

# **BNL-ARC Field Day Special Edition**

## **June 26, 2010**

By Secretary Fred N2LOB

**Hello To Everyone and would like to say thank you for another stellar field day.  
First to acknowledge those whom directly participated.**

**KA2DRR HUGH MCNEILL N2RRQ RICHARD CONTE N2ZCY DEBRA  
PERRIER N2LOB FRED PERRIER N9KAU ATUSHI TAKETAMI...**

**And not to be forgotten the Man behind the scenes, but no less important  
WA2ELO Warren Hirzel...**

**So the time has come and gone again to test our clubs emergency preparedness skills. It was a very sultry moist humid day (like every other field day on long island) and we proceeded to sequester ourselves this year in the main Rec Building BNL-ARC Radio Shack Headquarters onsite. The conditions seem to nice for a T-storm in the day as for temps were in 90's. Upon Arrival to the shack I was pleasantly surprised to see John Mcneil WA2KSM whom promptly rejoined our honored ranks as a member in good standing. After we caught up on the times Johnny Mac had to leave for he had other matters to attend to..welcome back John. Hugh had brought along his new Ic-910h VHF/UHF and had it set up in 5 mins. So that covered all mode 2m and 70cm. Next I set up with Rich and Atushi my Ts-50s for 160-10 HF. Also used was the base station that's always in the shack that was donated to club on a long (been a decade huh..wow) loan from N9KAU..thank you sir thank you. We operated 2Delta and was mainly problem free..and the Nice A/C unit was a blessed welcome. We started on time at 19:00 hours UTC and there was a nice amount of contacts to be had on all bands...seemingly more so then 2009. All involved worked it slow and carefree being it was plentiful the contacts. Atushi worked mainly CW with his rig and used a MFJ Memory Keyer making contacting effortless. After making contact he was a blur doing over 35 words per minute and losing me after 3 or 4 words...man I have to think faster or get newer ears. Easily beating out my contacts 2 to 1. This went on Casually for a few hours with Hugh working VHF/UHF ssb..unfortunately the bands weren't very open for long distance comms altho some contacts were made. Around 5pm local time Joe KC2PPO arrived and had a friend with him Lou KC2AAT a BNL PD Member whom holds a license. In-between contacts we yakked about field day and what was going on and decided on our dinner itinerary. The choice was pizza which Joe and I proceeded to go get..leaving for 45mins which seemed like hours..I was into the groove of contacting..lol. After a nourishing meal we all went back to hammering the contacts out. We also had a walk-in - a Scientist from Physics very interested in what was going on after seeing the lights on from outside and hearing the radio**

chatter. We had a nice conversation for a few moments and then he went for a nice evening walk. Maybe he might be next Prez of club..over time one can never tell.

The hobby starts always with the question.. “What is going on?” We also had a walk-in named Adam who is visiting onsite in a research capacity. He holds a Extra Class ticket and was telling us about his 200 foot tower down south at his home.

Must be nice \*sigh\* I can only dream. He then filtered out because he had to run more experiments. Adam also knew of Atushi and the people he knows in the higher levels of the Ham Contesting circles. At about 10pm local time we decided to wind up the day after making well over a 100 contacts..the final tally has not been counted yet so more to come on that and the results and placements overall. We broken down the stations that were set up for event and secured the site feeling we did great for a club that wasn't going to have a field day 1 month prior. Amazing what a few dedicated core players can do on very short notice. We all for most part drove out gates around 11:30 and continued to yak on repeater all the way home. I was wondering if repeater would shut off mid conversation because its programmed to shut down around mid night..Oops I had forgotten about that till we were driving..

So in closing again thank you all to those whom participated. I had fun and I know all that showed did also. Next year we can think bigger and better with the solar cycle #24 getting nearer the peak. I did miss having a 6meter station set up, but happy for what we did have.

Also we have made Atushi Take Tami a Honorary member of club for his selfless act of donation and willingness at a last moment call to participate with club..as usual he is a friend and mentor and integral part of club whom is ready at a moments notice. He flew out to Japan a few hours after we broke camp and will be missed..Come back soon my friend.

And to Joe KC2PPO whom made his first 3 contacts on a field day ever...Congratulation!

For now this is N2LOB saying 73's cya next time.