

CTTF- CFARC (Cuyahoga Falls ARC) To The Field Sept 14, 2022

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Enjoy Autumn in Ohio! Our Sept 14 CFARC Activity Meeting is a special event- CFARC To The Field CTTF. Special time 4:30 to 7:30 PM (20:30 UTC). Both club members and nonmembers are invited. Participants will be in a local Summit Metro Park or at their home stations and the meeting will consist of making contact with each other. If time and conditions allow, I suggest a park hike before CTTF.



For detailed information on this activity view, the slideshow is available at tiny.cc/cttf. (Anthony & Jim will be presenting this slideshow live at the upcoming August 10th CFARC Business meeting). For more info on Portable Operating, view the presentation slideshow- tiny.cc/portop.

The event will take place rain or shine, so have contingency plans for shelter or mobile operations in case of rain. If you have physical limitations, no problem, you can operate your mobile radio from your vehicle in the entity's parking area. Don't want to operate alone? Take a friend or two to share operating duties. Add additional radios for multiple bands/modes for even more fun. All CFARC members are invited and we suggest you invite your non-CFARC ham friends in the area to participate. The bands chosen for operation are open to all license classes so participation can be as simple as an HT or mobile radio. We also suggest you participate in another Field activity as a warm-up- Ohio State Parks On The Air- [OSPOTA](#) on Sept.10th.

CFARC to The Field Operation will "piggyback" on the recently added CFARC program- "Summit Metro Parks On The Air" ([website](#)). CTTF Operating Options

- In Park Stations
 - Mobile (in your vehicle with attached antennas)

- Portable (temporary antennas & portable powered rigs)
- Pedestrian (self-contained station with HT or other radio and antennas capable of operating in motion)

- Home Stations (Non-Park)

Allowed Contacts (Do not need to be club members)

- Park ↔ Home
- Park ↔ Park

For Sept. 14, the Bands/Modes will be:

- 10M, 6M, 2M & 440 / FM
- 6M & 10M / SSB

See chart below for suggested frequencies

10 M		6 M		2 M		0.75 M
FM	SSB	FM	SSB	FM		FM
29.600	28.320 to 28.340	52.525	50.125 to 50.135	146.460	146.535	446.0000
29.620		52.540		146.475	146.550	446.0125
29.640		52.550		146.490	146.565	446.0250
29.660		52.570		146.505	146.580	446.0375
29.680		52.590		146.520	146.595	446.0500

Suggestions on Frequencies

- FM Frequencies- Be able to switch between freqs to check for activity quickly
- Program FM frequencies into your radio's memories* or
- Set your radio's STEP function to match suggested freqs
- Find empty freq to call CQ*
- SSB Frequencies- tune range to check for activity (if you need assistance with this, ask an Elmer)

*** Note 10 Meter FM is not available for Technician licensees, all other freq are available to all licensees**

Stations can make contacts with other stations once per band per location

If a station changes parks, they can be contacted again on each band

Park stations should give their location when calling CQ so the station will know if they can make additional contacts. Home to Home Station contacts do not count.

Please record time, band or freq, callsign & exchange for each contact (printable logging sheets will be available on the web page later this week).

Park Stations:

- Two types of Summit Metro Parks Entities that you can operate from
 - Parks
 - Bike/Hike Trailheads
- See:
 - [List of Entities](#)
 - [Map: All Metro Park Locations](#)
 - [Bike & Hike Trail](#)
 - [Freedom Trail](#)
 - [Towpath Trail](#)

Exchange:

- **Park Stations-** Callsign + Give park name or abbreviation (see list)
- **Non-Park Stations-** Callsign + Give six-digit Grid Square (i.e., EN91he) see next slide for info on finding your grid

Sample QSO

	Station K8AA (in a park)	Station W8BB (at home)
1	CQ K8AA Furnace Run Metro Park	W8BB (whiskey eight bravo bravo)
2	W8BB, Furnace Run, FM (Fox Mike)	K8AA, Non-park, EN91fd (echo November 9 1 fox delta)
3	73, CQ K8AA Fox Mike	

Be sure to log all your contacts as you will need the particulars later when you apply for some of the awards available under the CFARC "Summit Metro Parks on the Air". In addition, we ask that you send your logs to WA3JAT@aol.com or K8ZT73@gmail.com after the event. All submitted logs with a minimum of five (5) contacts will be entered into a drawing for \$50.00 gift certificate to DX Engineering. You may work solo or in groups of 2-3 operators. Like Field Day, you may be well-advised to plan your operation ahead of time. Keep in mind that our radio operations from the Summit Metro Parks are to celebrate their 101 Years in operation and no damage to any of the

parks is permitted. That includes not using any trees to secure antennas. Your operation may be along a trail or may be set up in the parking lot but do not obstruct other persons who may be using the parks since this operation is during the Fall Hiking Spree, which is a peak time of park use. On one of my previous park portable operations, I was approached by a park ranger. She was friendly, and I explained what I was doing in conjunction with Summit County Metro Parks to celebrate their centennial year and she actually heard part of my radio contact with Frank, W8EZT. Remember that your portable or mobile operation from one of the parks may introduce someone to ham radio who did not even know of its existence beforehand. It is an excellent opportunity to create goodwill for our hobby and might even encourage someone new to join this great hobby. Anthony plans to have a handout you can give to interested parties in the parks (which he is still working on and will post on the website later).

Scoring is based on the following:

1. The total number of stations you work
2. The multiplier is the total number of unique park entities you work, each park is only counted once per contest (not once per band)

The gift certificate is not based on your scoring in the contest. To be eligible for the random drawing for the gift certificate, you must complete at least 5 valid contacts.

Resource Links

- Portable Operating Presentation- tiny.cc/portop
 - Activation Announcements
 - Submission Form- [Link](#)
 - Activations List- [Link](#)
 - Park Entity List- [List of Entities](#)
 - Log Sheets- [Link](#)
 - CTF Cheat Sheet- [Link](#)
 - CTF Summary Sheet- [Link](#)
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- “What is Amateur (Ham) Radio?” Handout- [link](#)
 - The CTF Presentation- tiny.cc/cttf
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