



Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association

## Winter Field Day January 25-26 2025

Winter Field Day is January 25/26 and the MVARA has a group planning to operate it from the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage site at Jim Marter Yard 1340 Poland Ave. Youngstown, OH 44502. The group has already been to the site and brainstormed the operating bands and modes. The operations will be in one of the Cabooses (is that a word), so there will be tables for each position, heat, light, etc. They plan both CW and Phone operations and will likely have 4-6 antennas up. As always, the need is for people to help set up, operate, and tear down. If you are interested email Ralph, K8TCP, [coolguy@thegamingcorner.net](mailto:coolguy@thegamingcorner.net) Ralph is heading up the event and there is a core of 6 or 8 working with him.

The WFD web site says Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. It gives ham radio operators an opportunity to practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

The Winter Field Day event aims to help participants improve their preparedness for disasters and enhance their operational abilities in adverse conditions. Amateur radio operators have the freedom to use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands while employing voice, CW, and digital transmissions.

More information is on their web site at <https://winterfieldday.org/>