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Mayor J. H. Graham, III
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Re: Invitation to meet with us June 28 or 29, 2014

Dear Mayor Graham:

As Co-Chairman of the **Cumberland Plateau Amateur Radio Club's** Field Day Committee, I am writing to cordially invite you to meet with the Amateur Radio operators of your community and members of **CPARC** at The Homestead School on June 28 between 1 PM and 5 PM. This is the National Field Day for Amateur Radio people. Throughout the country, ham radio operators will be setting up radio stations in unusual locations and making contact with others as a display of their emergency communications capabilities.

In the past year alone, ham radio's people have made headlines with their work in wildfires, floods, storms, tornadoes and other crises. Hams provide emergency communications for many government and civic organizations in disasters. In addition, they provide supplemental communications when normal systems are rendered inoperable or overloaded. Hams have been called (and correctly), "The people behind the curtain that made the heroes look good."

Like most communities, Crossville doesn't expect a major emergency. But they happen, and losing communications can quickly turn an emergency into a real disaster.

We will be inviting the press to drop by, and will have brochures, information packets and other materials made available through the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, explaining our work.

I hope that this plan meets with your approval and look forward to your visiting this event. It should be fun and is also a validation to the hundreds of Amateur Radio volunteers who have spent thousands of hours providing emergency communications, public service work and other benefits throughout our community and region. If you need more information or would like to confirm your visit please contact me at the phone number above.

Sincerely,

Tom Liebert

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CPARC Field Day Co-Chairman