

Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club Plans Field Day Weekend

Annual Ham Radio Event to be Held at Saddleback Butte State Park

Lancaster, CA— April 1, 2025 — Every fourth weekend in June is ham radio's open house. It's called "Field Day" and this year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 & 29. More than 31,000 "Hams" (Amateur Radio Operators) throughout North America will set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in ham radio. The Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC) participates every year, and this June will be stationed at the Saddleback Butte State Park in east Lancaster.

Radio Connects

The theme for 2025 Field Day is "Radio Connects" — highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun!

A "Get-On-The-Air (GOTA)" station will be available for new and non-hams alike to experience amateur radio and make contact with other stations around the country and around the world. This is also a great opportunity for Scouts to visit and earn one of the more elusive sign-offs on their Radio Merit Badge.

Saddleback Butte State Park

The park is open to the public and operators will be available to answer your questions and demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio. The State Park day-use fee for vehicles is

\$6. Alternatively, the public can park along East Ave K east of 170th St East and make the short quarter-mile hike to the group campground. The park has a nature trail and a strenuous hike to the top of Saddleback Butte which offers amazing views of the Antelope Valley and the Mohave Desert.

Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)

The AVARC is an education and public service organization under IRS Part 501(c)(3) whose goal is to provide interesting and useful information to our members and visitors through club activities, special events, and ham radio information in general. We are always looking for new members and are eager to assist those who are interested in amateur radio and considering becoming a licensed Ham. You can visit our website for more information: <https://k6ox.club/>

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