ALPHA WHISKEY VICTOR

FINISHED THIS CONTACT, READY FOR THE NEXT ON THIS FREQUENCY:

(WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA THIS IS KILO FIVE DELTA MIKE QSL 73 AND GOOD LUCK!")

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CLEAR THE FREQUENCY

DUE TO PROPAGATION ON SOME BANDS, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T HEAR ANYTHING, IT DOESN'T GUARANTEE THAT THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR. IT'S ALWAYS MORE POLITE TO ASK "IS THIS FREQUENCY IN USE?" BEFORE CALLING CQ.

SEARCH AND POUNCE

TUNE ACROSS THE BAND (WATCH THOSE BAND EDGES!) LISTENING FOR STATIONS CALLING "CQ FIELD DAY". CHECK DUPE LIST BEFORE CALLING.

"RUN" A FREQUENCY

FIND AN OPEN FREQUENCY. CALL "CQ FIELD DAY" AND SIGN THE STATION CALL PHONETICALLY. AFTER A CONTACT, CONTINUE ON THE SAME FREQUENCY WITH "QRZ FIELD DAY" OR "CQ FIELD DAY".

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WHAT THE HECK IS A VOICE KEYER?

A VOICE KEYER IS A DEVICE OR LOGGING SOFTWARE FEATURE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO STORE BRIEF MESSAGES IN YOUR OWN VOICE WHICH CAN BE RECALLED AND TRANSMITTED AT THE PRESS OF A FUNCTION KEY OR CLICK OF THE MOUSE.

RECORD THE MOST FREQUENTLY USED PHRASES FOR THE OPERATING EVENT (FIELD DAY, WV QSO PARTY, ETC.). USE THE VOICE KEYER FOR MOST CALLS, AND THE MICROPHONE WHEN YOU NEED TO SAY SOMETHING THAT IS NOT IN THE STORED MESSAGES.

HERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE VOICE KEYER ASSIGNMENTS:

- F1 CQ FIELD DAY
 - F2 THIS IS WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA
 - F3 WHISKEY EIGHT MIKE WHISKEY ALPHA
 - F4 FIVE ALPHA WEST VIRGINIA
 - F5 FIVE ALPHA WHISKEY VICTOR
 - F6 SAY AGAIN YOUR SECTION
 - F7 SAY AGAIN YOUR CALL
 - F8 SAY AGAIN YOUR REPORT
 - F9 Q R ZED FIELD DAY
 - F10 THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK
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