



## **Amateur Radio “Field Day” - June 22 and 23 - Will Focus on Skill, Service, Science**

**WHO/WHAT** Members of the Peace River Radio Association will be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, June 22 – 23 at Punta Gorda Boat Club 802 W. Retta Esplanade Punta Gorda, FL 33951. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

**WHEN** Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. On Saturday, June 22, from 2:00 PM to Sunday, June 23, 1:00 PM (24 Hours).

**WHERE** Punta Gorda Boat Club 802 W. Retta Esplanade Punta Gorda, FL 33951

**WHY** Field Day is a showcase for how Amateur Radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network. “Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That’s the beauty of Amateur Radio during a communications outage,” says David Isgur, N1RSN, communications manager for ARRL The national association for Amateur Radio®, ([www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)), which represents Amateur (or “ham”) Radio operators across the country.

“In today’s electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down,” Isgur adds.

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 9 and as old as 100. And with clubs such as Peace River Radio Association it’s easy for anybody to get involved right here in Charlotte County.

For more information about Field Day or Amateur Radio, contact Mr. Tom chance, K9XV at [k9xv@arrl.net](mailto:k9xv@arrl.net) or visit our website [prra.club](http://prra.club) or visit [www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio](http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio).