

FIELD DAY -- A KALEIDASCOPE -- by Dick Guy VE3TT.

Mosquitoes. Cross-modulation in your receiver. Sore feet. A fouled plug in the generator. Phone splatter. Aspirins. Getting the message off. Key clicks. Band leaders. Folding chairs. SSB. Hot coffee. Cold beer. Sleeping bags. High SWR. Poison ivy. CQ FD. 5-7-9 Ont. Low line voltage. High line voltage. Voltage surges.

Blisters. Burns. Cuts. Bruises. Blood. Sweat. Tears. Erecting tents. Raising antennas. Wind. Raising the antennas again. Mud. Stuck cars. Running out of gasoline. Heat. Cold. Contacts. Canned food. Smiles. Scowls. Swearing. Whistling. Misery. Happiness. Shiny towers. Beat notes. Logging. Stretched antennas.

FD chairman. Break-in operation. Uneven table tops. Soldering irons. "Which way is true north?" Trying to get some sleep. Trying to keep awake. Hot chocolate. Receipts for expenditures. Cows. Cars. Cans. Unforeseen difficulties. Dipoles. Improvisation. Gas fumes. Climbing towers. Bug repellent. Hetrodynes. Co-ax cable.

Pandemonium when the generator stops. "You're 5 by 9 in the Ontario section". Fancy circuits. Tried and true circuits. Lost logging sheets. Dits. Friday night. Clocks. Antenna poles. Dahs. Fellowship. Competition. A game. Preparedness. Easy. Tough. Radio black-outs. Power black-outs. People black-outs.

Inverted VeEs. VHF. Power group. Harmonics. Match-boxes. Painfulness. Bliss. Microphones. Sand in your sandwiches. Foot switches. Organization. Chaos. Coca-Cola. Running out of cigs. VE3VE/3. "Where is the toilet?" Corn flakes and sour milk. Smooth operating. Rough conditions. QRM. Contentedness. Desperation.

Co-ax connectors. Walking. Blown fuses. Over size fuses. Blown transformers. Insects. Transceive operation. "Thank God it's all over for another year". Reflectometers. Climbing trees. Halitosis. Plastic tape. A good time. A lousy time. Thermos jugs. CW. Sunday afternoon. Shredded flashlights. Joy. Bitterness.

"Break-Break-Break". Water cans. Taking pictures. Earphones. Co-operation. Reluctance. Transmitters. Intergration. Disintetration. Operating. Batteries. Stumbling over guy wires at night. Safety matches. Verticles. Keyers. Overmodulation. Standby units. "How many have you got now?" Hell. Heaven. Insulators. AM fone.

Logging. Kinks in the antenna wire. 29.5 watts. Learning by doing. Trailers. Ladder line. A stuck antenna rotator. Hot soup. Pencils. Extended double Zepp. CQ Field Day. Madness. Ingenuity. Hamburgers. Visitors. Irritation. First Aid Kit. Fans. Body odour. Perseverance. Receivers. A sticking antenna relay.

Monkey chatter. 149.5 watts. "Never again". Check sheets. Gas stoves. Stale bread. Yagis. Transistor radios. Spilled coffee on the logging sheet. Tower sections. Dead bands. Duplicate QSOs. Spare pair of clean socks. Rain. Sun. Stars. Evening. Dawn. "Wait until next year".

Field Day is a TOTAL experience that no real amateur ever passes up. Don't miss it this year. See you on the week end of June 24-25-26?

Meanwhile, very 73, Dick VE3TT.

INDIAN PRAYER

GREAT SPIRIT -

De L.A.R.C.

Grant that I may not criticise my neighbour until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

THE OLD PHILOSOPHER

De W.A.R.C.

QRM is a round table discussion that does not include you.

Alimony is the same as paying instalments on your transmitter after the final has gone soft.

Memory is what tells a ham he had a sked yesterday.