

Amateur Radio Unit In First Field Day

Each year the American Radio Relay League and the Amateur Radio Emergency Corp., holds a nationwide Field Day Contest. This year the Hancock Amateur Radio Club held its first field day event June 24th and 25th on the farm of Paul "Pete" Alyea, five miles southwest of Greenfield.

Two weeks of work went in to the building of antennas, assembling equipment and preparing the site. During the 24-hour period four stations were in operation on four different hands, 2, 6, 40 and 75 meters. Contact was made with many stations in Indiana, across the nation and Canada.

The purpose of this annual event is to learn to set up and maintain communications over an extended period of time using auxiliary power independent of commercial power. The club feels they have learned a lot and are better trained to serve this county in the event of an emergency—such as last February's blizzard.

The club's entire membership took part in the weekend event. They will not know how they placed in the state and national contests for about a month.