

2012 FD remarks by KC4BQK

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Field Day 2012 was even better than last year. We had our setup problems but got them worked out fairly quickly.

We had 2 HF radios running and also had a Packet Radio station connected to a HSMM system. We ran Winlink through a HSMM-Mesh node to a computer running the email server.

This demo worked great! We tested the system several times and even sent small pictures.

All in all we can setup in a disaster and have communication capabilities. This was a good test of our equipment. We used a Kenwood TS-50 and an Alinco

DX-70TH for HF. Kenny did use Big Red to make some 40m contacts. An

Icom IC-2000 was the packet radio.

There were 2 WRT54G routers and 2 laptops. The antennas consisted of a Buddy pole and a home made 20m dipole and the packet station used a mag mount antenna upside down. We had 6 group 27 deep cycle batteries and a couple of 12v 7ah SLA batteries for the routers.

We must not forget about all the good food and good teamwork, this is what Field Day is all about!

Pictures: <http://www.kc4bqk.blogspot.com/2012/06/field-day-2012.html>

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