



Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association

## Winter Field Day January 24 -25, 2026



Winter Field Day is January 24/25 and the MVARA is planning to operate from the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage site at Jim Marter Yard 1340 Poland Ave. Youngstown, OH 44502. We plan on putting antennas up Friday January 23rd. The operations will be in the P&LE 506 Caboose so there will be tables for each position, heat, light, etc. They plan both CW and Phone operations and will have 3-6 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 10 or 12 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/>