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I am happy to report that Field Day was very successful, and, even though our score didn't break last year's record-setting effort, it was still the second highest club score ever. As Field Day Chairman, I'd like to thank all those who participated (about 30). A special appreciation is due the managers who worked so cooperatively and hard to make this year's effort the usual smooth operation that Field Day has become for us. (That is, relatively smooth- it's still necessary to make sure your coax is electrically connected to your quad! hi) The managers were as follows:

Wilbur Fulton and Bob Latter-HF cw station .managers
Gerry Hughes and Fred Weiner-HF SSB station managers
Carl VonderLinden-VHF station manager
Drew Hoffman-novice station manager
John Sheetz-power
Pat Weiner and Harriet Larsen-food
Al Hirsch-public ity

Our QSO total was 1450, divided in the following way:

	SSB	CW
80 meters	262	144
40 meters	221	339
20 meters	176	145
15 meters	104	28
10 meters	5
total	<u>768</u>	<u>656</u>

VHF 6

Novice 20

(Note: although he wasn't able to make any QSOs, Bob Latter's satellite communication setup was certainly the most intriguing and eye-catching gear we had!)

In comparison, in 1972 we had 1700 QSOs-843 SSB, 787cw and 70 novice. Our decrease in SSB QSOs was caused primarily by the cold solder connection of the feedline to the quad, which wasn't discovered until about 4 hours into the contest. Our cw score was down because we had some superb operators available in 1972, but only good ones this year! The novice effort was hampered by constant QRM from and into the other HF stations, and, finally, VHF operation

was limited because of a lack of stations to work.

Looking forward to 1974, there appear to be three areas which will need special attention: 1) the quad must get a long overdue renovation or be replaced, 2) a stronger attempt must be made to reduce the interference of our stations with one another, and 3) Jim Caldwell's departure cost us our primary generator and all of our towers!

Again, thanks for all your help, and, as they say, wait until next year!

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1973 Field Day Chairman