

# Thank YOU!!!!

**Field Day: June 21, 22, 23, 2013.**

...to everyone who attended our Field Day planning meeting last night, and to all of those who have committed to making USECA FD 2013 the best one yet! So far, we will be running **14 Alpha** with a GOTA station! If you are chairing a station, start recruiting for additional station help, if you need it. Running a station with a team is much more fun, anyway! If at all possible, arrive as early as you can after 8 am on **Friday, June 21, 2013**. Let's get our stations set up, then enjoy the rest of the day and evening together! Here are some additional guides where you can learn about official Field Day operation:

[Field Day Packet](#)

[Field Day Rules](#)

Please print off each of the attached sheets and look them over. See you on Friday, June 21 (after 8am!)

72 (QRP 73's),

*Pete*

Pete, AA8GK



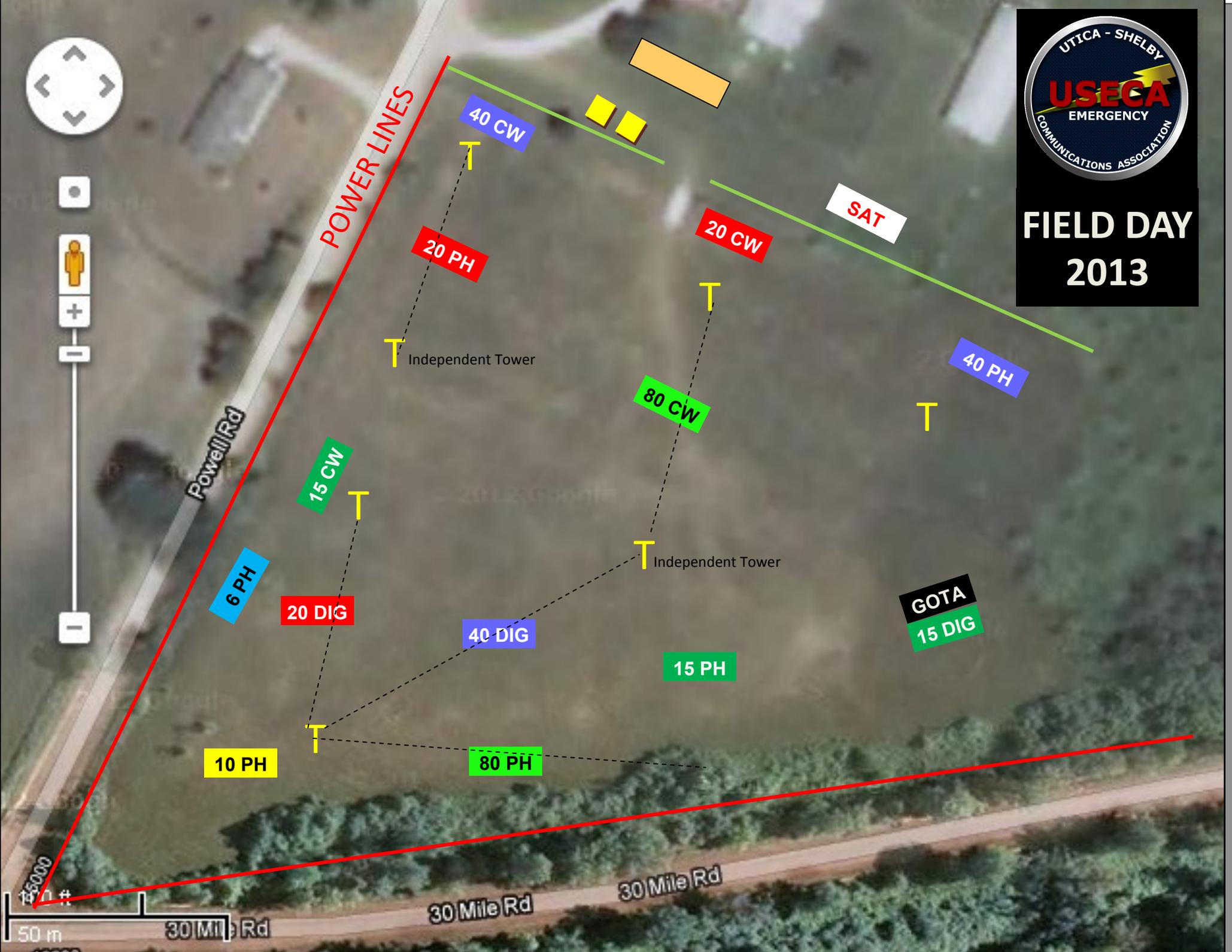
# USECA Field Day 2013



1. **SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!** Do nothing that puts others at risk. Do not attempt to erect an antenna or tower without having adequate personnel. *Everyone is a safety officer.*
2. **NO OPEN FLAMES ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD.**
3. A fire extinguisher should be located at your station, as should a basic first aid kit.
4. Constantly police up any refuse from the Field Day site, whether it is yours or not. This includes electric zip ties or any part of an electric zip tie. Should these be ingested by Jim's animals, they can cause severe injury or death.
5. **Keep track of your tent stakes.** Leaving one of these on the field can cause severe injury to one of Jim's animals, or even Jim while he is working the field with his tractor. Consider using brightly colored plastic stakes, instead of steel.
6. All communications at FD will be conducted on **146.535**. Meal serving times, requests for help putting up antennas, medical emergencies, etc., will all be announced on this frequency. Keep the batteries on your HT charged at all times. Have spare HT batteries, if possible.
7. In case of emergency, make an announcement on **146.535**, stating what the emergency is, where it is located on the site, and who is involved. After 9-1-1 is called, someone should go to Powell Road to flag down emergency responders and direct them to the appropriate area.
8. In a **non-emergent** medical situation, there are two urgent care facilities located nearby:
  - **CLOSEST: Village Health Family and Urgent Care 24 / 7**, 12150 30 Mile Rd, Washington, MI, 586-752-7256. Located 1000 feet to the west of the Van Dyke Expressway (M-53), on the south side of 30 Mile Road. Turn right (north) onto M-53 from 30 Mile Road, utilize the first turnaround to go south on M-53, turn right onto 30 Mile Road. Village Health Family and Urgent Care 24/7 is on the left side (south) of 30 Mile Road, in the **Orchard View Medical Complex**.
  - **Henry Ford Macomb Hospital**, Bruce Township, 80650 Van Dyke, Bruce Township, (810) 798-8551. Go north on Van Dyke Expressway (M-53) approximately 11 miles to the NORTH, on the right side (east).
9. Flag all guy lines that can be a tripping / strangulation hazard. Use bright yellow tape, rags, etc.
10. No vehicles are permitted to be moved onto / off of the field after Friday night. This is to prevent antennas or towers from being knocked down. If you will need the use of your vehicle over the weekend, park it off of the field closer to Jim's house.
11. **Carrying of firearms on the property is strictly forbidden.** This isn't a USECA policy: it is a mandate from the property owners, as is their right. Kindly respect the rights of the property owners. **Violations will be referred to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office for arrest and prosecution.**
12. Please help the kitchen staff if you are not busy with running a station. Volunteer to clean cooking utensils, pots / pans / etc. They work pretty darned hard cooking for us. Let's lighten their load, okay?
13. Use the appropriate ICE filter for your station. QRM is our biggest enemy at Field Day, but the ICE filters are our greatest weapon against it. Ground your station and ICE filter with a ground rod or counterpoise.
14. Please **LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME.**
15. Please leave Jim's animals alone.
16. Everyone walking across the Field Day site at night should have and use a flashlight to avoid tripping.
17. Leave **nothing** behind when you finally leave on Sunday. And, please don't leave until you have helped other stations to take down their antennas / towers. Having too few people doing this can get them hurt. Please help, okay?
18. No glass is allowed on the field! Please! Plastic, cans, and paper **ONLY**.



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# STATION SETUP

As these stations provide support for others, they should be set up first.

- ◆ **40CW:** Your antenna mast will provide support for one end of the **20PH** dipole. Please make sure you have a rope / pulley for Gary, N8WTT.
- ◆ **20CW:** Your mast will provide support for one end of the **80CW** dipole. Please attach a rope / pulley on your tower for Pete, AA8GK.
- ◆ **15CW:** Your tower will provide support for one end of the **20DIG** dipole. Please attach a rope / pulley on your tower for Bill, K8DRV
- ◆ **10PH:** Your tower provides support for the **20DIG**, **40DIG**, and **80PH** dipoles. **Attach 3 (three)** ropes / pulleys on your tower for these dipoles.

These stations rely upon other stations for antenna support(s)

- ◆ **20PH:** First, you will need to attach one end of your dipole to the mast of **40CW**. Then, erect a tower to support the other end of your antenna. If this tower is directly to the south of the **40CW** mast, your antenna will have very strong east / west directivity.
- ◆ **80CW:** Attach one end of your dipole to the **20CW** mast. Then, erect a tower to the S/W for the other end of the dipole. Attach a rope / pulley for one half of the **40DIG** dipole (Bill, K8DRV).
- ◆ **40DIG:** Your dipole will be supported by the tower at 10PH and the independent tower you will be sharing with **80CW**. Position your station after your antenna has been erected. Be sure to bring 2 (two) 100' rolls of rope to ensure your antenna can reach the supports.

DO NOT attempt to erect an antenna or tower without an adequate number of people to help. This is how people get hurt. Get on **146.535 MHz** and **ASK FOR HELP FIRST!**

