



## **Amateur Radio Club**

**It is that time of the year where Amateur Radio operators to test their emergency preparedness communication skills using their radios while 'off the grid'.**

**Called 'Field Day', it is always on the last full weekend in June.**

**Members of the 4Seasons Radio Club and SPARC (San Gorgonio Pass Amateur Radio Club) participated, along with approximately 100,000 other amateur radio ops throughout the United States.**

**During Field Day, amateur radio clubs set up and test their equipment without access to the electrical grid. Generators, batteries and solar chargers are in full use. Radio contacts are made throughout the US just to exchange club names and a cryptic description of the radio sets they are using.**

**This years event took place at the Los Rios Rancho in Oak Glen. Being at a higher altitude, one of our interests is to see if using our radios at a higher altitude helps make longer range contacts. We also had members of the Yucaipa club participating.**

**Within our 4Seasons community, we utilize FRS (Family Radio Service) radios. The first and foremost is for emergency reasons: earthquakes, floods, fires, any emergency in your home and you are alone, or away from your home. We have FRS training sessions and a weekly net in order to maintain our skills.**

**Consider being a member of our group. Field day is one of the many events available to all licensed radio folk for enjoyment. We can always use more volunteers; it is an opportunity to have fun while you're learning something new.**

**Our website is W6FSB.com, meetings are held in the ballroom on the last Friday of the month at 10 AM. – Dick Van Bree, W6RVB, President**