
Shark's Teeth



Sporadic Ham Radio Club
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Field Day 2001 Issue

President's Letter

To All SHRC Members;

Field day was great! Look forward to a better turn out next year.

Sincerely,
The Prez.

Dan Emblidge
W2HQ

Field Day Report

Our first Field Day with the K2FA callsign went very well. Special thanks to Pete Vetter (KF2U) and his family for hosting FD at his station. We had a great effort by all who attended. Our bonus points attempts really paid off. It looks as though our score will be in the 2300 point range. This should be good for second or third place in 2D. Moving from 1D to 2D increased our QSO number by 1.54 on both phone and CW.

UFO over N. Tonawanda

Reports have been filtering in about a strange object seen in the sky over North Tonawanda. Some people describe it as "The most hideous thing I've ever seen. It must be from outer space!" Apparently, the object appears to hover then change altitude accompanied by loud, unearthly mechanical noises. Sometimes it remains motionless for hours at a time. On other occasions it can be seen spinning wildly. Those in the know have determined that it is just a homebrew quad at KF2U.

Call for Articles

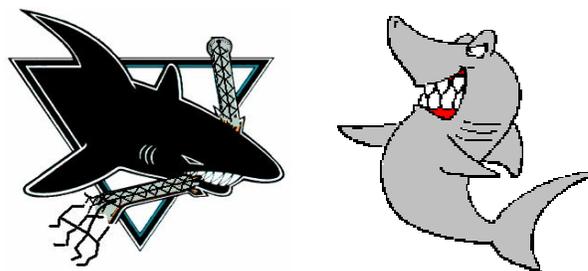
Since our Secretary (KB2ZHX) hasn't bothered to produce a newsletter during his first year in office, I have decided to get the ball rolling as it were with this one. We should have four newsletters a year at least. (One for each member...)

Submissions should be of interest to the club membership. Our newsletter doesn't have to be more than a couple of pages but since it is distributed electronically, size doesn't matter.

Club Logo

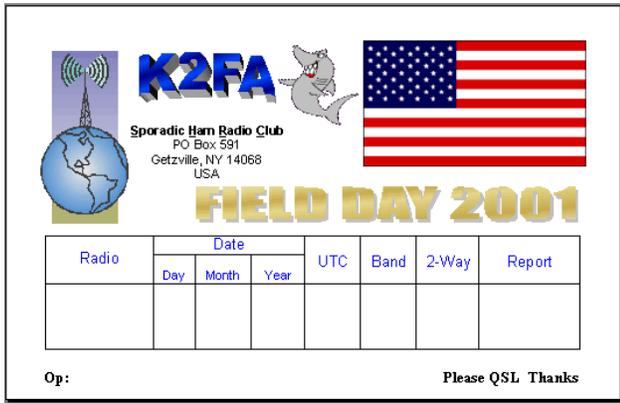
We have been using the friendly shark as our logo since the start of the club. Pete Vetter (KF2U) has also modified an NHL logo which looks really cool. I personally like the idea, I just think we need to modify it a little more so that we don't get accused of blatantly ripping it off. What do you think?

One idea is to use the friendly shark for our regular logo and use the tower killing shark for our contest graphic.



FD QSL Cards

We have received four QSL cards so far for FD 2001. Three were sent through eQSL.CC and one was sent in the traditional way. Our QSL manager (KA2KQP) has begun sending out QSL cards for stations that we want a



card back from. Our satellite contacts, SSTV contact, local clubs contacted, some specific clubs, and thanks to Pete (KF2U) the International Space Station (NA1SS). Cards received will be available for viewing at any of the regular club meetings.

Our QSL card promises to be an instant classic.

“I Don’t Need No Stinkin’ Antenna!”

Club President, Dan (W2HQ) was overheard saying this as Mike (KA2KQP) worked yet another satellite station from the parking lot at Ronco. It seems that Mike uses a Diamond RH-77 while Dan seems to be content with the stock Yaesu Duck provided with his VX-5R.

More Newsletter News

It seems that I made a lot of mistakes on the last one. So here is a new version with less (hopefully) mistakes.

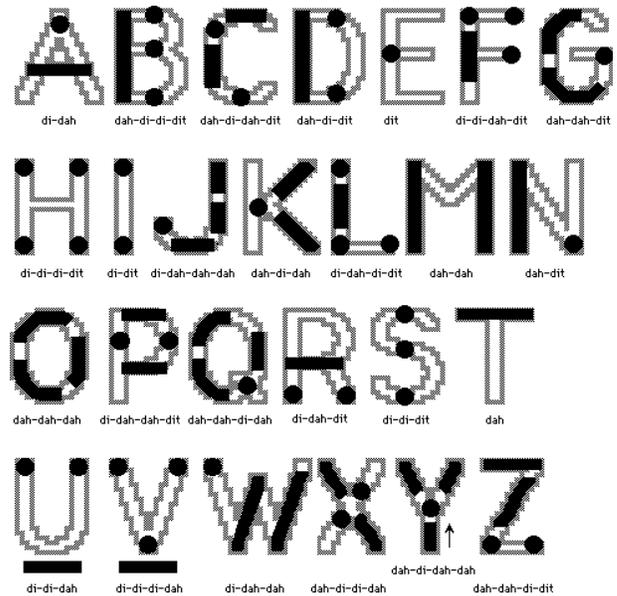
From ARRL

The K7VVV Solar Update (Jun 29, 2001) -- Conditions were good over Field Day weekend, with no big geomagnetic upsets. Forty meters was

probably the best all-around band for Field Day contacts.

Morse Code

Dan W2HQ has submitted the following that may be helpful to those members learning Morse Code.



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Closing Thoughts

Let me know what you think of the newsletter. I don't plan on doing the whole thing next time.

Mike