

Calvert Amateur Radio Association

11 June 2026 Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was held at the Field Day site, Brooms Island, and was devoted to Field Day planning. As such, the Board did not meet. These minutes record a number of points regarding Field Day.

Meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm

Present were:

Brian KB3WFV	Erik KC3QQD	Shawn N3AE	Dave W3PQS
Lisa Kress	Mike AL3G	Jimmy KD3CVW	Joe KD3BLI
Daire AC3KX	Ron WSIT671	Charlie, AB3LE	Richard W3RBR
Andy KC3WRX	Nigel G0JKN	Dwight KD3CZT	Dick AE3DT

Treasurer:

- As of May 31, 2026, the CARA balances are as follows:
\$3,949.75 PNC Checking
\$3,290.92 PNC Certified Deposit
\$8,254.27 Truist Money Market

G0JKN - Field Day Planning:

- DATE: June 27 – 28
- LOCATION: Brooms Island Community Center, 4080 School Rd, Broomes Island, MD 20615
- We will use the same room as last year.
- PLEASE .. antenna erection crew must endeavor to be cooperative and civil despite the likely hot and humid conditions typical of Field Day.
- Antenna crew should bring and wear hard hats
- Final antenna adjustments will be by N5WTA and N3AE only.
- Eyeball QSO's should be in the room opposite the radio operating room
- Start setup at 8 am Saturday. On the air at 2 pm Saturday, All hand on deck for teardown NLT 2 pm Sunday
- Coax will exit the window in the room nearest the entrance door, go under the entrance walkway and towards the baseball backstop.
- Like last year, the antennas will be shared using triplexers and bandpass filters. Each station MUST operate on the band associated with its bandpass filter. No switching bands.
- N3FJP Field Day logging software will be used at networked laptops for each station. Please familiarize yourself with this software BEFORE Field Day. See the video at <https://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html>

- Will use the 10/15/20 meter dipole and the 40/80 meter dipole at right angles to the 10/15/20. Dipole centers mounted on the same mast.
- Some trees and the building may prove useful for holding the ends of the dipoles but in the worst case, five masts may be needed, one for the center and four for the ends of the dipoles.
- The GOTA station will be located in the entrance hallway with an antenna on the opposite side of the building.
- W3RBR will bring three masts
- N3AE will bring one 20 ft mast.
- **BRING HEADPHONES** and adapters to use for both ¼ inch and 1/8 inch jacks
- G0JKN will bring some CW keys (paddle and straight)
- G0JKN will bring his flex radio as a receiver with a display on the large screen TV.
- AC3KX will bring a solar panel to charge a battery for the “alternate power” extra credit points (minimum of five QSOs without using power from commercial mains or petroleum driven generator).
- We will bring the amateur radio poster boards from Mt Hope storage. Still looking for a volunteer to update those poster boards.
- N3AE will bring a paddle and keyer along with cables for both ¼ and 1/8 inch jacks.
- Maybe include a 6M operation depending on rigs and antennas
- Need some gaffer’s tape to hold coax on the floor
- N3AE will bring a six foot ladder to assist tying the center mast to the baseball backstop pole.
- Asked all to bring shorter lengths of coax (25 ft or so and short jumpers) to go between the triplexers and the operating locations, and the filters and radios.
- W3RBR will bring the quiet Honda generator and gasoline
- Food is pot luck. PLEASE INFORM NIGEL WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING.
- Planning on Saturday dinner at around 5 pm
- Ron will bring brats and a grill
- KD3CZT will bring four racks of ribs
- G0JKN will bring bottles of water.
- KC3WRX will be the safety officer
- We need a sign-in log.

Misc:

- The 50-50 was won by Shawn, N3AE, who donated all of his cut, resulting in \$47.00 going to the CARA treasury.
- With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:34 pm.

Field Day Checklist

Here's a general purpose list of items you might wish to use when gathering stuff you plan to bring:

HF RIG/POWER SUPPLY/MIC/SPARE FUSES

VHF RIG/POWER SUPPLY/MIC/SPARE FUSES

GENERATORS

DEEP CYCLE 12V BATTERIES (OPTIONAL)

GASOLINE

EXTENSION CORDS

125V LIGHTS (OPTIONAL AT BROOMS ISLAND)

TABLES (OPTIONAL AT BROOMS ISLAND)

CHAIRS (OPTIONAL AT BROOMS ISLAND)

SMALL FANS

POWER STRIPS

ANTENNAS

ROPES &. PULLEYS FOR ANTENNAS

ANTENNA INSULATORS

SLINGSHOT & FISHING REEL

FEEDLINE

SHORT COAX JUMPERS WITH PL259'S

ADAPTERS - COAX AND AUDIO

SWR METERS

ANTENNA TUNERS

LAPTOPS (HOPEFULLY ALREADY CONFIGURED FOR NETWORKING WITH N3FJP LOGGER)

SURGE PROTECTORS

BLANK PAPER

PENCILS

KEYERS

BATTERY OPERATED CLOCKS

HEADPHONES

SPEAKERS

TOOLS

TAPE

VOM'S

GRILL

FOOD

COOLER OF SODAS

ICE

PAPER CUPS

PAPER PLATES

PLASTIC SPOONS, ETC

PAPER TOWELS

TRASH BAGS

SUN BLOCK

WIDE BRIM HAT

FLASHLIGHTS

PATIENCE