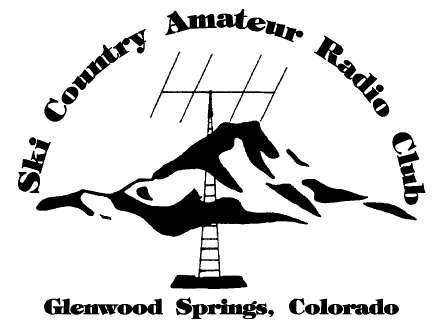


SKI COUNTRY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ARRL FIELD DAY - KØRV

JUNE 21 - 23, 2024 (Fri, Sat & Sun)

Talk-in 146.88 MHz (-600 KHz split) 107.2 Hz PL tone
Street address: 4298 Co Rd 311, Six Lazy K Road, Silt CO 81652
GPS: [39.512801, -107.614945](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4298+Co+Rd+311,+Silt,+CO+81652/@39.512801,-107.614945,15z)



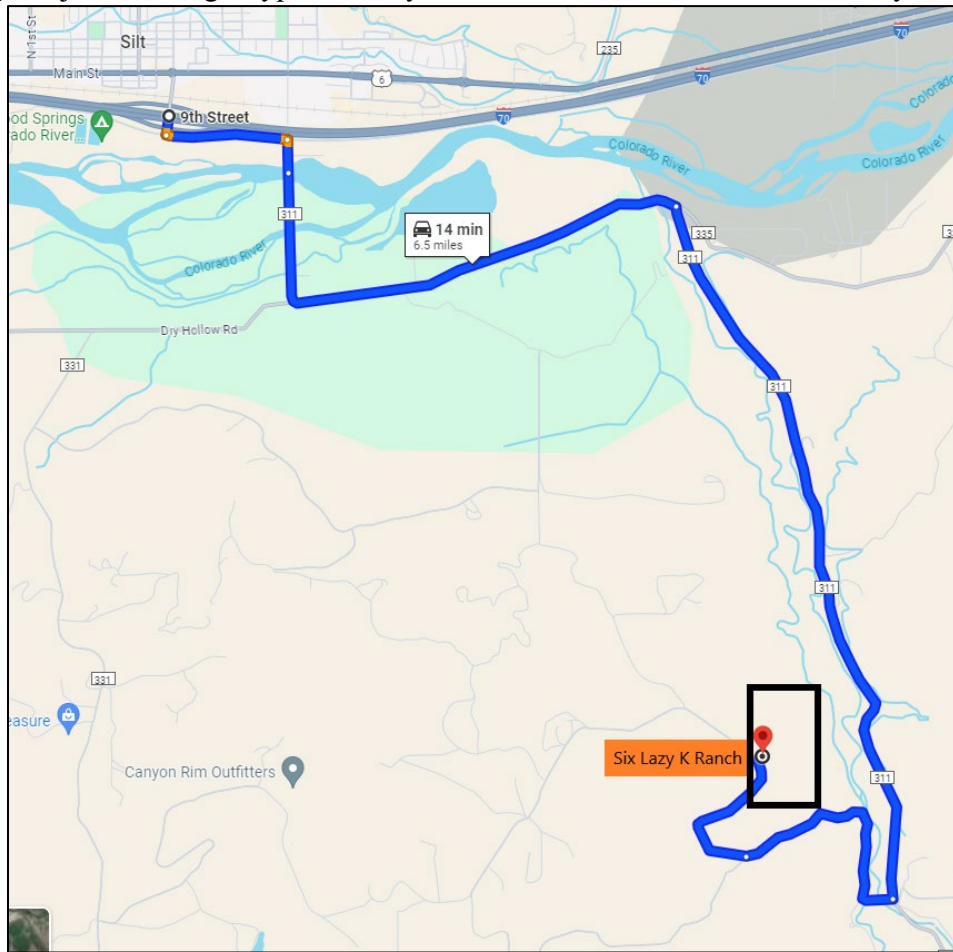
Ski Country Amateur Radio Club's ARRL Field Day event will be held this year at the Six Lazy K Ranch, South-East of Silt. Tim and Matt Kaufman have generously offered the use of a parcel up on the mesa to the West of Divide Creek Road. The dirt access road has some mild potholes but is passable in a passenger car. The field site is easy to drive off the road, open, and grassy. It's a gentle bowl with a decent radio horizon, not perfectly level but you should be able to find some flat spots to set up tents or campers and there will be plenty of space to spread out camp and stations.

Directions: at I-70 Exit 97 head East on the South frontage road, turn right after the Holiday Inn Express. Head South across the river and turn left/East on Divide Creek Road, County Road 331. Once on Divide Creek Road, bear right at the Y after about 1.3 miles, as Divide Creek Road turns towards the South. Follow Divide Creek Road another 2.6 miles South, until you come to a dirt drive on the Right with numerous mailboxes, and a green dumpster on the Left. Turn Right onto Six Lazy K Road. Follow Six Lazy K for 1.4 miles as it parallels the creek, climbs a hill, and winds around to the North. The green gate and field will be visible at the top of the hill when the road winds around to the left, look on the right-hand side. Cellphone coverage may be spotty but your mobile 2M rig should have no trouble reaching someone for guidance. See map on next page.

We will begin setup of camp and stations around 3:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. Distribution of club purchased ARRL Field Day souvenirs will be held at 6:00 p.m. for those who help with setup. The actual operation time is from noon Saturday to noon Sunday, mountain daylight savings time. Our goal is to get everyone to operate, we will help newcomers. It takes a couple hours to take down and pack the equipment, we should all be on the road by 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the latest. Similar to previous years our plans include networked logging computers with N1MM software. We need operators for the SSB voice HF station, CW (Morse code) HF station, a GOTA (Get-On-The-Air) HF station, FT-8 digital HF station, UHF/VHF station, and all mode 6 meter station. We're listed on ARRL's website as a public Field Day location, everyone is welcome.

You will have fun. Bring the family, the kids will have a great time. You can attend for an hour or 3 days, it's up to you, stay both nights if you can. We have many acres to utilize this year, allowing for separate operations and camping areas. Please do not set up camp on the road, we don't want to block any traffic to the North gas pad. Any size or type of vehicle is fine including RVs. It's dry camping, there are no utilities available on-site. There will be a commercial porta-potty for the event. **NO OPEN FIRES - PLEASE BRING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.** Gas camp stoves are ok. Bring sun screen and a hat, there are no trees in the area. 12' x 12' pop-up canopies work well with tie downs. You are responsible for your own camping accommodations, food, beverages, clothing, etc. There will be a group photo and social gathering around 5:30 p.m. Saturday ("beer thirty") followed by our potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring something to share, although there is usually more food than is needed, so don't bring too much. The nights can be cool, a jacket or fleece will keep you warm. Mosquitos haven't been a problem but it's a good idea to have repellent with you. Thunderstorms are less common in June but possible. So, come on out and participate in our nation-wide emergency preparedness operation!

Only the official Field Stations may be on the air during the emergency operation from noon Saturday until noon Sunday. If you would like to operate (test) your personal rig, please do that before noon on Saturday. If you would like to operate one of the five stations, check the operator assignment sheet. Feel free to observe any operating station by quietly walking in to observe. The SSB phone station will use rotating operators. There will be an operator and logger. After an hour, the logger will become the operator and a new logger will be scheduled. We will do software and operating education Friday evening and Saturday morning. For any last-minute changes check www.k0rv.org. Try out one mode or all five. We plan to monitor 146.88 during the entire event. VEC Tests can be given during the event, please mention to our VEC coordinator, Bryan, NØTHY that you would like to take a test and he will arrange the time with you. That's the plan as of this mailing, subject to changes typical of any field exercise. 73 from the Ski Country Amateur Radio Club.



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AGENDA (local time)**



Friday - June 21

- 3:00 p.m. Arrivals and begin Field Day setup
Help at all levels needed! Great learning experience for installing radios and antennas.
- 6:00 p.m. Distribution of schwag (ARRL t-shirts, hats, pins,) for all who helped setup
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner break - on your own
- 7:30 p.m. Test operate the stations for a noon Saturday start

Saturday - June 22

- Anytime VE FCC license tests
- Anytime Signup sheet for operating and logging assignments. We assist all new comers until they feel 'comfortable' operating and logging. Assignments are in one-hour increments.
- 8:00 a.m. Copy ARRL CW bulletin in the Morse code tent for 100 points
- 9:00 a.m. Educational lecture
- 12:00 noon Begin ARRL Field Day station operations:
Call sign: **KØRV** (kilowatt zero radio victor)
Report: **3A Colorado** (three alpha Colorado)
- Afternoon GOTA station operation for non-hams and newly licensed hams. If you have any kids, grandkids, or anyone at all that might be interested please bring them up to Field Day and we'll help them operate the GOTA station, make a few contacts, and get an ARRL Field Day GOTA pin →
- Afternoon Satellite contacts and solar powered contacts?
- 5:30 p.m. Social gathering and remembrance of departed friends
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner for all (bring your favorite dish, dessert, salad, chips, etc.)
Operations will be suspended briefly during the social gathering, group photo and dinner



Sunday - June 23

- Anytime VE FCC license tests
- 12:00 noon Terminate Field Day radio operations
Tear down, pack up equipment, and cleanup site
- 2:00 p.m. Everyone on the road for home

One of SCARC's goals is to encourage the continuation and growth of our hobby. Please, if you know anyone interested in amateur radio, bring them to Field Day or to a meeting. Our VEC team schedules tests for every scheduled club meeting including Field Day. If you know of any inactive hams in the area, bring them along and encourage them to become active. If any new, potential, current or inactive hams have questions about our club or amateur radio in general they can contact any of the officers listed below.

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What is ARRL Field Day?

Produced by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio <http://www.arrl.org>

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walkathons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

What is Amateur Radio

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

For More Information visit: www.arrl.org/field-day Last updated 3/2021