

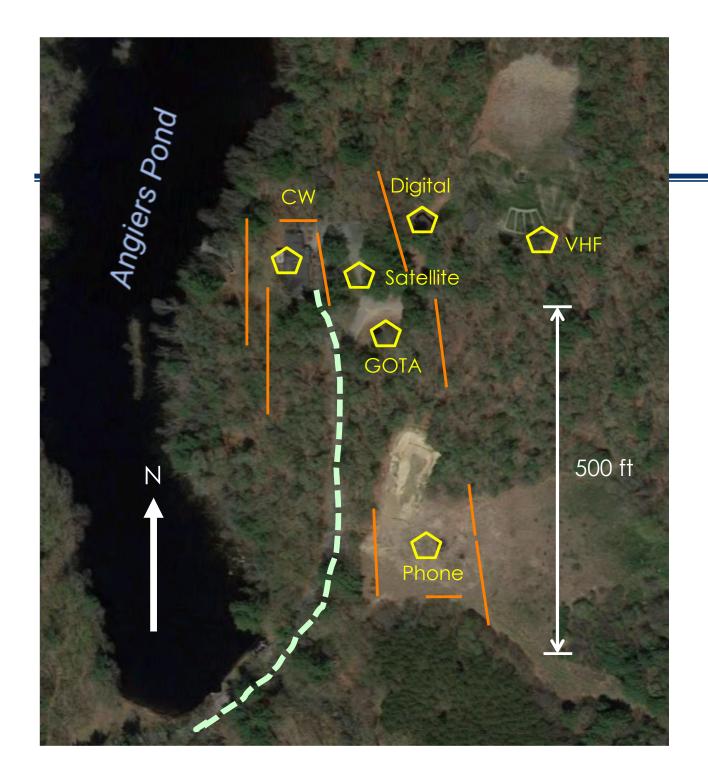
### Field Day 2018

June 23 – 24 Concord Rod & Gun Club, Concord, MA



### Highlights of Field Day 2018

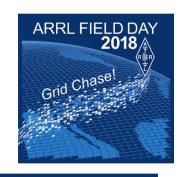
- 64 attendees
- Good weather in spite of forecast
- Efficient setup & teardown
- 24 hour operations by CW and Phone
- 1,536 valid QSOs
- "Interesting" propagation
- 100% bonus points!
- 6 meter loop antenna
- New Zealand!





### Site Plan

Antenna locations are approximate



### Stations & Leads

- CW: Bob, W1IS
- Phone: George, K11G
- VHF: Allison, KB1GMX
- Messaging: Richard, N1HY

- Digital: Steve, W1KBE
- Satellite: Bob, KB1SWZ
- GOTA: Andy, KB10IQ







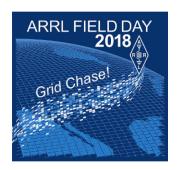


- HF Antennas
  - Bob, W1IS
- Food
  - Charlie, W1ADL, Rick, W1RAG, Lela, KC1ACV, Lyman, W1LKS
- Media & PR
  - Lela, KC1ACV

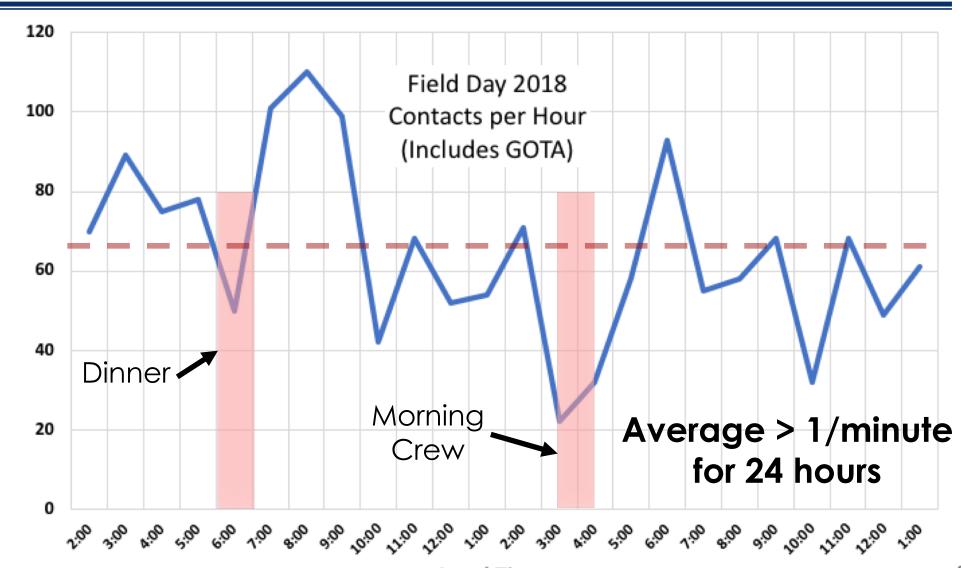
- Safety
  - Dale, KB1ZKD
- Finance
  - Alan, W1AHM
- Signage
  - Alan, W1AHM
- Site Liaison
  - Dale, KB1ZKD



## **QSO Statistics**

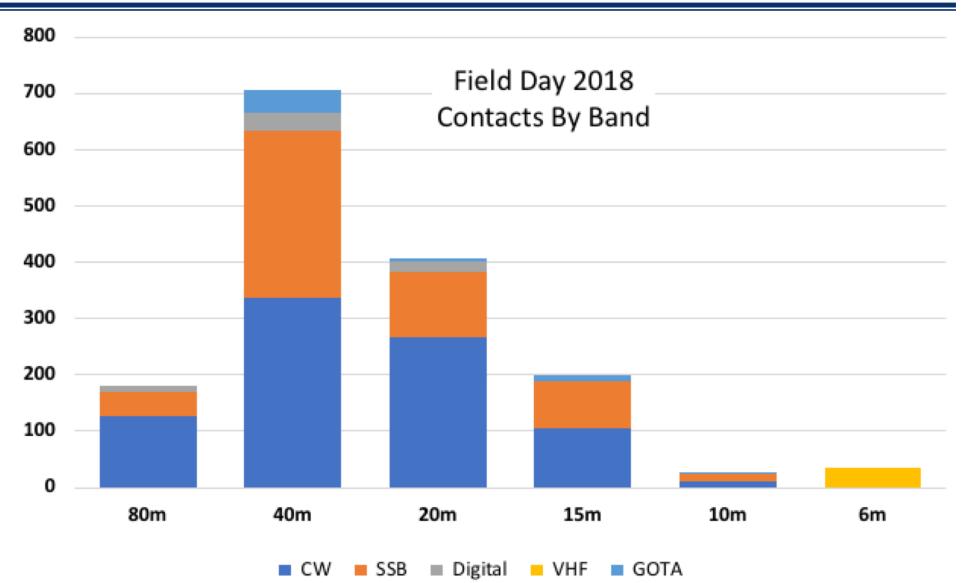


### Contact Rate



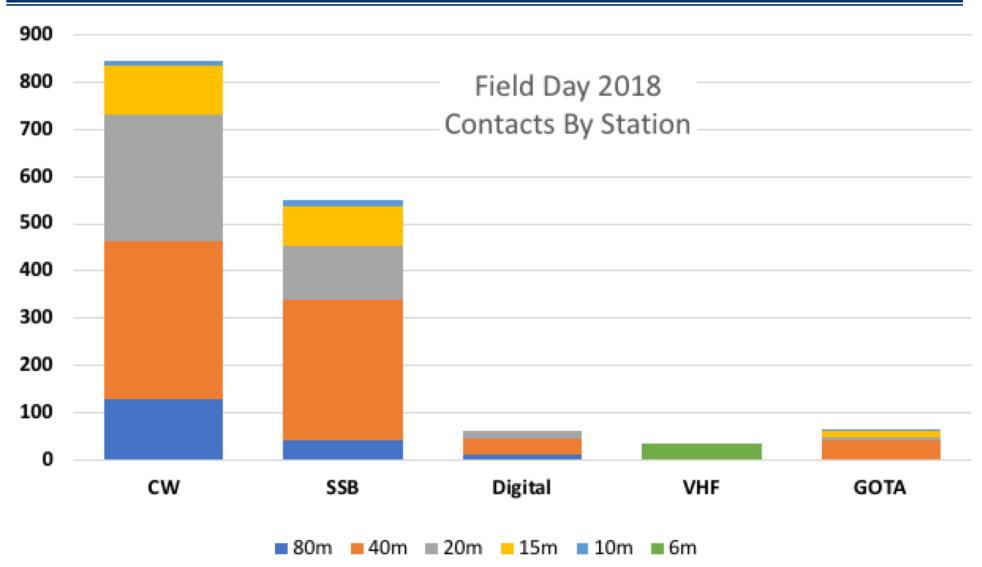


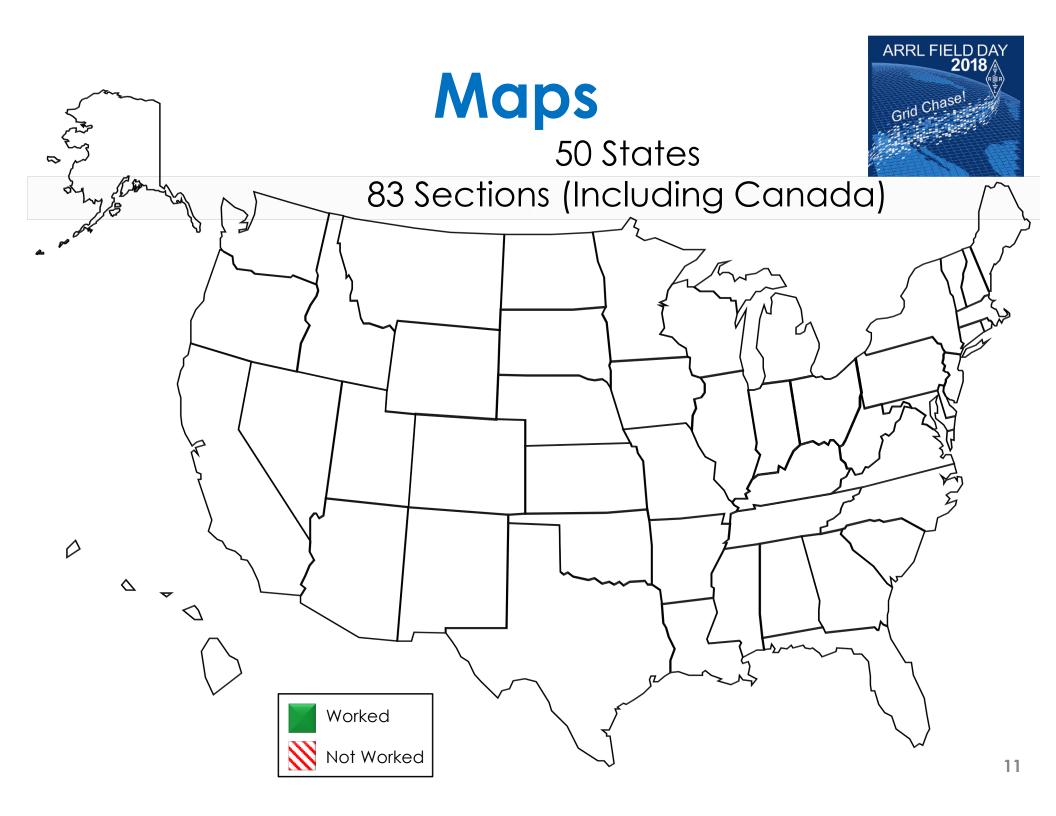
### Contacts Per Band

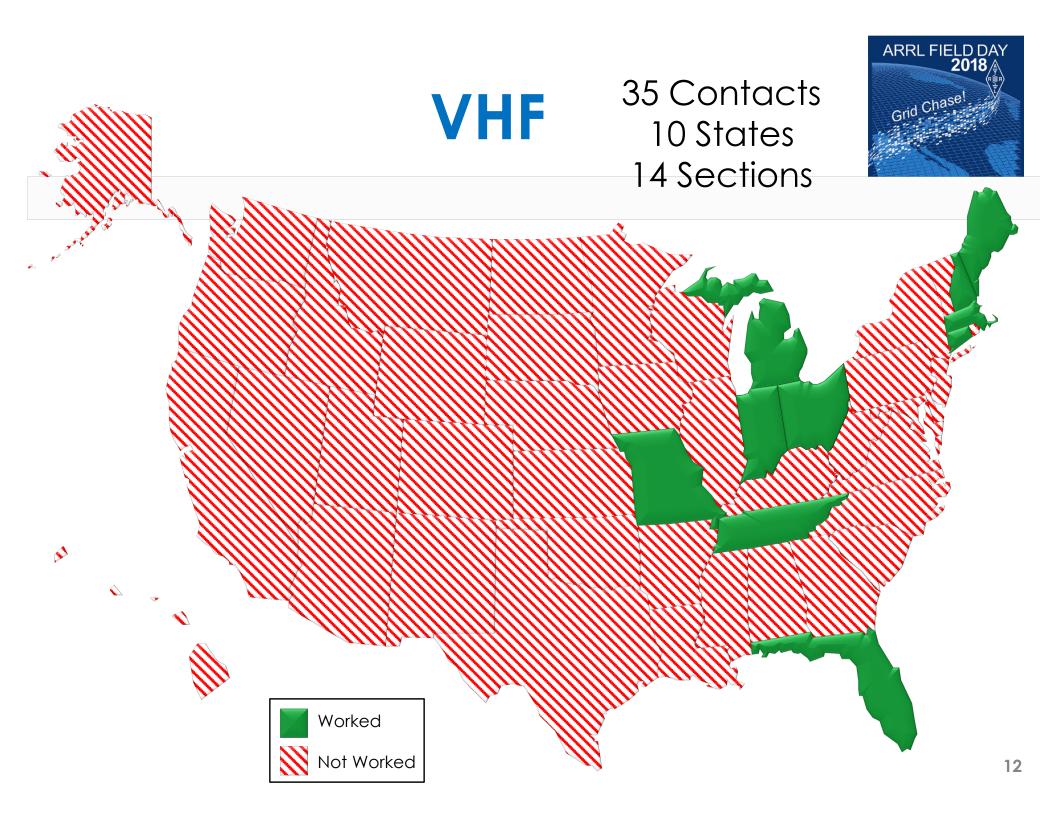


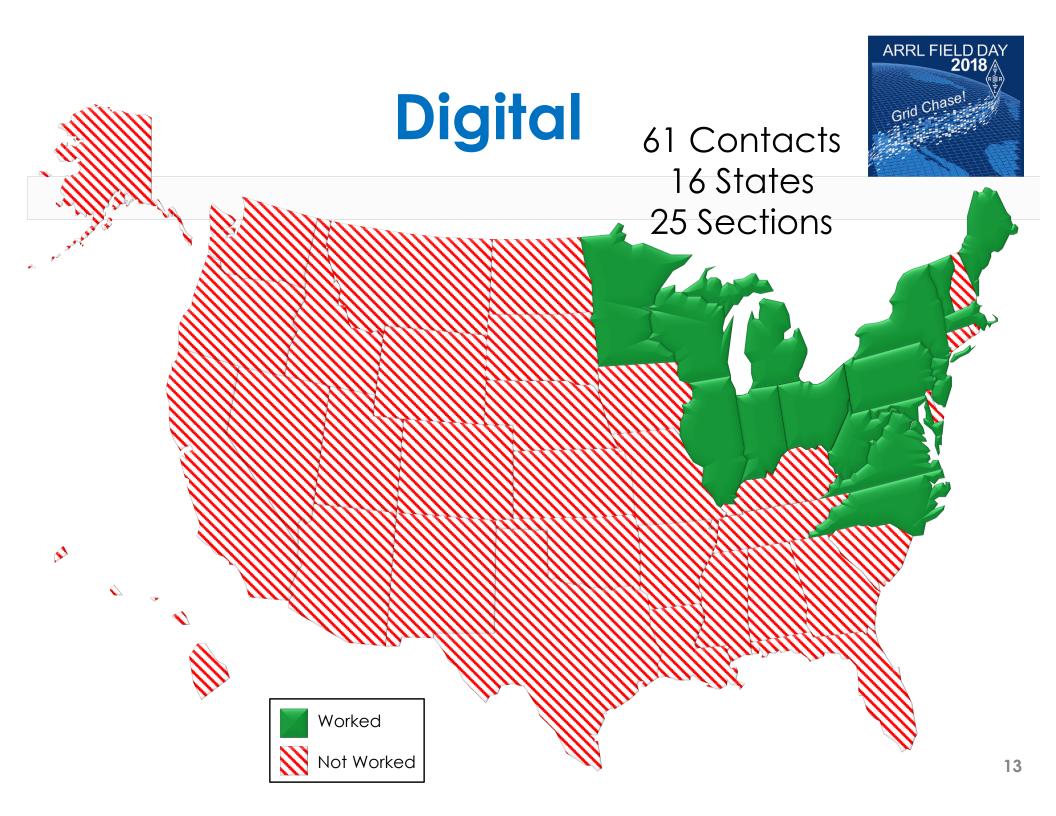


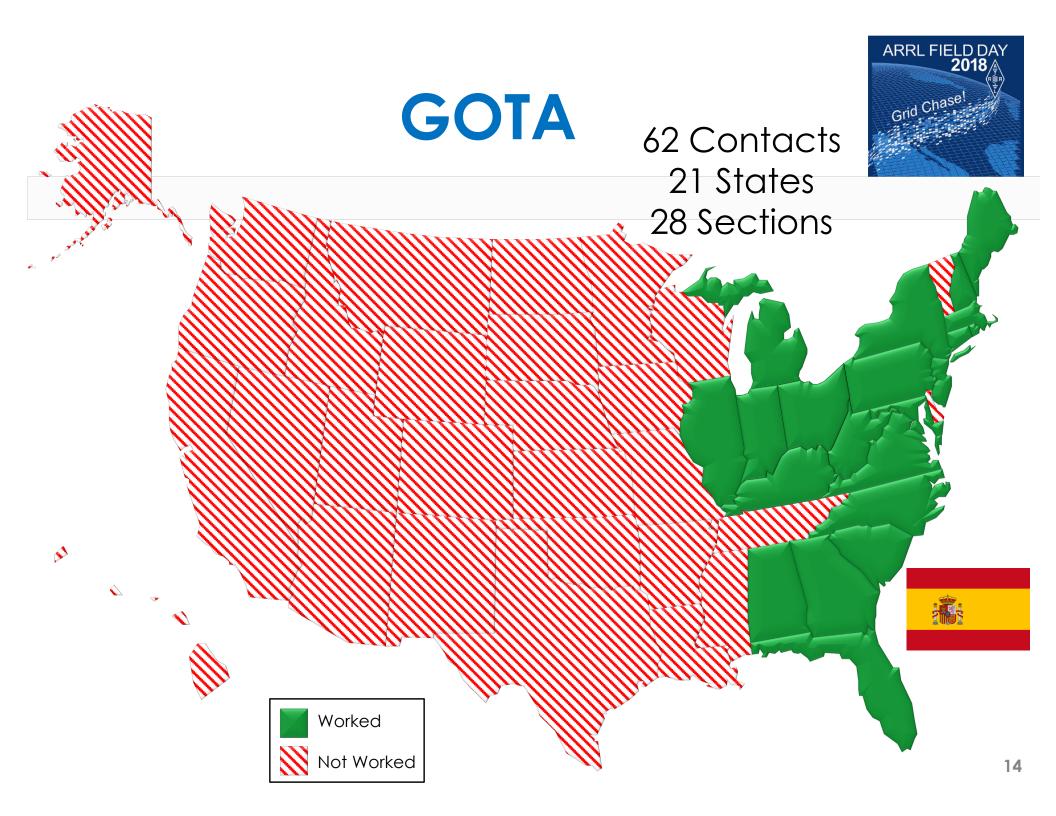
### Contacts Per Station















# GOTH Bonus Hward

To

### Kailas Balasubramanyam, KH1QHOS

For meritorious achievement in contacting twenty Amateur Radio stations from the Police Amateur Radio Team (PART) of Westford's "Get On The Air" (GOTA) station located in Concord, Massachusetts, during the 2018 ARRL Field Day event. Attainment of this GOTA Bonus during PART Field Day operations is testament to his perseverance, perspicacity, pluck, and pursuit of overall excellence in the art of Amateur Radio.

June 24, 2018



George Allison, K1IG, Field Day Chairman

Andrew Stewart, KB1OIQ, PART President GOTA Coach









# GOTH Bonus Hward

To

Bonnie Brench, KC1, JTQ

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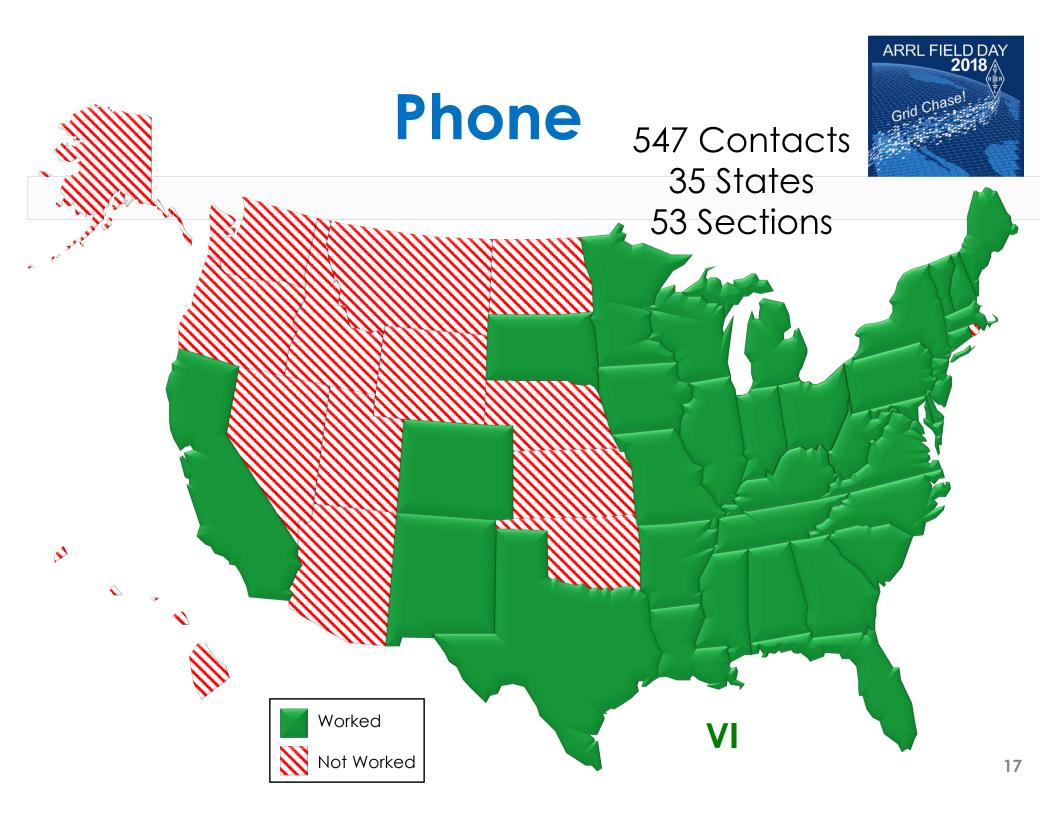


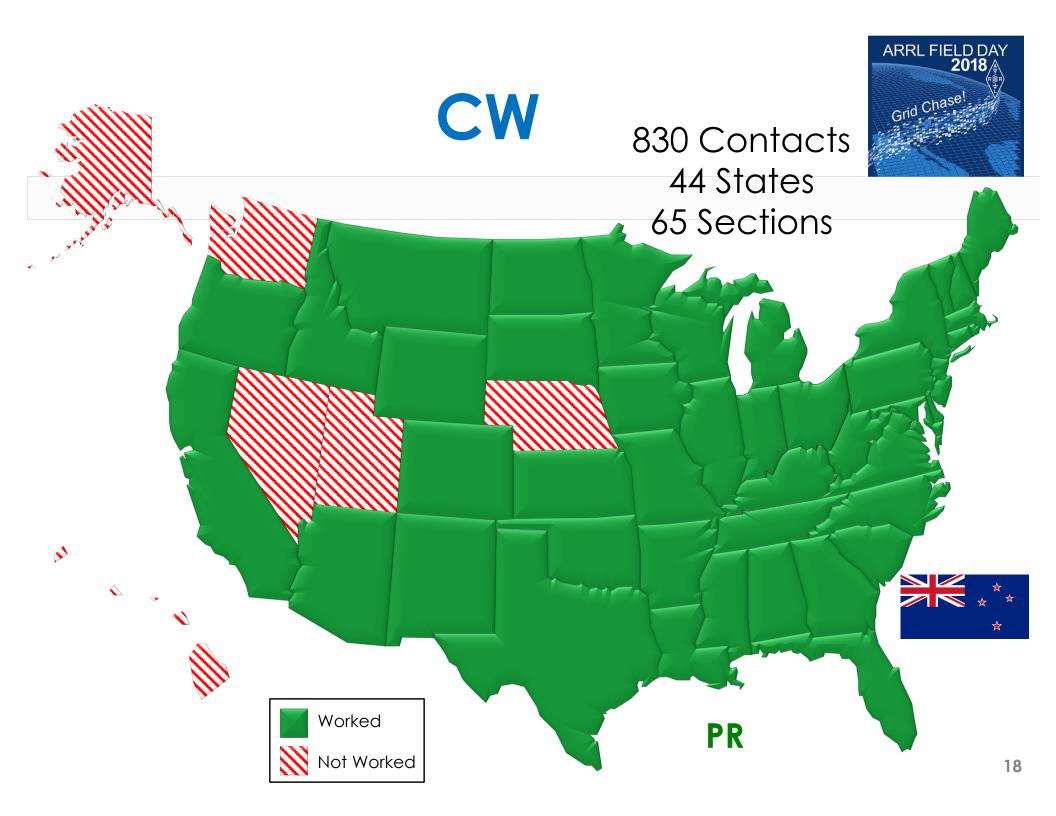
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# Master DD6-er Hward

To

# Michael Perry, W19896

For meritorious achievement in establishing two-way communications with New Zealand Amateur Radio Station ZL2IFB, at a distance of over 8,900 miles, from the Police Amateur Radio Team (PART) of Westford's CW station located in Concord, Massachusetts, during the 2018 ARRL Field Day event. This is the record distance for a Field Day contact in the history of PART.

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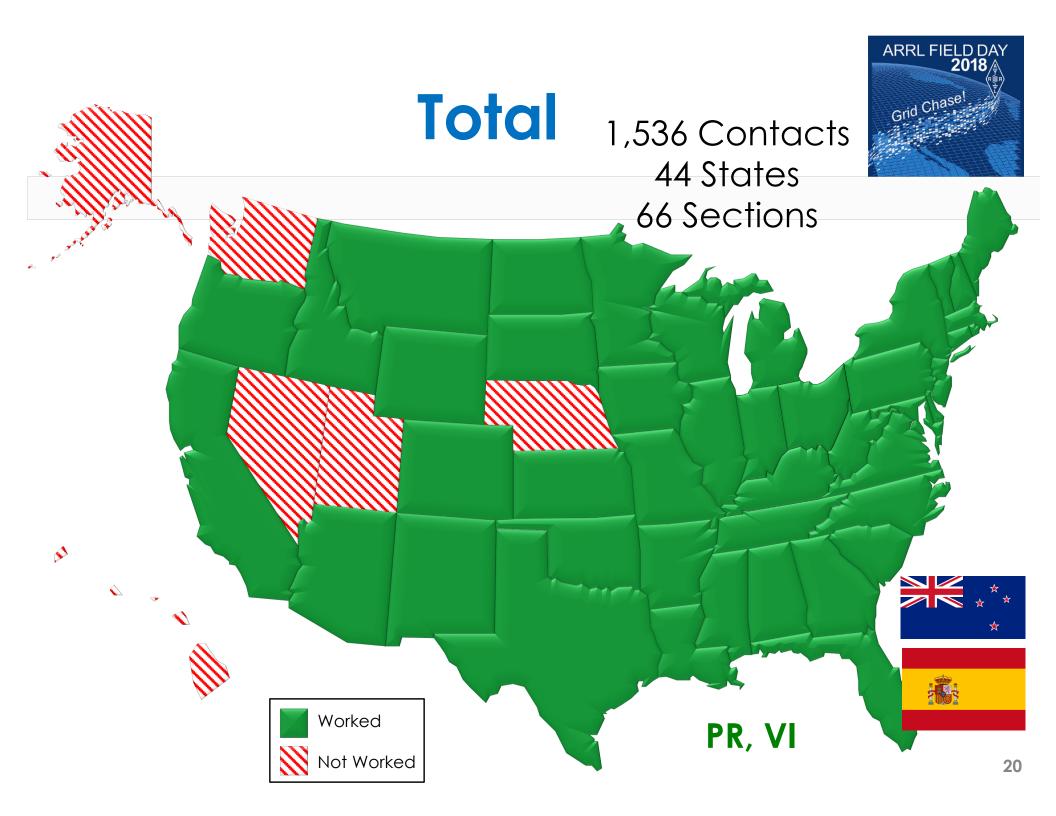


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### **Canadian Sections Total**







### **Bonus Points**

□ Public Info Table ☐ Emergency Power ■ Media Publicity ☐ Site Visit by Elected Off. □ Satellite QSO ☐ Site Visit by Agency Rep ☐ Alternate Power ■ Message Handling ■ Message to Section Mgr. ■ W1AW Bulletin **GOTA Bonus** ☐ Educational Activity ☐ Youth Participation Social Media ☐ Web Submission Safety Officer Public Location

1,830 Bonus Points!

### Media Publicity



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Walkways

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#### saturday, june 16, 2018

#### P.A.R.T. Field Day

Field Day 2018

Concord Rod and Gun Club, 74 Strawberry Hill Road, Concord

From 2PM Saturday, June 23rd to 2PM Sunday, June 24th.

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs

gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Since early on in the hobby, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during an event called Field Day in order to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. It is free to the public and anyone of any age can attend and try their hand at getting on

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the air.

In today's world it is easy for anyone to use a cell phone or a computer to make a call as well as looking something up on the internet. However, if there is an interruption in service during bad weather or you are out of range of a cell phone tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radios function independently of the internet or cell phone towers and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of Amateur Radio.

Ham radio operators can toss a wire into a tree for an antenna, connect it to a solar-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world. This is accomplished by bouncing radio waves between the ground and the atmosphere until the signal reaches its destination. The ham radio hobby is one of the best ways to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology and numerous other scientific disciplines.

Some of the highlights of the event will be:

-Having a station available for non-hams (both children and adults) to use under the direction of a licensed ham known as a Get on the Air (GOTA) station.

-Contacting as many stations as possible, around the world and in space, using voice, Morse code, digital modes, and relays off of satellites.

-Spaghetti dinner will be served on Saturday at 6:00PM.

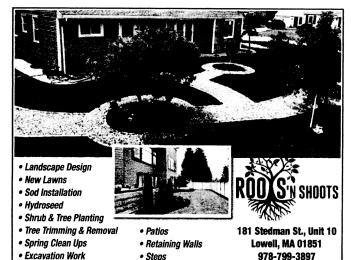
-All stations will be powered by generator or solar cells. This is to demonstrate the ability to operate under emergency conditions.

A team of "Ambassadors" will be on hand to greet you, provide a guided tour of the communications stations, and will answer any of your questions. We expect visits from public safety officials, elected representatives, as well as the general public.

Refreshments will be served.

Amateur Radio, an FCC-licensed, non-commercial, voluntary radio communications service, has long supported public safety. We provide vital communications into disaster areas when normal communications systems are impacted, provide critical information to the National Weather Service through a network of trained SKYWARN spotters, and assist our local communities

### Action Unlimited



· Waterfalls

### 100 Points – Thanks, Lela!



### Social Media Bonus Points



Bob, W1FDR demonstrates his hidden transmitter locator at the PART amateur radio Field Day.

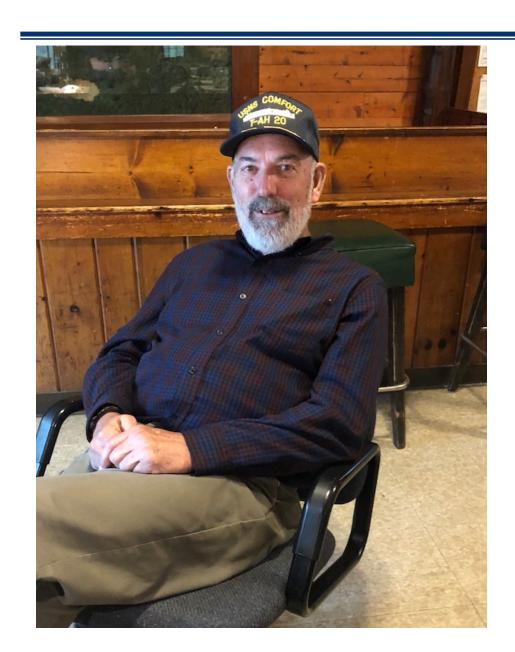


Fox Hunting Demonstration

100 Points!



### Elected Official Site Visit



Town of Carlisle Selectman

100 Points!

### Safety Officer Bonus Points





# A Safe Field Day and 100 Points!

#### **ARRL Field Day Safety Officer Checklist**

To qualify for the 100-point Safety Officer bonus (for Class A stations), a group must appoint a qualified person/s who are present at their site from the beginning of set-up until the end of break-down.



This form is not intended to be all inclusive.

The Safety Officer/s certify by submitting this form that due diligence was made to provide a safe operation.

- Safety Officer or a qualified designated assistant/s was on site for the duration of the event.
- Fuel for generator properly stored.
- Fire extinguisher on hand and appropriately located.
- First Aid kit on hand.
- First Aid CPR AED versed else trained participant/s on site for full Field Day period.
- o Access to NWS alerts to monitor for inclement weather
- Tent stakes properly installed and marked.
- o Temporary antenna structures properly secured and marked.
- Site secured from tripping hazards.
- Site is set up in a neat and orderly manner to reduce hazards.
- o Stations and equipment properly grounded.
- Access to a means to contact police/fire/rescue if needed.
- Safety Officer is designated point of contact for public safety officials.
- Minimize risks and control hazards to ensure no injuries to public.
- As necessary, monitoring participants for hydration and ensuring an adequate water supply is available.







62 Contacts = 124 pts GOTA Bonus = 40 pts GOTA Coach = 40 pts Youth Bonus = 100 pts

304 Points!



### Dinner Bonus Points Calories



Team Lead Charlie, W1ADL

Lyman, W1LKS Lela, KC1ACV Rich, W1RAG

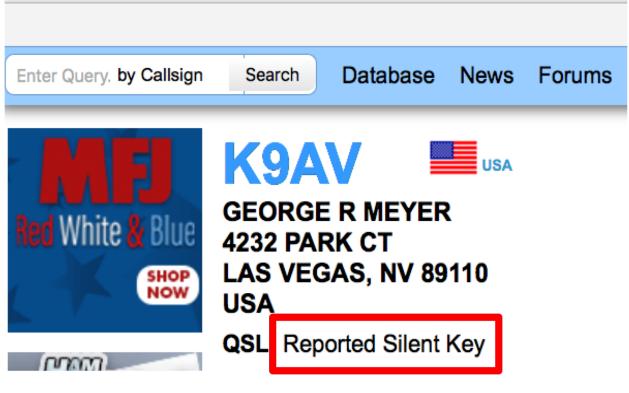




### Logging

- 30 dupes
- 36 busted calls
- K9AV









# Paranormal Propagation Award

To

Robert Glorioso, WISS

For unprecedented achievement in establishing two-way communications with a deceased Radio Amateur, from the Police Amateur Radio Team (PART) of Westford's CW station located in Concord, Massachusetts, during the 2018 ARRL Field Day event. This contact is all the more noteworthy because the signals emanated from a magical antenna that he personally designed, built, and strung up with his trusty bow and arrow. His advancement of the field of Paranormal Electromagnetic propagation shall be celebrated forever in this world and others of which we are unaware.

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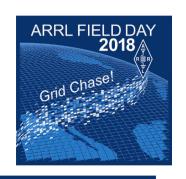


George Allison, K1IG, Field Day Chairman

Andrew Stewart, KB1OIQ, PART President

Hiram P. Maxim, W1AW (SK), Founder, ARRL





### **Total Points**

Mode	QSOs	Multiplier	Total
CW	830	2	1660
Digital	61	2	122
Phone*	645	1	645

<sup>\*</sup> SSB, VHF, Sat, GOTA

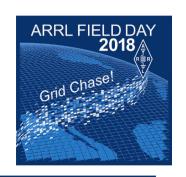
Subtotal: 2427

Power Multiplier: x 2

Total QSO Points: 4854

Bonus Points: + 1830

Total Points = 6,684



### Previous Scores

Year:	2012*	2013*	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
QSOs:	592	723	1,669	932	1,319	1,307	1,536
Points:	6,345	7,355	6,212	4,212	5,834	5,820	6,684

\* QRP

Note: Fun is not measured by the score!



### Things That Worked

- Setup and teardown
  - Lots of volunteers
- Ferrites cured headphone interference at Phone station
- 6 meter loop
- Press releases



### Lessons Learned

- Even at the bottom of the sunspot cycle we can make a lot of contacts – be ready when the bands open up.
- Antenna analyzers don't give all the information you need about an antenna system.
- Things go smoother with lots of help.
- We can always use more operators, especially CW & Digital