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Amateur Radio Field Day

The Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will hold their Field Day activities June 23-24, 2007, beginning at 1800 UTC (2:00 P.M. EDT) Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC (5:00 P.M. EDT) Sunday.

Field Day is a national event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (an organization representing licensed amateur radio operators) and is designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of commercial electricity and/or telephone service. SARA will set up their Field Day stations at Kiwanis Acres off of Waugh Rd. south of Owosso.

The event is a serious test of skill, and a contest for fun, too. During the weekend, the radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible, simulating the fast on-air skills needed to assist county officials and serve agencies during an emergency. More than 30,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country participated in last year's event. The first Field Day was held in 1933.

The public and the Press is welcome to visit the Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association Field Day operating site. "We want to especially invite all those Amateur Radio Operators who have recently received their licenses" said a club representative.

Information about the Group's other activities may be obtained from their Internet Site at <http://www.qsl.net/w8qqq/>