

MARS Day Out

Summer 2009

NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS PACIFIC AREA COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE

Navy-Marine Corps MARS - 07/19/09

On Saturday, July 18, Navy-Marine Corps MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) conducted an emergency communications exercise within the Pacific Area. The only requirement was to operate away from their normal home location utilizing generator or battery power.



In Beaverton 6 members participated operating on voice, digital and sending messages via the MARS Winlink Data System. Pictured is Gary/NNNOKUL, the Washington State Director sending dozens of messages on the Winlink system. Another exercise is planned for this fall.

Part of the antenna farm. Buddipoles, a 'tailored' Superantenna MP-1 and some home made antennas were the order of the day.



Voice (HF/SSB, VHF/FM) and data (MT63, Olivia and MARS WL2K) modes were all used during the exercise.



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