



# QST NFL



*Providing timely and interesting information to Radio Amateurs in North Florida*

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## Steve's Take:

NFL Section Manager  
Steve Szabo, WB4OMM



*Good Day to You! I hope this message finds you enjoying the Greatest Hobby and Service in the World!*

I hope you had a chance to participate in this year's ARRL Field Day. I worked with my local group, and I'm still kinda' numb, so this month's message will be short! I hope you have "captured" the Field Day activities and have sent them to our Newsletter editor for publication! I'm sure our Webmaster would also like a copy!!

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Remember to "hot wash" or review your and/or your groups performance so you can improve where needed... and I certainly hope you had fun....I know I did! It was nice to "play in the sandbox" all weekend.

**New appointments this month:** Kevin Bess KK4BFN, Official Observer; Lotsa' Official Relay Stations: **Andy Gausz, Jr, KG4QCD; Dennis Burgoyne, WD3B; Diane Balber, WB4RJW; John Gardner, N3JUY; Wallace Brubeck, KZ8Q.** Congratulations to all, and THANK YOU for contributing your time, efforts and skills to better our hobby/service!

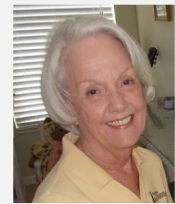
Section Leadership Officials can be located on the NFL Web Page - [http://arrrl-nfl.org/?page\\_id=2781](http://arrrl-nfl.org/?page_id=2781) .

***My scheduled visits to Hamfests and "tailgates", club and ARES meetings for July:***

Friday & Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Milton Hamfest, Milton, FL. The NFL Section Convention Event!

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**Want to be on the QST NFL Input  
Reminder List for each issue?  
Email me at the address above!**

DXCC Card Checking both days, lots of swap/sell tables, and GREAT FOOD! I will be there both days.

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Central Florida QRP Group,  
Sanford, FL

It's HOT out there! If you venture out, stay hydrated and use care in how long you remain in the elements; Heat Stroke/Heat Exhaustion comes quick.

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

I hope to see you at a club meeting/activity soon!

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

**73, Steve WB4OMM**

## Amateur Radio Week in Florida

Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, SCM NFL

Gov. Scott issued the attached proclamation that declared June 20-26 "Amateur Radio Week in Florida". It included all three ARRL Sections, ARES, and SKYWARN amateurs. Special Thanks to Mr. Gage Nicholas in the Governor's Comm Office for getting this done for us!





# The International Amateur Radio Union

Since 1925, the Federation of National Amateur Radio Societies  
Representing the Interests of Two-Way Amateur Radio Communication

## Press Release

For Immediate Distribution

May 12, 2016

### IARU becomes custodian of operating standards booklet

Over the last eight years, the booklet "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur" has become a respected work describing the best standards of operating on the amateur bands. Translated into most major languages, the booklet by John Devoldere, ON4UN and Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, is a valuable reference work for all radio amateurs.

The booklet can be found at <http://www.hamradio-operating-ethics.org/>

Mark and John recently contacted IARU, explaining that they felt it appropriate for IARU to become the custodian of the booklet into the future, with the scope to adapt and update it to ensure it remains relevant and current.

The IARU Administrative Council accepted this offer with gratitude to John and Mark for the work they have put into the document. On May 5th 2016, Mark and John met Don Beattie, G3BJ, President IARU Region 1, in Brussels to officially hand over the document. IARU will now carry forward the work in future years to ensure its continuing relevance and currency.

Any additional information can be obtained from the International Amateur Radio Union, PO Box 310905, Newington, CT 06131-0905 USA Phone +1 860 594 0200, Fax +1 860 594 0259.

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## Countdown to W4DXCC

September 23-24th 2016 - MainStay Suites and Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

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This year we have a great lineup of DX and Contest presentations including VK0EK Heard Island. Come hear from a team member who is presenting just what happened and get a chance to speak with them before and after their presentation.

The Bootcamp on Friday was a big hit last year and after reviewing the feedback we modified the program to provide an even better program for 2016. Be sure to spread the word for New and Experienced hams who would like to come see how it's done. Everyone needs an Elmer, consider Ham Radio Bootcamp your Elmer.

The reservation Hot Line is now open. Give Rosie a call and get your Convention and Banquet tickets. Call her at 865 898-2279. The Banquet seats go fast so it might be a good time to get your tickets as the Banquet seating is limited.

Maybe it's your first time visiting us or returning for another year, either way you won't want to miss the fun. We have a lobby full of great manufacturers who you can speak with one on one about their gear. Come twist the knobs and click the mice. It should be a wonderful time of fellowship, prizes and fun.

I hope to see everyone this year.

**Dave Anderson, K4SV**

W4DXCC Leader, [dave@w4dxcc.com](mailto:dave@w4dxcc.com)

## Field Day Report from the North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC)

Ron Mahn KI5FR

President, North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club

*Check Out the Video*



This is a busy and exciting time for NOARC. Field day this year was the first time since 2007 that NOARC set up Field Day operations from an undeveloped site. The site is a club owned property 2 blocks away from the cross road of the city of Crestview. We knew going in this would be a challenge, but also a real opportunity to see what we could do. We chose not to excessively challenge ourselves by operating class 2A. One transmitter less than the 3F we had been for the better part of the last 8 Field Days. Our Field Day committee consisting of Daniel, KK4VAX; Bruce, KA5DLV and Patti, KM4OZK assembled a solid plan and put it into action!

Starting early, we took full advantage of the 2 new bonus categories, Social Media Presence, easy as Facebook, and most importantly, Safety. The official high for Crestview FL on Field Day was 100.0F with a max heat index of 104.9F. Yet there were no reports of any heat related injuries (or any other injuries) among participants or visitors. And this year there were a lot of people to account for! We had 2 elected officials, Mr. Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections for Okaloosa County and Mr. JB Whitten, a member of the Crestview City Council. We even put Mr., Lux to work helping to erect an antenna and making a contact as part of a pre Field Day Radio test. Mr. Whitten was very interested in our emergency capabilities and the contributions we could make to the city in the event of a man made or natural disaster. We also had members of the media

including WAAZ radio, Crestview Community Television and the Crestview News Bulletin cover our Field Day activities. They were just a few of over 60(!) people at our Field Day site. What a turn out!

Our goal this year was to expose as many people as possible to amateur radio, and we succeeded. To build a top class Ham Radio Operating and Education Facility on our property will take the assistance of the entirety of the north Okaloosa county. The way to do that is show the community what we can do for them and we made strides in that direction. We also learned a lot about our emergency capabilities. We are great at getting one station on the air in short notice (this is the second time on this site). A second station was a little more challenging and a third as a GOTA station leaves some room for improvement for the future.

An additional thanks goes out for the support we received from the Publix grocery store of Crestview as well as the Crestview UPS Store.

Let me leave you now with a link to videos produced by Advanced Aerial Operations, (470) 588-7850. Their web site is AAOLLC.com. They are in the process of creating videos documenting the NOARC Field Day. Please click <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B-nSPcpexABGcENBNEZuM2ZxaVU&usp=sharing> select a video and enjoy the show.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NOARC/>

## Simple QSL Apps

By Phil Ashler, N4IPH

– as published in *The Printed Circuit, Newsletter of the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society*, June 2016: [k4tlh.net/tars-newsletter](http://k4tlh.net/tars-newsletter)

One of the first things new Amateurs may wish to do after earning their new License is to get some QSL cards made so they can exchange them with fellow Amateurs they meet on the air. Over the years I've used a variety of software packages to make QSL cards. Some programs were fairly easy to use while others developed problems when you tried to print the finished product, which were sometimes remedied by going back and making some changes.

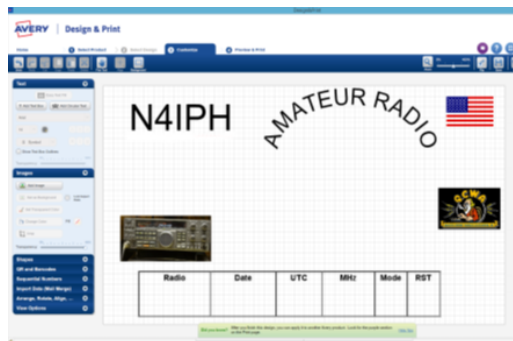
A number of years ago I used a "free" program I found online, but you could only use it 30 times without purchasing their regular product. I found a way around this by simply deleting the program, then reinstalling the software so that I could use it another 30 times. [Many "trial-ware" programs leave protected embedded markers in your OS registry to disallow the reinstallation method.] The problem was that when you reinstalled the software, it removed the printer adjustment settings and you had to realign the printer to have it print correctly. I tried using *Microsoft Word* which came with a new computer, but you had to reformat the graphics or they would move around the template when you made a minor change. I then tried using *Microsoft Excel* which worked great, but you had to make four individual cards on the template. If you made a change on the card, you had to make the change on the three other cards. When you tried to print the cards, there were slight variations in each of the cards. I knew there must be a better way to make some simple cards.



Do a quick *Google* images search on "QSL Cards" and you will see hundreds of cards displayed on the screen. Look over the different examples and decide on a card you might want to use as a starter card. You'll soon get an idea on what kind of basic information should be included on your card design and see plenty of examples of other items that were added by each operator to enhance their card. You can decide whether you want to start from scratch or use some of the ideas found on the search.

Over the years I've found two programs that do a good job making QSL cards and even pass-out business cards. **Microsoft Publisher** and Avery's free program, **Design and Print** are available on the internet from Avery.com. For some reason Avery removed some of the features and fonts from their previous product called *Design Pro* when they replaced it with the current offering called *Design and Print*. Both programs are pretty straight forward to use and both have a few limitations that I was able to work around in most cases. I know of a few hams that have also used *Adobe PhotoShop*, *Adobe Illustrator*, *CorelDRAW* and *GIMP* (free) to design and print their QSL Cards. I've never tried these programs but if you are familiar with their operation they should work great.

*Design and Print* has a limited number of fonts that you can use in your projects, some additional ones are available if you use their online system to create your project. *Publisher* gives you the whole range of fonts available in the *Microsoft Office* package [and those installed on your system. If you're looking for tons of great-looking fonts for free check out [dafont.com](http://dafont.com)] To add an image in *Design and Print* you first have to save it to your computer and then add the image to your project. *Microsoft Publisher* allows you to copy and paste the image directly into the project without having to save it first.



One thing I've started to play with is creating an Excel spreadsheet containing my contacts with the call-sign, name, date, UTC, frequency plus any short notes and using the mail-merge option to produce my QSL cards. I know there are several logging programs available that will probably do this for me, but I like the challenge to see if I can get it to work.

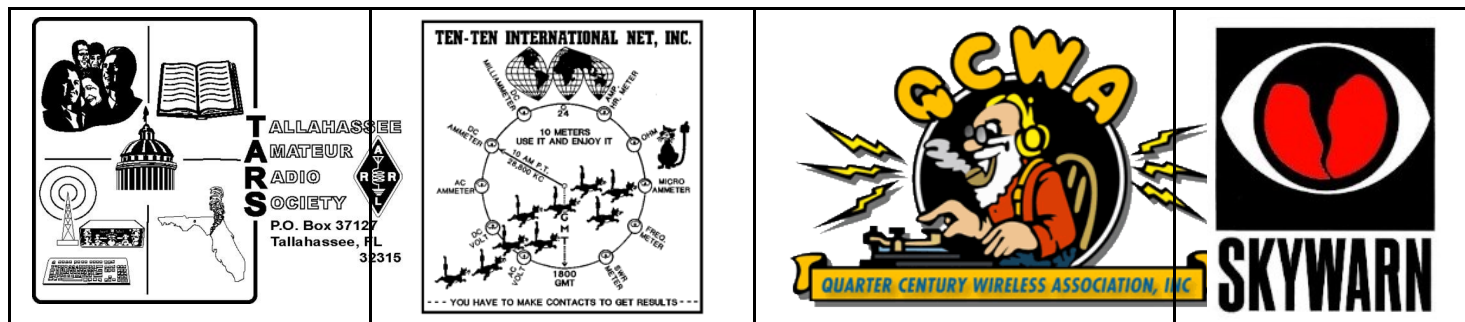
STATION	FREQUENCY	TIME-UTC	DATE	MODE	SIG REPORT

Let's go through a few steps to produce a simple QSL Card by using either program. QSL cards, at their simplest requirement, are used for verification of a particular contact you make on the air, and more particularly when using HF frequencies. You'll want to make sure you include the most basic information about

the contact on the card and then add some type of graphics to make the card a little unique. Most Amateurs use only one side of the card since it is customary to hang them on a wall or put them in a photo album because any card having information printed on the back will cause the recipient to have to take the card down off the wall or remove it from the book to be able to read everything.

Simple QSL Apps, continued

Your call-sign should be displayed predominantly using a bold typeface to make it stand out. To make the card meaningful to your recipients you can use an image of yourself sitting at the operating position or some type of picture taken at your location, maybe even a close-up of your radio. You can also use something catchy such as a funny cartoon or a photo of something you are also into such as antique radio equipment or a snapshot of an exotic location you operated from. Whatever you choose to use, it's all about presenting something unique. A word of caution if you are using graphics from the internet, make sure you get permission or license to use the images so that you don't violate the owner's copyright.



The easiest way to show your contact information is to put it in a short table form at the bottom of the card. If you are a member of some radio related organizations, such as the ARRL, TARS, SKCC or whatever, you can add graphics showing your membership. Most organization will allow you to use their logo if you are a member in good standing. Just ask if you are in doubt about using their image. Once you have a good template for your QSL Card you can make minor modifications for different contests, seasons of the year, special events, holidays and just about any other occasion.

When searching the internet the other day, I found several QSL generating programs and a few videos that have additional ideas. Some of these allow you to work online rather than downloading the software to your own computer. A few of the programs generate the QSL cards in a PDF format that you can save and print at any time. A few of the programs will fill in contact information from a number of Amateur Radio logging programs or Excel spreadsheet. If you really want to go back a few years in technology, you can generate and print a label to paste on a generic QSL Card. The Word mail-merge option can be used to produce the labels and simply paste them on the cards. I've also found a few fairly good videos on YouTube with tutorials on designing and printing your QSL Cards.

So how do you get your QSL card to the other station? There are several methods that can be used. One of the easiest ways and most modern is to send an "e-QSL." If you have an existing QSL card you can scan it into your PC or take a digital photo of it and attach the card's image to an email to be sent electronically. You can also send a 100% digitally created version as I just described. This version of course has to be printed out, trimmed and hung on the wall by the recipient. You can send the card by international mail for around a dollar or a little more if you place it in an envelope. For years it was a custom by Amateurs to enclose a dollar bill or "green stamp" to help the other station pay the postage to send you a QSL in return. The problem was that many times the QSL card never made it to the recipient. Someone along the line opened the envelope, took the money and threw away the card. One of the easiest ways to exchange reports is through the QSL bureaus (often referred to as the "buro.") The ARRL has a very good reputation for getting your cards to the recipients. Check the ARRL website for information and directions.

**Your W4-K4-N4 Card Status Check**

If your **sorter** has a # next to your letter, see what your sorter has on file for you.

Enter your W/K/N-4 Call.

**W4-K4-N4 QSL Bureau**

Home Card Sorters Sorters Only (PWP) 2 Prefix 4th Area Bureau QSLing Links CDXA Home Page

QRZ Callsign Look Up  Search

**LOGBOOK**

**4th Call Area has two ARRL Incoming QSL Bureaus.** One bureau processes incoming DX cards for call signs having a 2-letter prefix such as AA4NN while the other bureau processes incoming DX cards for call signs having a single letter prefix, such as K4SQR. All other call areas have only one incoming QSL bureau.

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**1-Letter Prefix Bureau**  
W4, K4, N4 QSL Bureau, PMB#305  
631 Brawley School Rd Ste 200B  
Mooresville, NC 28117-6209 USA

**2-Letter Prefix Bureau**  
(AA4, WA4, NX4, etc.)  
Sterling Park ARC  
Call Box 599  
Sterling, VA 20167 USA

Simple QSL Apps, continued



How do you receive QSL cards from other stations? This is a little different than the ARRL outgoing service. In most cases, general incoming QSL cards are handled by various radio clubs or other organizations according to the call area prefix of your license. There are listings of the different organizations and clubs according to US call areas on the ARRL website. Check the link below to see how to use this service. To begin using the incoming QSL service you need to check to see who your card sorter is at the incoming bureau. The sorter is the person or group that will collect your cards from the incoming service, and they'll hold them for a while and then send you your cards in the mail. Go to the Fourth Call-Sign area link below and put your call-sign in the small box in the middle of the page and submit the query. The system will come back with your sorted information. If there is a '#' sign, you have QSL Cards waiting. They will request that you send them several self-addressed QSL-sized envelopes with sufficient US postage to keep on file.

Usually they request your call-sign in the upper left hand corner and your correct mailing address on the front of each envelope. If you work a number of DX stations during a contest or other event, your envelopes can fill up quickly. When you receive the envelopes with your DX QSL cards, the sorter will make a notation in the upper left corner such as, "2 envelopes on file," you then know to send them another supply of envelopes. I don't exchange as many QSL cards as I did when I first started working DX Contests, but I would usually enclose a few dollars to help support the incoming bureau each time I would send a supply of envelopes. I know several of the sorters have received QSL cards from DX stations and simply sent the cards to the recipient, even though they didn't have envelopes on file. The sorter usually will enclose information on how to use the incoming system and if you have any cards waiting to be sent.

After you get acquainted with sending and receiving QSL cards you can then try for some of the different awards and certificates available. To qualify for DXCC (confirming a minimum of 100 entities on the ARRL DXCC List) you need to have your DX QSL cards checked by a member of the ARRL card checkers such as our own Gerald Gross WA6POZ. There are full instructions on how to apply for the DXCC and other ARRL awards on the ARRL website. While you are on the ARRL website you can check out the ARRL's Logbook of The World and see how to keep track of your contacts and see what awards you can earn.

I'll have to admit, I personally don't chase DX as much as I used to and haven't kept up with sending QSL cards as I once did. A number of things have changed in Amateur Radio since I was first licensed in the early 1970's, for one; the tide of sending QSL reports is turning from hams all sending cards by mail, to that of QSLs being all-electronic and automatic via web sites such as LoTW and QSL.net. One thing that hasn't changed for me is still the fun of talking to someone on a remote island or on the other side of the world has never left me. Just get on the air and start making those DX contacts and get to sending those QSL cards!

73 de Phil, N4IPH [philashler@comcast.net](mailto:philashler@comcast.net)

#### Links:

##### **Avery Design and Print Download**

[www.avery.com/avery/en\\_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-Design-Print.htm](http://www.avery.com/avery/en_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-Design-Print.htm)

##### **RSGB Article on QSL Cards**

[rsgb.org/main/get-started-in-amateur-radio/operating-your-new-station/how-to-send-and-receive-qsl-cards/](http://rsgb.org/main/get-started-in-amateur-radio/operating-your-new-station/how-to-send-and-receive-qsl-cards/)

##### **ARRL's Out-Going QSL Service**

##### **Incoming QSL Services**

(See bottom of webpage for the 4th Call Area options)

##### **Fourth Call Area (By Prefix)**

##### **Fourth Call Area Sorters**

##### **DXCC Award Fees**

##### **YouTube Video QSL Cards with Photoshop**

##### **General QSL Info-YouTube**

[www.arrl.org/qsl-service](http://www.arrl.org/qsl-service)

[www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service](http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service)

[www.cdxa.org/w4qsl-bureau/index.php](http://www.cdxa.org/w4qsl-bureau/index.php)

[www.cdxa.org/w4qsl-bureau/sorters.php](http://www.cdxa.org/w4qsl-bureau/sorters.php)

[www.arrl.org/dxcc-awards-fees](http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-awards-fees)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1ovl3N8fPU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1ovl3N8fPU)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wu5qxrI3S1o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wu5qxrI3S1o)

## Northern Florida STM Reports for May 2016

Compiled by: Tom Housworth KI0JO

Approved by: Don Duckett N9MN, NFL STM

### Station Activity Reports

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KI0JO	545
KZ8Q	161
N3JUY	58
WB4RJW	58
N9MN	57
W4NFG	28
KJ4G	13

### Public Service Honor Roll

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KF4DVF	256
N9MN	110
KI0JO	100
KJ4G	83
KZ8Q	80
WB4RJW	80



### Nets

NET	ABB.	QNI	QTC	QND	SESS	MGR
Florida Phone Traffic Net	FPTN	1260	261	1032	31	WR4FSU/
Northern Florida ARES Net	NFARES	1644	39	859	26	W4NFG
Northern Florida D Star Net	NFDSN	60	5	75	4	W4NFG
Northern Florida D-Rats Net	NFDRN	47	0	83	4	W4NFG
Florida Mid Day Traffic Net	FMTN	279	65	341	30	K4EEI
Tropical Fast Net	TFN	442	68	393	31	KA1G
Volusia County Traffic Net	VCTN	138	12	303	30	KA1G
Gulf Coast VHF Training Net	GCVTN	923	28	439	31	K4QBH
Lake County ARES Net	LCARES	173	13	197	13	N4KXO
Walton County Amateur Radio Club	WCARC	329	13	325	13	KJ4JAH
Seminole VHF Traffic Net	SVTN	502	48	544	29	KG4QCD
North Florida Phone Net	NFPN	2016	3	827	31	AI4GF

### Clay County ARES Events

Adrian Gray, K4AWG  
Emergency Coordinator  
Clay County ARES



1. FL State HURRX On 18 MAY. WD4SEN and I spent about 12 hours total on it, working from the Clay County EOC. This was in direct support of the ARES mobilization and also involved my participation in training with the EOC staff at Clay County Emergency Management.

2. Florida Striders Memorial Day Run and Walk-A-Thon. Ten operators (KM4OUB, KE4BHU, KC4JES, KM4DSG, KK4ECR, W1JCS, KJ4SBG, KJ4SBH, KK4ECR and K4AWG) worked from 0630 to around 1100 (about 35 hours) for this public service event.

## SCIENCE, SERVICE & SKILL

*Volunteers demonstrate capabilities during 24-hour exercise*

T.H. Merritt, KM4TJI  
Public Information Officer  
Walton County ARES



**Citizens** from across the northwest Florida and south Alabama area put their communication skills to the test this weekend as part of the largest emergency radio exercise in the United States.

With the precision of a military operation, volunteer radio operators from the Walton County Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Emergency Service erected a base camp in short order on the grounds of the Emergency Operations Center in DeFuniak Springs Saturday morning complete with numerous radios, antennas, solar power units, laptop computers and battery stations. The exercise was part of the Amateur Radio Relay League's 2016 Field Day.

"These folks play a critical role when it comes to emergency service," said Jeff Goldberg, Walton County Emergency Manager.. "They're professional and provide a critical link when normal communications fail."

During the 24-hour exercise, operators welcomed numerous visitors and answered questions about science & technology, radio propagation, meteorology and prepared radio messages for the International Space Station where astronauts have an amateur radio station aboard.

While numerous visitors, young and old, got to experiment with various radio techniques, local dignitaries stopped by to get a better understanding of the importance of amateur radio their community.

DeFuniak Springs Mayor Bob Campbell toured the station inside the EOC and spent the morning gathering information and asking questions about capabilities and considering various ways amateur radio might enhance public safety and community preparedness.

"This definitely isn't what most people think of when you think of amateur radio," said Campbell. "I am absolutely amazed at what they can do. With their new technology, there's no doubt they can help save lives and make a difference," said the Mayor.

Mayor Campbell issued a proclamation proclaiming the week as Amateur Radio Week and the Walton County Commission also passed a resolution last week recognizing the same. Walton County Commission Chairman Sara Comander said, "I've been in that Emergency Center at the height of the storm and seen them at work. I know amateur radio works."



Walton County ARES EC John Blaisdell briefs DeFuniak Springs, FL Mayor Bob Campbell on the many benefits of the D-Star radio system and other methods available to amateur radio operators during emergencies in the community.



DeFuniak Springs, FL Mayor Bob Campbell issues an official proclamation proclaiming Amateur Radio Week in the city.



Rodney Ryals KJ4JAH, (right) senior member of the Walton County Amateur Radio Club, shows Andrew Shirah, 13, KM4CZI, how to operate an HF radio as his mom, Kristen, KF4CHK, look on. Both, Ryan and his mom are licensed amateur radio operators.

# **Milton Amateur Radio Club**

## **21ST Annual Section Convention Ham Fest**

(The Best Ham Fest in North West Florida)



Santa Rosa County Auditorium  
4530 Spikes Way, Milton, FL

Talk in 145.490 100Hz T

**\$ 2,000.00 in Prizes**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (2016) Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Vendors: 8:00 AM Vendors: 7:00 AM

General Public: 12:00 PM General Public: 8:00 AM

Close: 8:00 PM Close: 1:00 PM

Admission: \$6.00 per person (Ticket Good for Fri & Sat)

Tables: \$ 12.00 per table (Tables Good for Fri & Sat)

Tailgater: \$ 7.00 (Also Good for Fri & Sat)

(Limited Tailgate Area – 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served)

FCC Examinations

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9:00 AM

Additional Information: <http://www.miltonarc.org/>

# PENSACOLA HAMFEST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

PENSACOLA FAIR GROUNDS  
6655 Mobile Hwy Pensacola, FL 32526



Sponsored By:

## Five Flags Amateur Radio Association

Talk-in 146.760 -100hz

**Admission** \$5 - Tables \$15 - Tailgate spaces \$5

RV Spots No hook up \$10

**Set Up** Friday September 23rd 10am-5:00pm

**Hamfest** Saturday September 24th 8am-3pm

**Grand Prizes** :YAESU FT991, YAESU FTM100DR, ICOM718

**For more info:** Pensacolahamfest@gmail.com

Contact - Dave WA2MVH, 850-393-0836

Exam Testing 1:00pm

[WWW.W4UC.ORG](http://WWW.W4UC.ORG)

To Purchase tickets and Register Table Early fill out sheet below. Make Checks payable to FFARA  
Mail checks to FFARA @ P.O. Box 1223 Gonzales, FL 32560

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Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Prize Ticket (\$1 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Table (\$15each) \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Hamfests

- July 8-9, 2016— Milton ARC 21st Annual Section Convention Hamfest, Milton, FL, <http://miltonarc.org/>
- July 16, 2016 – Florida Traders Net Tailgate, Orlando, FL <http://esrcvacuumtubes.com>
- July 23, 2016 – LARCFEST, Lakland, FL <http://lakelandarc.org>
- August 20, 2016 – TARCfest, Tampa, FL <http://hamclub.org>
- September 16, 2016 – The ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference, St. Petersburg, FL <http://www.tapr.org> **NEW!**
- September 24, 2016— Pensacola Hamfest, Pensacola Fair Grounds, Pensacola, FL , <http://w4uc.org/>
- September 24, 2016 – Pasco County HamFest, Odessa, FL <http://sarcfl.com> **NEW!**
- October 7, 2016 – Florida State Convention (Melbourne Hamfest), Melbourne, FL <http://PCARS.org>
- November 5, 2016 – LARA Tailgate, Tavares, FL <http://www.k4fc.org> **NEW!**
- November 12, 2016 – SPARCFest 2016, Pinellas Park, FL <http://www.sparc-club.org>
- November 12, 2016 Flamingo Net/University of Miami ARC Free Flea, Coral Gables, FL <http://www.FlammingoNet8m.net>
- November 19, 2016 – Cy Harris Memorial Free Flea, Oakland Park, FL <http://browardarc.net/free-flea>
- December 9, 2016 – West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest), Plant City, FL <http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>



## FCC Testing Information

### Amateur Electronic Supply

- Monthly on the second Saturday
- 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 621 Commonwealth Av, Orlando, FL 32806
- Click: [map](#)
- For more information and registration, contact AES at [orlando@aesham.com](mailto:orlando@aesham.com) , 407-894-3238

### 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](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](mailto:np2mr@yahoo.com) in advance of the meeting.

### Suwannee ARC **\*\* New\*\***

- First Tuesday of the month prior to the meeting
- Saturdays available with advanced notice
- N4SVC, 9707 58th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060
- [www.suwanneearc.org](http://www.suwanneearc.org) for more information

## Section Nets.....

For net details go to [www.arri-nfl.org](http://www.arri-nfl.org) and select the Nets

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	147.120, (+), PL 100Hz	Monday, 2030
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

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QFN CW Traffic Net	3547 Winter (7105 Summer)	Daily, 1900
Santa Rosa County Skywarn Net	146.700, K4SRC Repeater	Monday, 2000
SAR NET	<a href="http://sarnetfl.com">http://sarnetfl.com</a>	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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