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Field Day Infrastructure performs as expected

As previously reported in the July S^HO^RT^S, despite severe rain, our fearless Hams performed as advertised. However, some of the radio gear had some minor difficulty. KA3UDR arrived with what appeared to be an Army Surplus dipole that had been manufactured by native tribesmen in the jungles of Honduras. Despite admonitions for KC3CMF, WB3JEK and K3QNT the dipole was erected and performed more like mis-tuned dummy load than an antenna. K3QNT and others re-manufactured an antenna using American parts and found this antenna to be most satisfactory. Conversely, the Inverted "V" atop the WB3JEK's Motor Mansion seemed to perform flawlessly. Power came from a variety of sources including the well-maintained JEK gen-set carefully stowed in the auxiliary engine room of his RV. The Field Day was a success and the report was beamed up by KC3CMF to the ARRL for publication.



WB3JEK/Mobile Inverted Vee

Yeager Lutheran Vacation Bible School assists aging CW Operator!

On 15 July, ancient mariner, K3QNT shoved off for the Vacation Bible School at Yeager Lutheran Church in Rainsburg to demonstrate the diminishing art of CW and other codes. Aided by some young and highly intelligent youth from all over the Cove, QNT told some sea stories and demonstrated both American Telegraph Morse and International Radio Morse to a dozen or so vacation bible school students. Pastor Jenny Shaffer graciously permitted QNT to have students erect a demonstration Inverted "V" OCF antenna that resonated on 40, 20 and 10 meters. Many of the students show extraordinary aptitude in CW and other radio skills. Three young men did a first class job of hoisting the antenna into the available Rainsburg trees along side the church.

Yeager Vacation Bible School Antenna Crew



**Hannah pounding Brass
Yeager Vacation Bible School**

Ham Radio Testing Session Returns

On Saturday - 8 August 2015 beginning at 1400 hours at the Bedford County Christian Church. Bring you legal ID and/or your current license. Several VE's will be on hand to help. A short study period will proceed the tests. Good Luck!

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