

KOSI FIELD DAY 2019 SUMMARY – June 22-23, 2019

The Central Missouri Radio Association (CMRA) held the 2019 Field Day at Rock Bridge State Park between the rain showers on Saturday morning and Sunday morning.

More than 52 hams and friends attended this event, including several young people. Our PIO, KOPHP, had saturated the media market with releases, and it paid off. We had 5 reporters from a local newspaper, School of Journalism, and 2 TV stations (KOMU-TV & KRCG-TV).



We operated three simultaneous stations and one Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station, all on emergency power from our generators. The GOTA station produced 24 QSOs on Saturday afternoon, including 7 QSOs collected by 11-year-old David Kern (Grandson of WOZH).

WORAG assists David in making his first contact, after which he sat down and hunted for the stations himself.

The club call sign, KOSI was used for the CW,SSB, and FT8 stations. The FT8 station is sharing the table with David and the GOTA station here. The other two stations were housed in the club's Communications Trailer deployed at the east end of our Park space. Antennas including a 3-element beam were constructed at the trailer. Other wire antennas were thrown into the trees for the GOTA and FT8 stations.





The Information Table was located next to the GOTA station table for the public to view. The information included ARRL brochures and QST magazines and even a license manual or two. Water was also available at the Info table.

A group of determined hams erected the club's satellite antenna system in hopes of making a contact via satellite. Signals were heard, but no completed contacts. This was the first trial of a satellite QSO from Field Day for our club. Better luck next year.



Tim, W0TES, demonstrated his solar powered (with battery) station.



Our activities were announced and discussed across the media as recorded on the club's web site noted below: (Thanks to John, KCOHSB).

<https://k0si.net/2019/06/field-day-2/>

More than 30 of us also enjoyed our dinner organized and produced by Ralph, WD6BGN and Catherine, KA9MNZ at the Park shelter.

We were sorry to see much lightning and dire rain predictions that caused us to close down at midnight Saturday cutting our operating time short. There were still 8 folks at the radios at that time, which made bringing the antennas out of the trees in the dark a bit easier. The beam was also brought down and disassembled in the dark without incident. Unfortunately the trailer was found to still be leaking in heavy rain.

Great fun was had by all at the 2019 Field Day, and we are looking forward to June 27, 2020!