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NEWS SUMMARY: Cuyahoga Falls and Stow Hams Gear Up to Set Long Distance Radio Contact Records and Practice Emergency Communications Skills.

(CUYAHOGA FALLS, June 12, 2007) – Members of the **Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club** (CFARC) will work around the clock the weekend of June 23 and 24 to set up in the field radio communications, get on the air, and contact thousands of other Amateur Radio operators in the US, Canada, and the rest of North and South America as they participate in the nationwide Field Day exercise that is sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio operators.

According to Bob McFadden K8RJM, President of the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Field Day is the annual “shakedown run” for the ARRL’s National Field Organization.

“Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions,” McFadden says. “But it’s also a chance to fine-tune emergency communications skills. We use a generator and we set up temporary antennas in the field. The idea is to put together a sel-sufficient, working Amateur Radio station quickly and begin making contacts.”

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires earthquakes and other major disasters. Members of formal emergency communications organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Service (RACES) regularly participate. The ARRL estimates that more than 35,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

The CFARC Field Day operations will be located at **Stow’s Silver Springs Park** on the Young Road side of the park. Set up will begin on Friday, June 22, at about 5:00PM. The Activity starts on Saturday, June 23, at 2:00PM. The public is invited. For more information, contact Field Day chairman Art Barbetta at 330-688-5605.

SUMMARY: Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, and other area Amateur Radio operators to contact thousands of other hams throughout North and South America in the nation’s largest ham radio on-air event.

WHO: Licensed Amateur Radio operators in Cuyahoga Falls, Stow and other surrounding areas.

WHAT: Hams will set up and operate field radio stations to contact other hams throughout North and South America over a 24 hour period.

WHERE: Silver Springs Park (Young Road side near the campgrounds) in Stow

WHEN: Set-up will begin about 5:00PM on Friday, June 22. Activity begins at 2:00PM on Saturday, June 23 and runs through 2:00PM on Sunday, June 24.

WHY: Participation in the ARRL Field Day. Field Day is a competition as well as a “dry run” for emergency communications skills used during disaster conditions. Amateur Radio operators practice communication skills under primitive conditions, with generator and battery-operated equipment and portable antennas. Special awards are given for “alternative” power sources such as solar, wind and methane. Photo opportunities, interviews, activities of local participants in an important national Amateur Radio event. See all Amateur Radio communication modes in action, including voice, code, digital and satellite.

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