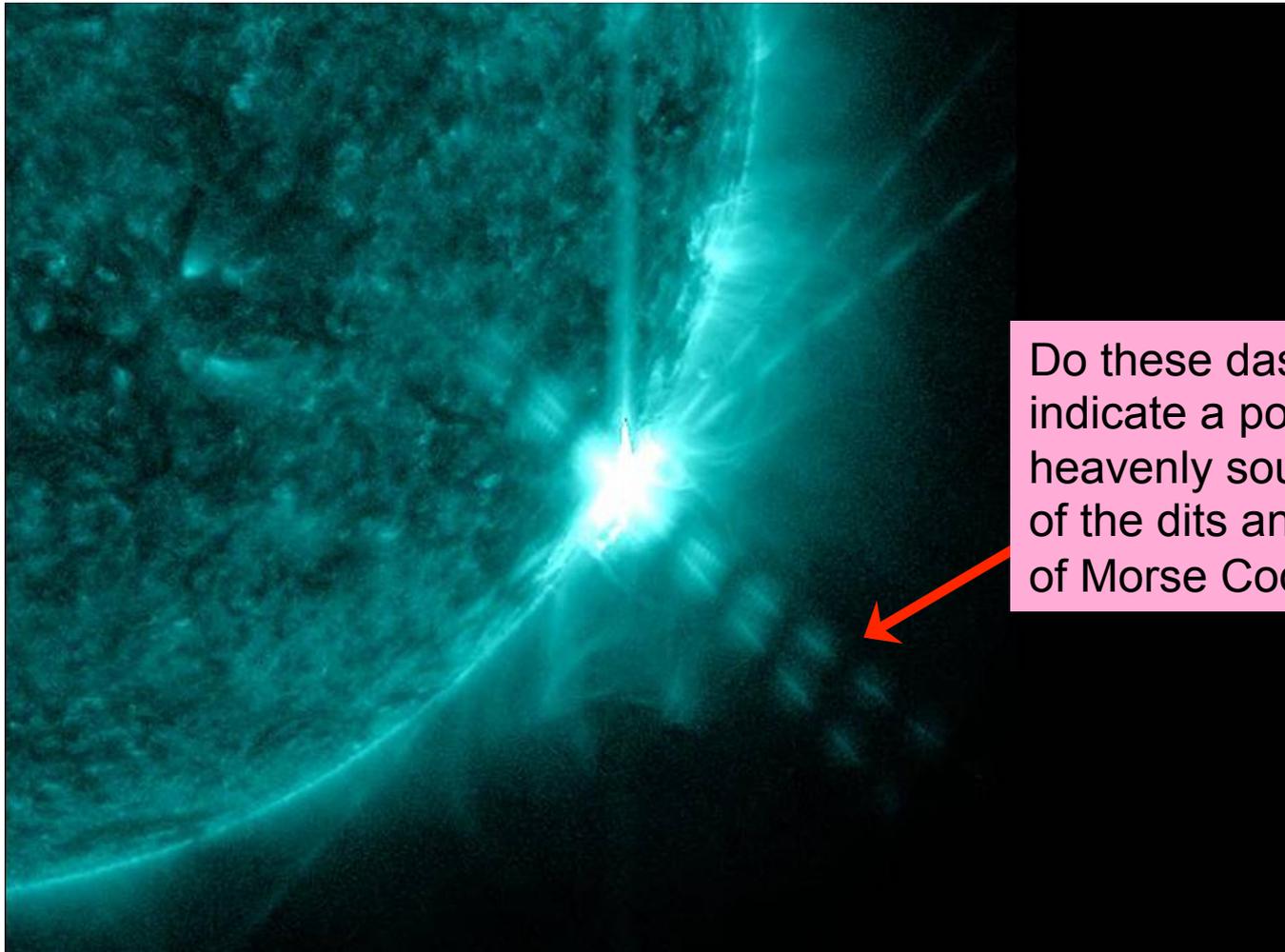




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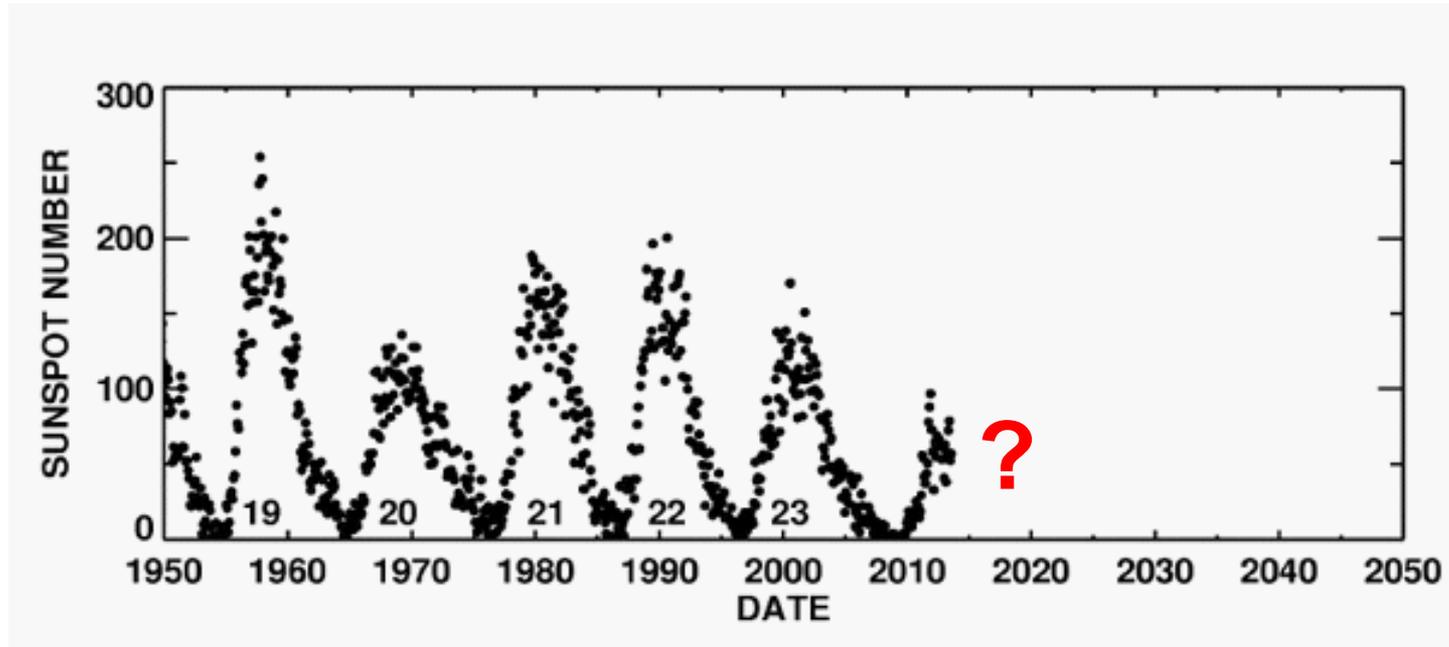
*An Essay on
Solar Flares*



Do these dashes indicate a possible heavenly source of the dits and dahs of Morse Code?

An M-class flare appears on the lower right of the sun on June 7, 2013. This image was captured by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory.

Monthly Averaged Sunspot Numbers



- Notice an alarming decrease in sunspots over time.
- Could the lack of sunspots shown after August 2013 indicate the world is about to end?

The *Real* Story of PART Field Day 2013



by Rick Green, W1RAG
(caught napping at Field Day 2007)



Large crew of volunteers arrive early to erect antennas!



Joe and Andy working their butts off erecting antennas!



What do you mean, “*Test every flavor of filter function*”?
I thought you said “*taste every flavor of Munchkin*”!



Field Day Safety Officers tirelessly patrol outdoors for loose wires, sharp objects, and other potential safety threats.



At times, Field Day can seem like a seat-of-the-pants operation!



Field Day participants inspect smashed TV antenna that interrupts Bugs Bunny and their other favorite Saturday morning cartoons.



Field Day visitors considerably bring their own lunch...
a blue tub full of pasta.



Steve Telsey wonders, “Hmmm... What if I connect all these jumpers to make one big, whopper antenna?”



TV ad: *“Aren’t you glad he uses Dial deodorant?
Don’t you wish everyone did?”*



Fred and Anita are caught watching Barbra Streisand videos instead of racking up the QSOs.



*Aren't you glad he also uses Dial deodorant?
Don't you wish everyone did?*



Members of the Concord Birdwatchers Club
accidentally stumble onto the Field Day grounds...



*Aren't you glad he also uses Dial deodorant?
Don't you wish everyone did?*



Ham radio operator, arriving at Field Day directly from doctor's office, forgets he finally had the sling removed from his right arm...



Meanwhile, over at Fenway Park, Red Sox statisticians track sales of hot dogs versus Italian sausages.



Having given up on erecting any tall antennas, Field Day participants post signs warning that antennas will just be flopped onto the ground.



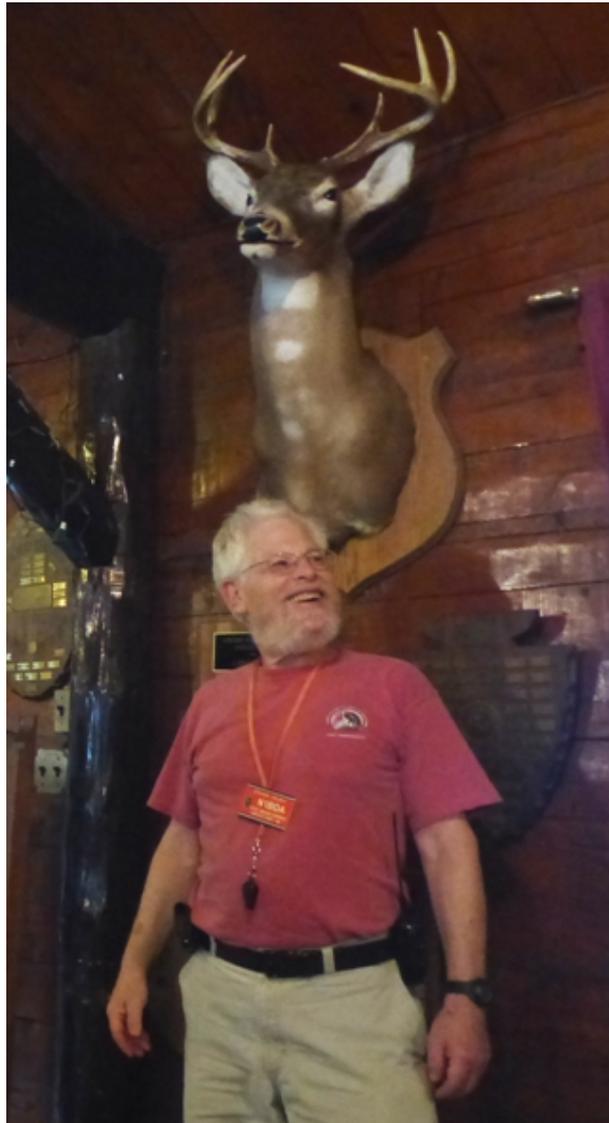
Allison finds that business is brisk selling eggs from her truck!



Children teach adult hams how to replace their logging software with classic *PACMAN* games.



Embarrassed field day participants avoid talking about who accidentally made the QSO with trucker Billy Bob on CB Channel 11



Steve "Moose" Telsey poses for a family portrait.



Brent and Bryce try to keep a straight face while Andy advises them not to pick up hitchhikers on their drive back to California.



Rich, AB1HD, can't keep a straight face after putting Crazy Glue on Scott's push-to-talk microphone button



But Rich puts on a straight face after hearing he's been placed on probation for putting Krazy Glue On Scott's microphone!



Black socks make a big fashion comeback at this year's Field Day!



Dick, W1LTN, caught napping while helping Allison and Anita deploy an antenna.



Michael walks over to compliment Steve on his impersonation of a discus thrower



Not that he doesn't trust anyone, but Alan wants to make sure everyone knows that W1AHM brought the freakin' duct tape!



A shaken KB1OIQ tries to recover from handling a huge 3-person pile-up on PSK31



Does Scott secretly prefer sandwich-chewing over rag-chewing?



Radio operator is ecstatic over making his first QSO!
Nobody wants to tell him it was with Allison a few hundred feet away...



Pressure of intense competition drives a very young onlooker to drink!



Two gun club members, trying to leverage the leftovers from last year's Field Day dinner.



Master Chef Charlie purchases huge bag of butter to hide the taste of the stale green beans.



Charlie buys 2 cans of monosodium glutamate that he'll add to the ham to try to give it some flavor.



Charlie is caught shoplifting a bottle of mouthwash while shopping for Field Day dinner.



Charlie attempts to forge Rick Green's signature at check-out!



Charlie hopes the fancy cherries and pineapple will distract diners from noticing Rick burnt the ham!



The real reason everyone comes to Field Day!



Field Day diners, while still on their feet, begin passing out from food poisoning.



Unhappy Field Day diners disgustedly return their food to the table



I'm telling you, Steve, I really **did** just have a QSO on 20M with a Martian!
He said he was an alien working in the USA with a Green Card...



Russell and Alan try to act cool, each wondering when the other will lunge for the Doritos first!



Halfway through dinner, everyone suddenly wishes they had brought a bottle of Pepto Bismol with them!



Charlie asks Joe: “How many bottles of Pepto Bismol should I get?”



“Psstt..., kids, if you leave a clean plate, I’ ll let you operate 1,501 watts on 40M!”



Andy attempts to sell life insurance to a skeptical audience



Andy can't understand why nobody seems focused on what he's showing on the projection screen....



Scott teaches younger hams how to calculate UTC time on their wristwatches



Life-like display at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum:
Wax dummies of a photography crew adjusting their tripod



“CQ DX, CQ DX, this is NE1RD. Scott’s the handle, trying to sneak in some QSOs during this bizarre Field Day event. CQ DX.”



Bob Glorioso amuses an onlooker by swallowing his toothpick



Caffeine drug dispensary proved critical for keeping Scott, Anita, Fred, Joe, and other overnight operators awake.



Scott handles the first overnight shift.



Scott also handles the second overnight shift.



Anita serves Fred 2 cups of coffee at a time, to help him pull his all-night shift.



Joe, KB1SSA, is caught red-handed, eating all of the overnight operators' breakfast sandwiches!



Scott and Dave Bushong, KZ1O, interrupt collecting QSOs, just long enough to collect some calories



Andy working his butt off collecting QSOs!



Naughty Field Day participant rushes to first-aid station to get hand unstuck from mouth of donation jar!



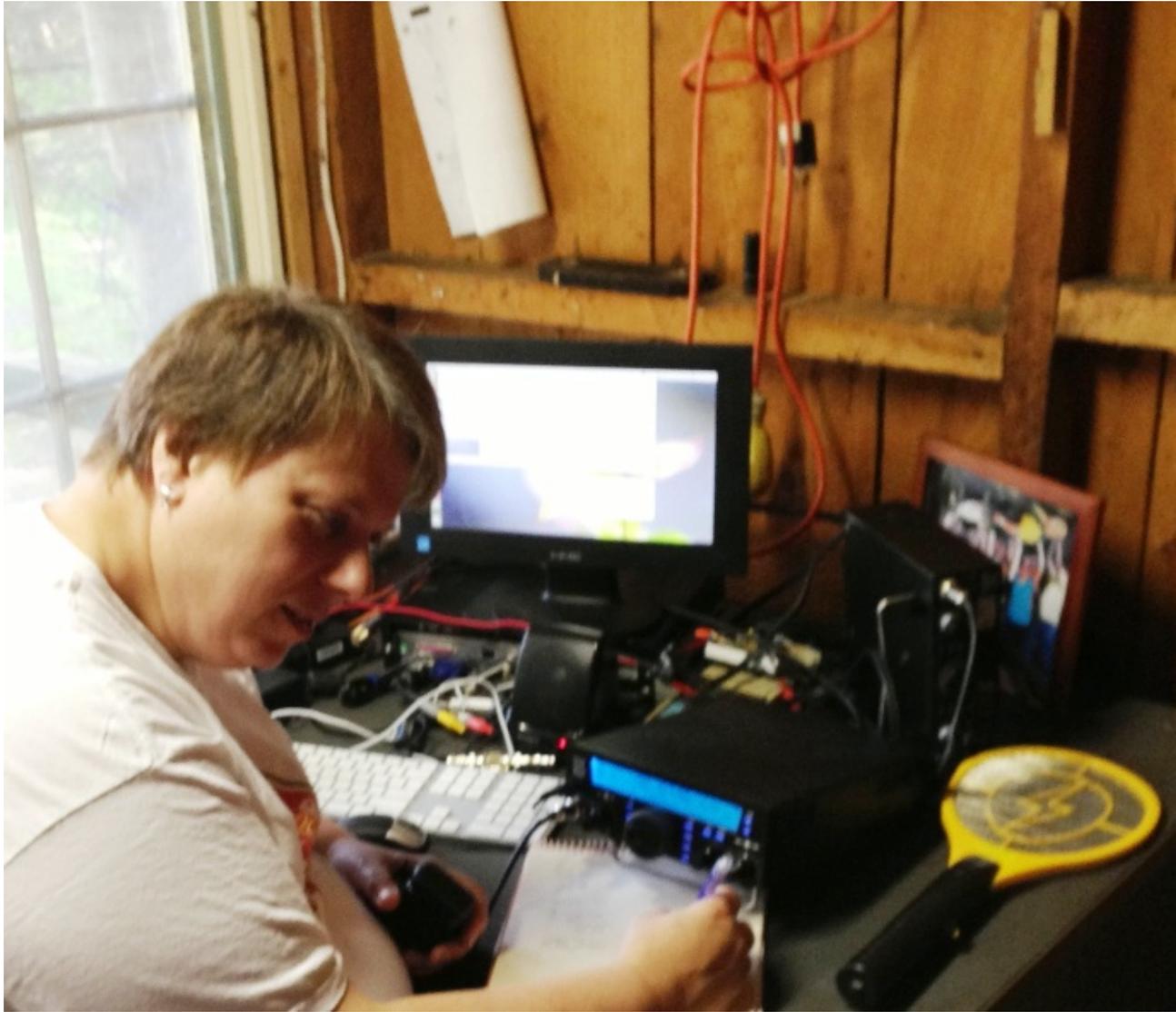
Hearing of possible oil reserves in the back fields of the gun club, enterprising Field Day participants hastily construct an oil rig.



“Psst..., how many drums of oil do you think these ham radio fools can extract using this puny oil rig?”



Ham tries desperately to escape the craziness that was the CW station!



Allison indulges her favorite radio activity:
listening to Howard Stern!



Alan issues Steve a safety citation for failing to wear suspenders to hold up his loose pants.



Two hams practice lasso' ing and other cowboy rope tricks.



Michael, WB1AAT, wonders: “Who in heaven’s name started this rope lasso’ing tradition at Field Day?”



A contester, despondent over solar flare interference, is ready to pull down the ladder line...



While the despondent contesteer isn't looking, Andy and his co-conspirator try to sneak away with all the breakfast snacks!



Fisherman Bob conducts an impromptu Toolbox Talk on fly casting.



Unsympathetic onlookers are amused to see Fisherman Bob catch a fish hook on his finger again!



Someone forget to tell the volunteers they didn't need to hold up the signs all day!



Allison deciding whether to give a swift kick in the seat of the pants to the guy who “borrowed” all her poles for 6 meters ...



Onlookers stare in disbelief at blue-shirted ham operator who accidentally impales himself with a mounting pole!



Steve Telsey receives a punch to the jaw after telling his logger he's received better logging assistance from Canadian lumberjacks.



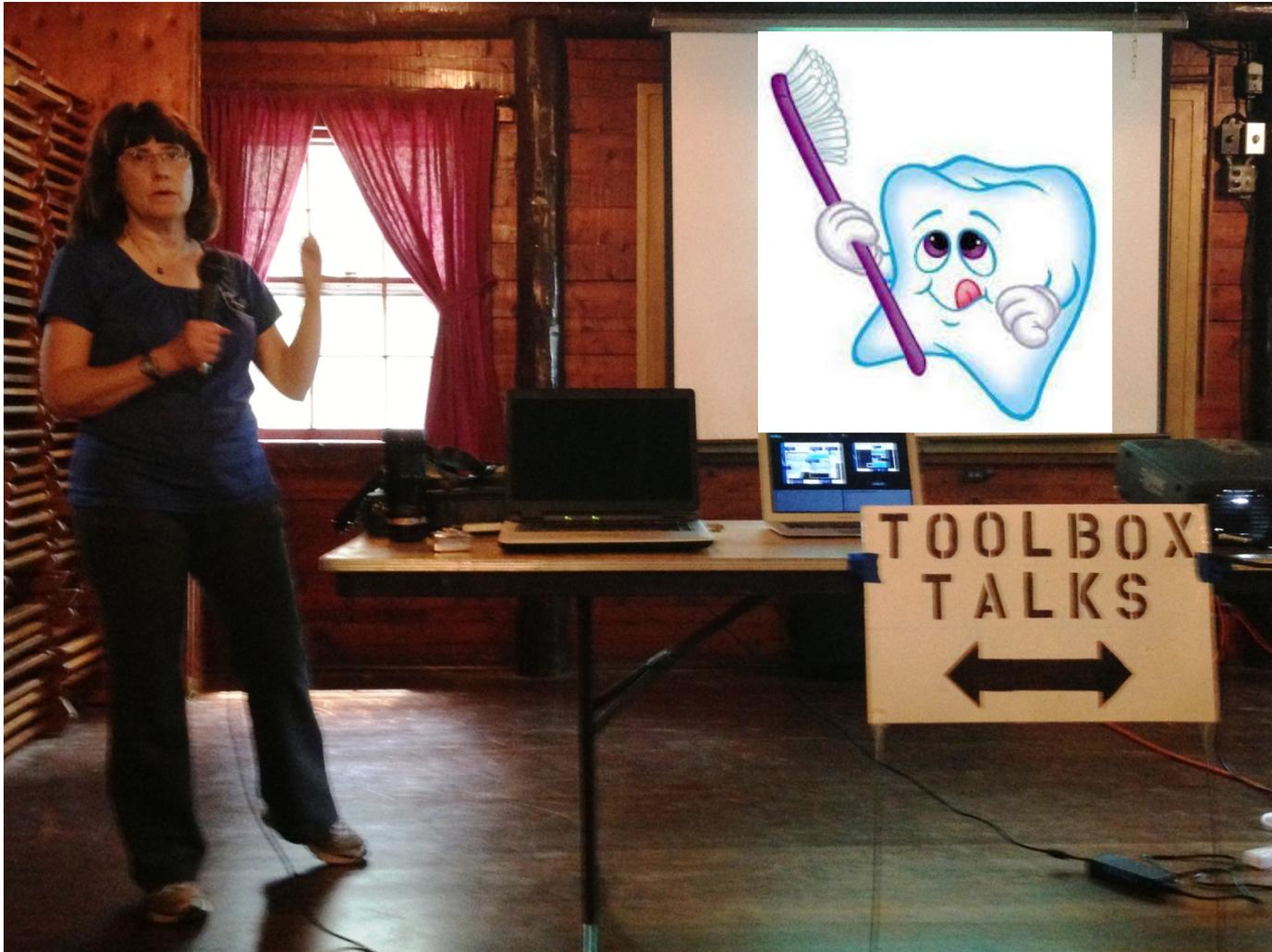
Alan takes time out to calculate the average height of this year's field day attendees.



The Stare-down



“You lookin’ at *me*? Listen, some of us come here just for the food, some of us come here to operate. You got a problem with that?”



Anita delivers Toolbox Talk on the importance of proper dental care for optimal SSB voice operations.



Ham who lost his teeth due to improper dental care is resigned to just watching SSB operations over Scott's shoulder.



Ron and Andy working their butts off breaking down the antennas at the end of Field Day.



Ken working his butt off helping Ron and Andy break down the antennas.



Steve Rimsa tries unsuccessfully to hail a cab ride home from Field Day.



Hitch hiker tries unsuccessfully to bum a ride home from Field Day.



PART ham radio club shows their love for Rick, W1RAG, at this year's Field Day.



JOE: “Was it ***your*** idiotic idea to invite these hams **back** to our gun club?”

CHARLIE: “I thought you said you needed more human *dummy loads*.”

JOE: “No, I said I needed more *shotgun reloads*!”

ANYONE can operate at Field Day... even me!

Take it from me, the 100-lb.-DXpeditioner... If I can lug all that gear to the island of Montserrat, you can lug your ***you-know-what*** to Field Day 2014 next year!





The End