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To: Coconino ARA President

Ms. Enloe,

I'm Field Day chairman for the Oro Valley ARC, which club yours has competed against at FD for the past few years for a trophy which goes to the highest scoring club. The trophy was my idea and the glass artist was my wife Lora, K8LJK, but the difference in FD philosophy between the two clubs has made us unable to compete. We use FD as a learning opportunity in which everyone who wishes to operate get a chance to do so, and we usually have about 50 operators participating. Your club concentrates on the contesting facet of FD, and while I'm a CW contester, I would never kick an operator out of the chair at FD because he can't run rates, so we are unlikely to ever win back the trophy.

And now the corona virus has changed everyone's approach, discouraging group activities. Since our members are mostly old guys, the demographic most at risk for virus morbidity and mortality, we have canceled the usual OVARC group operation.. I'm an MD as is my wife and we appreciate the seriousness of the epidemic. It's no hoax.

ARRL came out with suggestions for FD today focusing on social distancing:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-suggests-taking-a-creative-approach-to-field-day-2020>

I have lobbied the ARRL long and loud that they should publish aggregate scores for each club, and today's missive says they will not do that but rather will publish club affiliation alongside each score submitted. I am encouraging all our members to operate in solitary fashion as class 1B1, 1C, 1D, or 1E. Would your club agree to change the trophy rules and take ARRL's suggestion that the club submitting the most entries wins the trophy? We could live with that. That would encourage more participation for both clubs as well, while keeping members safe.

Feel free to discuss with your membership and call or email me if you have questions or suggestions.

73 de W8TK

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