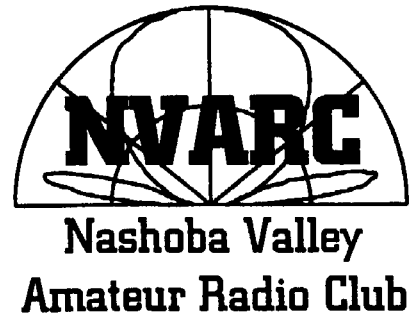


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Amateur Radio Operators

Dear Hams,

The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club cordially invites you to join us at the Heald Street Orchard in Pepperell, MA anytime from Saturday, June 25th at 9 AM to Sunday, June 26th at 2 PM for an annual demonstration of Amateur Radio Emergency Radio communication capability called Field Day. As one of the communities served by our membership we would like to extend this opportunity to you to meet and greet the local Amateur (Ham) Radio operators that provide communication capability for public service and emergency situations.

This event showcases the ability of Amateur Radio operators to setup and operate using only emergency power. This 24 hour operating event starts early Saturday morning with Hams setting up their equipment, antennas, and generators in various shelters in the middle of the orchard and will end late Sunday afternoon after operating around the clock to make contact with other Ham operators in the US.

In the past year alone, amateur radio people have made headlines with their work in the wildfires, floods, storms, tornadoes and other crises. With "Hams" provide emergency communications for many government and civic organizations in disasters. In addition, they provide supplemental communications when normal systems are rendered inoperable or overloaded. Hams have been called (and correctly), "The people behind the curtain that made the heroes look good."

Many communities, don't plan for or expect a major emergency. But they happen, and losing communications quickly can turn an emergency into a real disaster.

We will be inviting the press to drop by, and will have brochures, information packets and other materials made available through the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, explaining our work.

I hope that this plan meets with your approval and look forward to your visiting this event. It should be fun and is also a validation to the hundreds of Amateur Radio volunteers who have spent thousands of hours providing emergency communications, public service work and other benefits throughout our community and region. Please feel free to contact me at 978-302-7479 if I can answer any questions.

73,

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More information:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field_Day_\(amateur_radio\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field_Day_(amateur_radio))

