

W3FJD JOTA REPORT 15 OCTOBER 2011

Local council name and number: Baltimore Area Council, #220

Unit number: Harford District, Pack 400

Amateur call sign used: W3FJD

Amateur call signs heard and worked:

WN4BSA

AA1KS

WB3FTD

States Contacted: South Carolina, Maine, Pennsylvania

Countries contacted:

United States

Number of stations participating in your JOTA event: One

Number of participants in JOTA:

Cub Scouts: 9

Scout Leaders: 4

Radio amateurs: 2

Visitors: 7

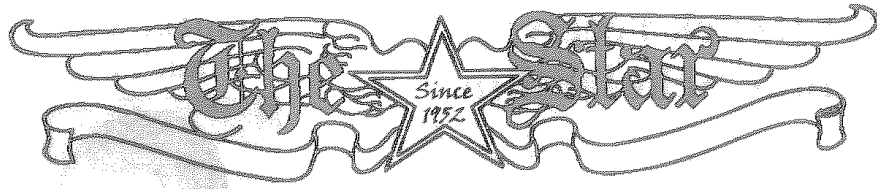
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We enjoyed the First Annual Pack 400 Jamboree on the Air Station, "W3FJD" on 15 October 2011. The event ran from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm EDT and was held at the Peachbottom Township Emergency Operations located at 523 Broad St. in Delta, PA (FM19). Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents learned of new ways to be more prepared for emergencies where under certain circumstances; most forms of communications would not be operational. They discussed the functions of the township Emergency Management command and each of the representatives comprising the agency. Along with being fun for the boys, it also helped them learn more about science, technology, and especially amateur radios. As we connected with various stations, we plotted their locations on a U.S. map. Multiple scouts rotated through in shifts to speak with the few stations contacted. All scouts were able to speak with a pre-scheduled contact being worked via a repeater station on a 200 ft tower in Ruby Ridge Park. Each scout documented his contact info on the official JOTA contact log sheet. Amateur radio operators participating were Peachbottom Township EMA Coordinator Chip Diamond (W3FJD), and grandfather of one of our cubs Paul Gilka (WD4BIT). An enjoyable time was had by all. We are looking forward to next year's event.

By: Chad Nagel, Cubmaster Pack 400, Cardiff, MD.

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## Local cub scouts take part in worldwide jamboree

by Cindy Seibel

Local Cub Scout Pack 400 participated in the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Jamboree-on-the-Air on Saturday, October 15, designed to link scouts around the world, the nation and the community.

The area cubs worked with Chip Diamond, emergency management coordinator for Peach Bottom Township and Delta Borough, in establishing communications from the 523 Broad Street Extended emergency operations center with the rest of the country and world.

"I thought it was really fun," said cub Evan Smith, adding that making contact with a former scout in Moose Island, Maine was an unexpected part of the day to him.

Fellow cub Cross Lawrence agreed that he too enjoyed the activity, even though he was unable to meet his goal of connecting with someone in Canada or in Wisconsin, due to airway static.

Aided by Diamond and Evan's grandfather Paul Gilka, the boys worked throughout the morning to contact their peers via ham radios.

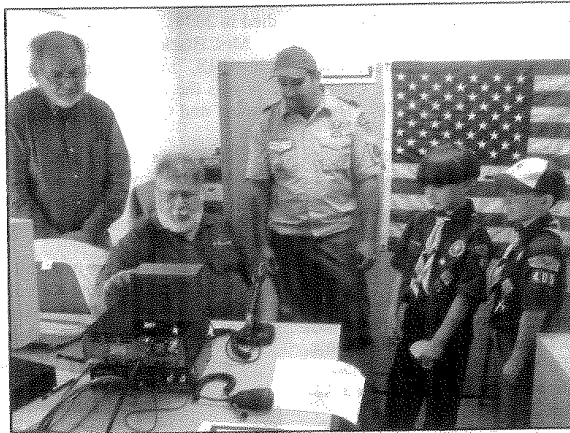
Along with Maine, the cub scouts were able to speak with a "Signs from Florida" station, actually based in South Carolina.

Some of their communications were made possible via a repeater station on a 200-foot tower in Ruby Ridge Park, which then transmitted their contact to

another station, said Gilka and Diamond.

According to cubmaster Chad Nagel, JOTA is the world's largest scouting event, and, along with

Gilka, who has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1976, said he wanted to support scouting and encourage the youths in use of ham radios.



Amateur radio operator Paul Gilka, cubmaster Chad Nagel and cub scouts Cross Lawrence and Evan Smith look on as Chip Diamond, local emergency management coordinator, makes contact with a ham operator in Moose Island, Maine, as part of the pack's recent Jamboree-on-the-Air event.

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As they connected with the various United States areas, the cub scouts plotted those locations on a map at the center. They also entered the contact information on official JOTA sheets.

Diamond said he has been licensed since 1964 and has worked in emergency operations for 20 years.

"We hope that, as a cub scout unit, we'll continue to take part in JOTA every year," said Nagel.

Cub Scout Pack 400 is chartered by Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cardiff, MD.