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Steve's Take:

NFL Section Manager
Steve Szabo, WB4OMM



Greetings in the New Year!

I hope you had a great winter holiday! Of course, you got that K3S, ACOM amplifier, that SteppIR beam, the 110 ft crank-up tower, and all of those other "necessary" ham goodies, right? (Sigh, there's always next year.....). Hi hi hi! There were lots of "special events" over the holidays, and I hope you got to work a few. Radio propagation – if you could find any – has been sparse and not so good. Here's to hoping our sunspots come back and the bands get better! Otherwise, time to "build/fix" or otherwise do maintenance on ham stuff!

I was able to make the Silver Springs Hamfest in Ocala on Saturday, Dec 3rd; with fabulous weather, they had a great turnout, despite losing their initial location at the last minute – due to no fault of their own. KUDOS to the Hamfest folks (Carl Berry KC5CMX was a big part of this) for getting another location so fast and never missing a beat! The new Hamfest location was easy to find, plenty of parking, and they sold out the tailgate and tables! They had a couple of commercial vendors and great food (inexpensive too!). I actually got to sign off on an award application, and gave out two applications for the ARRL (one was a life membership application!). It was a great time, and once again I got to meet face-to-face with many folks I knew, and meet lots of new folks. I know how corny it sounds, but meeting hams from all over the Section (and various other places!) at these events is my favorite part of the position.

Speaking of hamfests, our Section's next big event is the Orlando Hamcation on February 10, 11 & 12; as usual, I will host a Section Forum in HIPPS 3 at the Lakeside Pavilion (usual place) starting at 11:15 am, for about an hour. Stop by and say "Hi"!! I'll also be at the ARRL tables, helping with Card Checking and welcoming folks to Hamcation; I will be there all three days. Here's to hoping for Chamber of Commerce weather for the entire event! For more information - <http://www.hamcation.com/> Come on out the largest Hamfest in the Southeast! This is ALWAYS a great event!

Some not so good news – I got this a few days ago, from Ronald Mahn, KI5FR, President of the North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC).

Steve,

I was wondering if there was any type of provision in the ARRL items to donate a gift certificate for one of our local Hams. Craig KK4WDQ, was attacked and injured in the line of duty as a correctional officer in Okaloosa County on Tuesday 20 Dec 16 and had surgery to put plates and screws into his ankle the following day. He is going to be laid up for 2 to 3 months. I am hoping the ARRL might consider donating a \$25 or \$50 ARRL gift certificate for Craig to purchase an ARRL publication of his choice to read during his recuperation. The club is mobilizing to build an access ramp for him as well as provide meals and any other assistance he might need. Thanks for your consideration. Also, a few lines from you to pass along Craig, KK4WDQ would show how folks far and wide are cheering for his recovery. His email is patriot0311@yahoo.com.

Wow! Another public safety ham injured in the line of duty (last year we lost Okaloosa Sheriff's Deputy Bill Myers KK4KF – I met him several times, he was a great guy - who was shot to death serving a warrant). The ARRL is sending a \$50 gift certificate to Craig. If you get a chance, please send him an e-mail to say "Hi" and wish him well.

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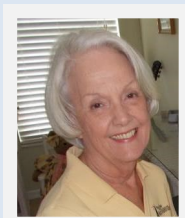


Marty Brown, WB2VYK

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Editor



SM Message (Continued)

While we're wishing folks well, our own SEC Strait Hollis KT4YA had "a bit of medical issues" - open heart and triple bypass surgery - around Thanksgiving (just found out a few days ago). Strait is recuperating well and he hopes to be back to full speed soon. You can send him well wishes at kt4ya@comcast.com.

Hope to see you at Hamcation! No plans for any meetings or Hamfest travel in January. My Best Wishes for a safe and prosperous Happy New Year to you all.

Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM



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TVARC Presents Radio on the Square

Marty Brown, WB2VYK
TVARC Member



John Ellis, NP2B, (forward) leads the "Beam Team" members (L-R) Bob Hagen WW8USA, Larry Russo K3TFU, and George Rutkoskie W4GOR.

Making the public aware of Amateur Radio is an important activity for The Villages Amateur Radio Club. Every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, TVARC takes over the Square at Lake Sumter Landing. Club members set up radios, antennas and an information table. With club members acting as ambassadors, we demonstrate the hobby, sign people up for classes and recruit new members.



Taking over the bandstand at Lake Sumter Landing in The Villages, FL



Club President, Earle Hancock, KM4ISN checks out the Buddipole



Event Coordinator, George Briggs, K2DM.

click here for more information



Get Ready For...

ORLANDO

HamCation®

2017

Amateur Radio & Electronics Show
ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

February 10, 11 & 12
AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS
4603 West Colonial Drive (SR-50) Orlando, Florida 32808

Fri. 9 am to 6 pm Sat. 9 am to 5 pm Sun. 9 am to 2 pm

Advance Purchase Ticket \$13.00.
(After Dec. 31st, all orders will be held at Will Call and not be mailed.)
Ticket at the gate \$15.00.

- ◆ Special Guest Speakers ◆ Over 150 Commercial Booths
- ◆ Largest Tailgate Area in the Southeast ◆ More than 200 Swap Tables
- ◆ Fox Hunt (4 pm Saturday) ◆ Testing on Friday (3 pm) & Saturday (9 am & 1 pm)
- ◆ Forums on Great Topics ◆ Free Parking ◆ RV Camping on Premises (\$30 per night)
- ◆ Theme Parks Nearby ◆ Family Friendly Central Florida Atmosphere
- ◆ Courtesy Talk-In on 146.76 (No tone) 146.82 (D-star K1XC C and REF037C) 147.015 (Back-up)
- ◆ **PRE-REGISTRATION** for RV, Swaps and Tailgate ends **December 31, 2016**. Thereafter **Will Call**.

SUNDAY GRAND PRIZE
Yaesu FT-991A
All-Band Multimode Field Transceiver
MF/HF/UHF with C4FM
(System Fusion)



Orlando
Amateur
Radio
Club

SATURDAY GRAND PRIZE
Yaesu FTM-400XDR
144/430 Dual Band
C4FM Digital Analog FM
Mobile Transceiver

Over \$5,000 in Door Prizes
Great hourly door prizes. Starts on Friday, February 10, 2017

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System Fusion C4FM
FDMA/FM 144/430 Mhz
Dual Band Transceiver

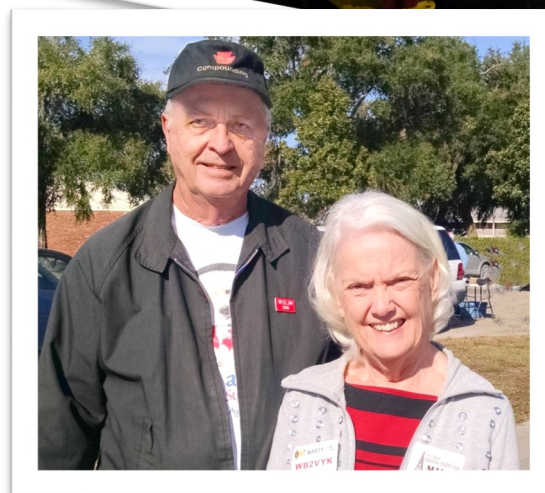
Tickets purchased before Dec. 31
are eligible for early bird drawing.
After this date you can still order
tickets. They will be held in Will Call.

Silver Springs Hamfest

December 3, 2016



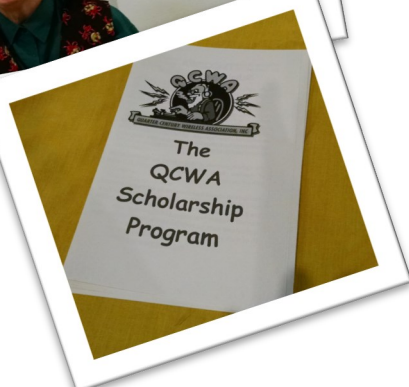
NFL SCM Steve Szabo WB4OMM chats with Volunteer Examiner Val Jacyno AK4MM



QST NFL Editor, Marty Brown WB2VYK meets up with Don Crosby W1EJM from The Villages ARC.



Ken W8EK and Sue N8AJU Simpson representing QCWA. Ken and Sue are members of Chapter 62.



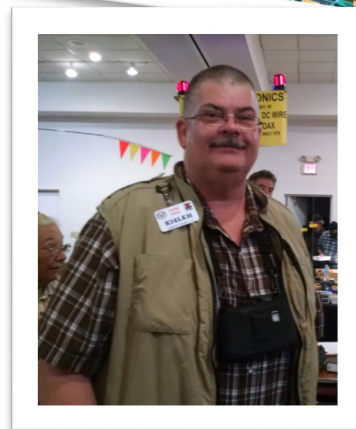
More Silver Springs Hamfest



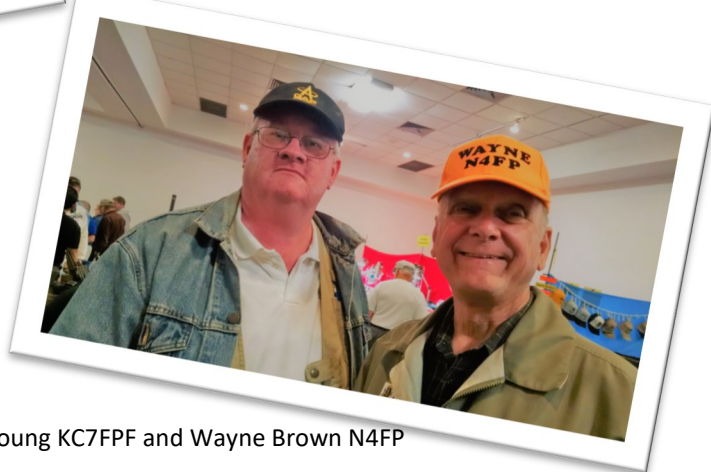
SSRC Hamfest Chairman Carl Berry KC5CMX and SSRC President Eddie Lucas KK4JIV



Jim Bilancio KM4HI mans his table



Gene King KI4LEH Sumter County RACES Officer



Kevin Young KC7FPF and Wayne Brown N4FP



Deer Dodge 50 West Panhandle District ARES groups After Action Report

Prepared by: Daisy Crepeau, KT4KW – Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Santa Rosa County

Summary

On Saturday December 10, 2016 the West Panhandle District ARES groups participated in 2 races, a 50K (32 started – 31 finished) and 50-mile (19 started – 16 finished) endurance run by providing radio support at each of 4 aid stations and the start/finish line. This race took place in Santa Rosa County in a forest that encompasses almost 200,000 acres.

16 Amateur Radio Operators and stations.

4 from Escambia County (1 Asst. EC) and 2 non-ARES members

5 Okaloosa County (1 Asst.Sec.Mgr) and 4 ARES members

7 Santa Rosa County ARES (includes EC and 2 Asst. ECs) 1 non-ARES member

For full details: <http://gulfcoastultras.com/deerdodge50.html>



**NET CONTROL – BEAR LAKE
CAMPGROUND PAVILION**

WB6IQN Dual Band J-POLE @ 35 FEET



DAISY KT4KW, JOE KF4DVF, NEIL KK4VHX – NET CONTROL



STEVE KJ4RWD – BEAR LAKE CONNECTOR

QCWA—A Tale of Two Chapters

Marty Brown WB2VYK

QST NFL Editor



The OM, Wayne N4FP, and I were surprised to find that both the Ocala, FL and The Villages, FL Chapters of QCWA were meeting on the same Thursday in December. Normally they meet a couple of weeks apart. Since we are members of both, we decided to double-dip! We joined Chapter 217 in The Villages for breakfast, and then made the 20 mile trip to Ocala for lunch with Chapter 62.

The Villages Chapter 217



Hal Lloyd W4OE, President of Chapter 217, calls the breakfast group to order.



Ocala Chapter 62



Ken Simpson K8EK, (L), President of Chapter 62, requests for a moment of silence for recent Silent Keys.



Northern Florida STM Reports for December 2016

Compiled by: Tom Housworth KI0JO, Approved by: Don Duckett N9MN, NFL STM

Station Activity Reports

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KI0JO	724
KZ8Q	286
KA1G	91
KK4BNL	90
N9MN	67
WB4RJW	66
N3JUY	64
WD3B	55
WC4FSU	24
KJ4HGH	23
W4NFG	22
K4LSB	8
KJ4G	7

Public Service Honor Roll

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
WD3B	115
K4LSB	111
KI0JO	110
KA1G	100
N3JUY	100
KK4BNL	90
KZ8Q	90
WB4RJW	90
KF4DVF	85
WC4FSU	81
N9MN	77
KJ4G	77
KJ4HGH	73

Brass Pounders League

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KI0JO	724



Nets

NET	ABB.	QNI	QTC	QND	SESS	MGR
Florida Phone Traffic Net	FPTN	1293	202	816	31	WR4FSU/N4GMU
Northern Florida ARES Net	NFARES	1905	33	839	27	W4NFG
Northern Florida D Star Net	NFDSN	63	4	63	4	W4NFG
Northern Florida D-Rats Net	NFDRN	27	0	42	3	W4NFG
Florida Mid Day Traffic Net	FMTN	322	83	345	31	K4EEI
Tropical Fast Net	TFN	465	124	434	31	W2PH
Volusia County Traffic Net	VCTN	213	37	438	30	WD3B
Gulf Coast VHF Training Net	GCVTN	809	23	437	29	K4QBH
Walton County Amateur Radio Club	WCARC	283	16	221	13	K4NDJ
Seminole VHF Traffic Net	SVTN	560	38	560	30	KG4QCD
North Florida Phone Net	NFPN	2129	6	932	31	AI4GF
Holmes County Amateur Radio Club	HCARC	60	4	75	4	KJ4JAH
Lake County ARES	LCARES	164	13	198	13	N4KXO

Upcoming Hamfests

- January 20, 2017 – Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest, Fort Myers, FL <http://fmarc.net/hamfest>
- February 3, 2017 – Southern Florida Section Convention (Tropical Hamboree's 50th Anniversary), Ft Lauderdale, FL <http://hamboree.org>
- February 10-12, 2017 – Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL <http://www.hamcation.com>
- February 25, 2017 – West Central Florida Section Technical Conference (3rd Annual TECHCON), Sarasota, FL <http://www.arrlwcfl.org/>
- March 4, 2017 – Charlotte County Hamfest, Punta Gorda, FL <http://prra.club>
- March 17, 2017 – Fort Walton Beach Hamfest 2017, Fort Walton Beach, FL <http://w4zbb.org> **NEW!**



FCC Testing Information

LMARS FCC Testing

- Every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November)
- Fourth Saturday
- 9:15 AM
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office
- Off SR 17-92, on 100 Bush Blvd in Sanford (across from Flea World)
- For more information and registration, contact Bob Cumming, W2BZY, 407-333-0690

North Florida ARS

- Weeknight testing for all grades of license in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
- Hogan Baptist Church at the corner of Hogan Rd. and Parental Home Rd. in southside.
- Advance registration is required. The next session is Thursday, November 5, 2015 7PM. See http://nofars.net/home/fcc_testing

Lake ARA

- Monthly on the 3rd Saturday, prior to monthly meeting. (Except December)
- 8:00 AM
- [LARA Clubhouse](#) (11146 Springdale Ave, Leesburg – off of CR 473)
- For more information and registration, contact David A. Pennell, NP2MR (352) 602-5164 np2mr@yahoo.com in advance of the meeting.

Suwannee ARC

- First Tuesday of the month prior to the meeting
- Saturdays available with advanced notice
- N4SVC, 9707 58th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060



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Newsletter of the Northern Florida Section

1. Spread the word about our website www.arrl-nfl.org and **QST NFL** on your club web-site, in a newsletter or at a meeting.
2. Send a write-up and picture of your next activity.
3. Make sure you, or the appropriate member of your club is on the email reminder list.

Section Nets.....

For net details go to www.arrl-nfl.org and select the Nets option.

Net	Frequency	Day/Time (Local)
Central Florida D-Star Training Net	REF046C. D-Rats nfl.ratflector.net	Wednesday, 0900
Clay County ARES Net	146.925, Tone 156.7	Sunday, 1930
Crestview Gulf Coast VHF Training Net (GCVTN)	147.360, (+), PL 100Hz	Daily, 20:00
Crestview SARNet	Statewide UHF Net on linked repeaters on 444.900, (+) PL 100Hz	Friday, 0900
Crown District ARES Net	145.925 (156.7)	First Wednesday, 2030
Defuniak Springs Walton County ARC Net	147.285 (+), PL 100Hz	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1930
Duval County ARES Net	146.70 (127.3)ALT:147.315(127.3)	Wednesday, 1930
Florida Hurricane Net,	D-Star REF037C	Monday, 2100
Fort Walton Beach – Playground ARC Net	146.790, (-), PL 100Hz	Sunday, 2000
Madison County ARES Madison County ARC	145.190, Lee Repeater, PL 123	Sunday, 2100
Milton 2-Meter Net	145.490 (-), PL 100Hz	Monday, 2000
Milton Santa Rosa County ARES Net	146.700 (-), PL 100Hz	Tuesday, 2000
Nassau County ARES Net	147.000 (-) (107.2)	Wednesday, 2030 (Except 1st Wed)
NFL ARES Net	7.242, Primary 3.950, Secondary	Monday-Saturday, 0900
NFL D-Star Net	REF046C, D-Rats on nfl.ratflector.net.	Wednesday, 0900
NFL Digital Net	3.590 PSK 31, USB	Sunday, 1900
NFL Phone Net (NFPN)	3950 Alt 7242 and 7247	Daily, 1930
Northwest Florida DX Net	147.555 (simplex)	Tuesday, 1930
Okaloosa County ARES Net WIRES-X System in FM (not digital)	442.950 (DCS023) North Area 444.800 (100 Hz) South Area	Monday, 1930
Orange County ARES Net and Skywarn	443.050	Thursday, 1900
Pensacola Escambia County ARES Net	146.760, PL 100Hz	Monday, 1930
QCWA Citrus Chapter 45	147.195	Tuesday, 1930, Echolink W2AS-L, #node 627152
QCWA Chapter 217 The Villages	443.150, PL 103.5 Echolink K4LFK-R	Friday, 1000

Section Nets, continued.....

QFN CW Traffic Net	3547 Winter (7105 Summer)	Daily, 1900
Santa Rosa County Skywarn Net	146.700, K4SRC Repeater	Monday, 2000
SAR NET	http://sarnetfl.com	Click 140614_FDOT_UWAVE_Map_with_UHF_coverage.16664435
Seminole VHF Traffic Net	147.090 MHz, offset of +600, PL of 103.5 147.450 Simplex	Daily, 19:15 First Monday, 19:15
St. Johns County ARES	147.210 (127.3) ALT:147.015 (127.3)	Wednesday, 2000
Suwannee ARES/Emergency Prep Net	145.270 PL 123 145/410 PL 123 FSQ— 3.594 MHz	Thursday, 2030
TFN Tropical Florida Sideband Traffic Net	3940	Daily, 2145
The Villages Amateur Radio Club (TVARC) Ragchew Net	443.225, PL 103.5 Echolink K4VRC-R	Monday, 19:00
Traders Net	3.933	Sunday, 08:00
Valparaiso Twin Cities Amateur Radio	146.73, (-), no PL tone	Sunday, 2030
VCTN Volusia County Traffic Net	147.150, +.600, tone 127.3 145.330, -.600, tone 127.3 (Alt)	Daily, 2245
Walton County ARES Net	147.375 (+), PL 100Hz	Wednesday, 19:00

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