

Field Day 2026 Our Best Yet?



How do we gauge the success of a Field Day? Just as we each have our own amateur radio interests, we have a number of ways to measure Field Day success.

Looking back on LVRAC Field Day 2026, a few noteworthy benchmarks appear.

- The number of QSOs... we're still tallying them up as this article is being written, but we set a club record.
- The number of participating stations... more operators than ever, working different modes. FT8, CW and SSB on just about every band.
- Pulling all-nighters... Rick K7FYI and Dave N2JNR hit it hard well into the night making contacts.



- Visitors... throughout the day, more than 50 people drove up to our site at the corner of Lee Canyon Road and Champion Road. Hopefully we made a few new friends and encouraged people interested in getting into amateur radio to take the next step.

- Eyeball QSOs... once again, fellowship and friendship came alive at Field Day, and we had plenty.



- Experimenting... there was no shortage of antenna testing, trying out new gear, shaking down power supplies and everything else necessary for successful portable operating.

As all of this unfolded, we couldn't help but notice that at times, the Field Day site was close to bursting at the seams. With success comes the need for more space, the very clear need to lengthen the distance between antennas and to enjoy a bit more breathing room.

So we won't be resting on our laurels. Some of your board members are already thinking about Field Day 2027, with an eye on innovation and improvement.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on making things better for operators and visitors alike.

Looking back, what an adventure.

What a great time. And what fortunate timing with some rugged winds, which hit us with nasty 50 MPH gusts Friday, hardly the best conditions for set up, then dying down to make way for a relatively calm Saturday and Sunday.