

# GOTA

**UVARC (Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club)**

## Today is Field Day

Welcome to Field Day! We are the *Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club*, and we're sponsoring this event by setting up several radio stations, including one known as a *GOTA* (Get-On-The-Air) station, to help get *you* on the air.

Field Day is an annual event that runs from noon Saturday to noon Sunday. During this 24-hour period ham radio (nickname for *amateur radio*) operators around the world try and contact as many others on the air as they can. It's pretty exciting to get to talk by radio for the first time with a person in Turkey or Japan or Kyrgyzstan, or even Phoenix!

One of the purposes of Field Day is to test our incident readiness by setting up our equipment on emergency power away from the comfort of our homes, hence the "Field" name. Our challenge is our ability to set up an emergency communication center in a primitive or rough environment at a moment's notice, allowing us to call for help outside our state or even our country.

Another purpose is to help new hams get the opportunity to get on HF (high-frequency, or 1.8 MHz through 30 MHz) for the first time and to help non-hams get on the air for the first time. For that, we've set up this GOTA station, to help you do just that, but in our case, only on three radio bands, 15 meters (21 MHz), 20 meters (14 MHz) and 40 meters (7 MHz).

This year UVARC has chosen this particular site, the *Lindon Marina*, to be the base for our Field Day, and we welcome you to ask questions and join the fun! Now that you're here, you can help *get-on-the-air* and make contacts, or you can just sit and "chill" in the nice Summer sun!