2011 JOTA report
11/08/2011

Iron Horse Festival, Potato Creek State Park, North Liberty Indiana
LaSalle Council #165, Sakima Lodge #573 Order of the Arrow

Organized by Michigan City Amateur Radio Club  W9LY

AMATEUR RADIO CALL USED : W9LY

STATION WORKED with BSA scouts assistance:

K2BSA/5  EA8CEQ  N7HRC  CM66FJJ  WB4QNX
K0BSA   WA2AAR  K5TRI   DL1A    K5IMT
WN4BSA  IZ2SQS  AK4BK   W2CX    DL2ARD
KE3BSA  HA3NV   KA9D    K7ZQX   DJ8OG
K3BSA   DM3B    N2EIK    I2ROO   YW3Y
HB9S    WA3SGZ  K6QT    EA8CEQ  WB4BFB
LA5HJA  K4NAB   WD4MSM  K7PDG   N1XY
YW3Y    DL5MEV  DJ1AA

STATES CONTACTED:
Utah    New York   South Carolina
Texas   New Jersey  North Carolina
Idaho   West Virginia Pennsylvania
Arizona Indiana    Minnesota

COUNTRIES CONTACTED:
USA     Norway     Italy
Germany Venezuela Switzerland
Denmark Canary Islands

Number of stations participating in JOTA event:  5 stations

Stations operated  voice, digital, morse code (CW), echo link on HF, VHF, and UHF.   All on emergency power.

Number of Amateurs participating:  8

John H. Phillips KA9PGC coordinator
Ron Broviak WA9RON
Pat Malott N9OZW  District member at large
Tom Bingham KC9KOA  Scout Master  Troup 928
Nathan KC9UWG  scout

Jordan Hoover  KC9PX M  Eagle Scout
Troy Harrison KC9E
Charles A. Turner KC9PRJ
Dean Golding Unit Commissioner
Samual KC9OYB troop 928

Number of Cub Scouts participating:  61
Number of Boy Scouts:  119
Number of Visitors:  63
See attached picture Tom Bingham
We had non stop action in demonstrating Amateur Radio to the scouts. Scoutmaster Tom Bingham KC9KOIA and troop 928 was very helpful when we were setting up and testing out the equipment.

See attached picture Jordan Hoover
Eagle scout Jordan Hoover KC9PXM brought in Europe and the adults were most impressed. Maybe the scouts were overwhelmed at the efficiency Jordan had with his equipment. One country after another as one scout noted.

See attached picture Ron Broviak
We had presentations on the use of Morse code. The scouts were able to participate first hand in sending and receiving morse code instructed by Ron Broviak WA9RON. The scouts were able to walk away with an understanding and practice how to send and receive morse code. They could understand the common mistakes in sending morse code and practiced how to avoid it. We had over 20 scouts who sat down and took the time for one on one instruction.
See attached picture Troy Harrison
Troy Harrison KC9E reported that some of the scouts were microphone shy and he found a solution. He put 5 scouts at a time on the radio while he was controlling the microphone. He acted like a reporter and they all started to tell their story.

See attached picture John Phillips
John H. Phillips KA9PGC demonstrating worldwide communications running QRP off of a motorcycle. Pictured is a 20 foot antenna deployed off the bike and a 5 minute setup time demonstrating emergency communication capability.
See attached picture Charles Turner
Charles A. Turner KC9PRJ demonstrating emergency communications and the advantages operating from an RV. He also explained the SKWARN program and his participation.

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