

Amateur radio hams to join in national test

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Emergency communications will be exercised during a 24 hour upcoming Field Day, stated Michael Wood, president of the Borderline Amateur Radio Club (BARC).

On the weekend of June 27-28, members of BARC will participate in the 45th Annual American Radio Relay League Field Day emergency preparedness test.

On this weekend, thousands of amateur radio operators (hams) in the U.S. and Canada set up their stations in the open using only emergency power and portable antennas, with a capacity to reach other hams on a world-wide basis. They contact as many operators as possible in the 24 hour period. These tests are designed to help hams refine operating skills so necessary during

disasters and times of emergency when normal channels of communication are disrupted or unavailable.

The operation site this year for the Borderline Amateur Radio Club is East Park. Anyone interested in amateur radio communications is welcome to come up Saturday anytime or Sunday until about 1 p.m. Members of the club will be on hand to answer any questions about equipment, procedures, and the public service role the amateur radio plays in the community.

BARC is a local club with members from the surrounding areas. Some of the members who will be participating this year are Jay Hansen of Roosevelt, Norm Neel and Mel Stevens of Rangely, and Michael Wood and Nils Hoffman of Vernal.