



# D.E.A.R.S EARS

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## THE NEW D.E.A.R.S. EARS NEWSLETTER

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Well here it is. The new D.E.A.R.S. Ears Newsletter. With trying to keep up with the times, hopefully this newsletter will fill the bill. This will be the first of many monthly issues to come. We will try to include each month important information about D.E.A.R.S., events, and other things going on with the group.

With today's technologies everyone should have Adobe Acrobat Read on their computers, so our newsletter will be e-mailed in the PDF format. With a little luck the news letter might even be on our website. Columns will include our repeater, site 1,

site 2, field day, and many other useful columns containing updated information keeping everyone on top of things.



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## FIELD DAY 2006

Well it has come and gone, Field Day 2006. With a rocky start, this year annual Field Day went on. With the management changes at Mickey's Retreat, we could not reserve it for this year's event. So keeping with the traditions of Field Day we were forced to make due with what we had. With about 2 weeks until Field Day, we started the clean up at site 2. Thanks to Coy-AC0Y, John-KG4BFJ, and Jim-KG4URL spent most of that Saturday cutting the grass, check-

ing out the generator, and cleaning the inside. With a week to go some of the new flooring was acquired. The day of the start of this year's event, preparations were made. The new flooring was laid in a temporary fashion so we would some kind of floor to use. We were plagued with rain most of our event. No big surprise! We hung and tried some antennas, some with success and some not. Some of the antennas were, a G5RV, new all band sloper

(found in the shed), Mark's 20m Ridged Dipole (worked the best) with the power sub station on our back side and no trees, we were forced



to make due. Well that's the whole point of field day anyways. Well with

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## FIELD DAY 2006. cont.

all the problems and the challenges in front of us, we still made contacts. We didn't get on the air until around 7:00 pm. Our first contact was at 9:00pm. We managed to almost fill 2 log sheets with 2 stations operating. The Members that stayed the 24 hours are Mark-KF4DFZ and his wife Patti and Jim-KG4URL and his son Stephen. The other members that participated are Coy-AC0Y, Jay-WB4WJY, Randy-W4ATF, and Adam-KD8AJY (a Disney College Program Student). Many thanks go out to those who participated,

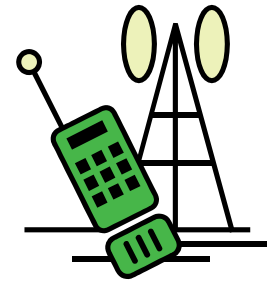
helped out, and supported this year's event. Really big thanks goes out to the Reedy Creek Fire Station for letting us use there bathrooms.

## Repeater News

### REPEATER NEWS

Well the sleeping giant is about to wake. our repeater is functioning normally with little or no problems. as of our last meeting in June, we discussed many things to get our repeater on the air more. Apparently our repeater has a voice ID

function that we don't use. plans are being set to utilize this function. It was brought up that we might try a voice ID and some voice announcements. During the repeaters prime time, around 8:00am to 6:00pm. the thought was to make the repeater more



noticeable when people are listing. More on that to come.

## SITE 2

### Site 2

At the end of June, we had our annual field day event. Two weeks prior to field day, we had a clean up day. Thanks go out to Coy, John, and Jim for there efforts at the site. The grass was cut and the inside was also cleaned up. Plywood has been obtained to repair the floor. In the shortness of time, the plywood



was laid down in a temporary fashion to be useable for the upcoming field day event. More plywood has also been obtained to finish the floor and to make work benches out

of. Dates are being set for more work and upgrades to our site2. With the resent abandonment with security, we no longer have a choice, but to make our site2 our new home for D.E.A.R.S.

Plans are being made for a working HF station and UHF/VHF stations as well. We now have power, a/c , and a generator. We just need to get all the

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 D.E.A.R.S Meeting 6:00pm Disney Univ.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## SITE 2 Cont.

parts working together. In the near future we planed to remove the old antennas and install new ones. If the site gets completed enough, we might even start having our monthly meetings there. All and all, it's all that we have left. We all need to take care of it any way possible. More updates to come. Any volunteers or any donations are appreciated.



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