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Steve's Take:

**NFL Section Manager
Steve Szabo, WB4OMM**



Greetings North Florida Hams!

Welcome to

The GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!

Hamcation has come and gone! And what a Hamcation it was! Kudos to Peter, Lidy, John, Mike (and the plethora of other folks) that make this a top-shelf, high class event. The weather was absolutely spectacular the entire three days – and the attendance was too! OVER 19,000!!!! Now third place in the world for participation (Behind Tokyo #1, and Dayton #2). Great news for them and congratulations!

Our NFL Section Forum Saturday morning set a record too – by the sign-in sheet, 73, and by count over 90. The “tent” was filled and there were at least some 20-30 folks **outside** that stayed for the forum. We had many special “guests” in the tent – including the ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher NY2RF, Division Director Greg Surratt W4OZK, NFL Section Newsletter Editor Marty Brown WB2VYK and her husband, Wayne N4FP. NFL Section Webmaster Bert Garcia N8NN, WCF SM Darrell Davis KT4WX and SFL SM Jeff Beals WA4AW. National Director of QCWA, Ken Simpson W8EK; President of 10-10, Tony Webb N0TW; SMs from Georgia, Alabama, Frank Butler W4RH, Rick Palm K1CE, Bob Inderbitzen NQ1R from ARRL.....and the names just went on and on (I know I’m missing many more, please forgive me in the effort to keep this reasonably short!). It was a grand get together, and I am so proud that so many of you came to it! THANK YOU!

I saw lots of our Section members/ARES folks who visited me in the ARRL booth. A large number (I’m going to guess 30-40) of appointees and leadership folks said, “Hi”, and we got to visit even if it was for only a few minutes. Those of you that couldn’t make it missed a wonderful gathering over the weekend.

On another note, longtime Section Traffic Manager Don Duckett N9MN is stepping down and will become Assistant STM, and ASTM Tom Housworth K1ØJO has been appointed as STM.....best wishes and good luck Tom! If you have the

chance, please send Don a “THANK YOU”, and Tom a “WELCOME”. These fellas work tirelessly in the background with no fanfare, and do a wonderful job!

On a not so good note, I got a message from ARRL HQ today....about some rumors that are going around about the OO Program, the ARES Program, and the NTS program. Seems like these things always take on a life of their own!! Rest assured, there are no plans to “terminate” these excellent programs, and the ARRL will actively solicit input from members, appointees, and participants for change – yes, as with any programs there are folks looking to enhance programs, but no changes have been made, and there are no immediate (like next month!) changes planned. So please help by not “spreading it” – if there is something you heard that bothers you, ask me. As many know, I am VERY reachable! If I don’t know, I will ask.

That’s all for now.....I am in the scheduling stages for visits right now starting in April, with Orlando ARC, and DEARS (Disney) at the top of my list.

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

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM

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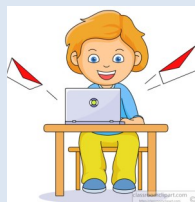
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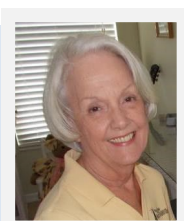
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HamCation 2017 Wrap-up

John Knott, N4JTK
President, Orlando Amateur Radio Club



If you didn't make it to HamCation this year, you missed an absolute great show! The weather was perfect! Clear skies and cool mornings led into warm (but comfortable) afternoons! Not a drop of rain during the 3-day event. The HamCation committee deserves a round of applause for a job well done this year.

I must take a moment to shine a spot light on a couple of key individuals. Peter Meijers, AI4KM and Lidy Meijers, KJ4LMM have been an absolute blessing to HamCation for 10 years. Both Peter and Lidy stepped up to the plate years ago, and brought HamCation to the 5-Star event it is today. Peter's leadership to the committee and Lidy's hospitality with exhibitor's and attendee's alike, accounts for the absolute banner year for HamCation!!

At last night's OARC Board Meeting, Peter announced that HamCation 2017 had another record year with **19,000** in attendance. That's 2,000 above last year which shows significant growth and HamCation's potential each year of growing. This year's record numbers currently make HamCation 3rd place in the world for Hamfest attendance. Previously we were tied for 3rd with Friedrichshafen.

Tokyo = 37,000*
Dayton = 25,000*
Orlando = 19,000
Friedrichshafen = 17,000*

*= 2016 attendance

Without Peter's leadership and Lidy's hospitality, this growth would not have likely happen.

Peter announced at last night's Board meeting that he is retiring as the HamCation Chairman. He has served for 10 years and 9 shows. Peter had planned on retiring at the end of the 2016 show, but I asked if he would stay on one more year, which he agreed. As the President of OARC, I'm extremely sad to see Peter retire, but totally understand that after 9 shows he

felt it was time for a little rest! Lidy also announced her retirement from Chairwoman of Advance Reservations.

We owe both Peter and Lidy a heartfelt Thank You for the 10 years they dedicated to HamCation. It goes without saying, "we have big shoes that need to be filled". Peter and Lidy, **THANK YOU** for your service towards HamCation the past ten years! Peter's final statement was to recommend the next HamCation chairman. He strongly urged to recommend Michael Cauley, W4MCA as the next HamCation Chairman.

Michael brings with him 7 years as the Tailgate Chairman, 6 years as the IT Chairman, 1 year as the Finance Chairman, several years working in security and tickets. Michael was also Peter's Vice Chairman for the past two years. At last night's Board Meeting, I appointed Michael as the next HamCation Chairman and the Board voted and approved the appointment. Congrats to Michael!

Please plan on attending the OARC/HamCation picnic on Saturday April 29 at Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs. If you have any great "Peter" stories, please bring them to the picnic and share them.

I cannot say it enough, **THANK YOU** Peter and Lidy!! Thank you, thank you, thank you! And to the 2017 HamCation Committee, the 150 volunteers, and all of the vendors and attendees Thank You for making the 2017 Orlando HamCation a banner year!!

Planning for HamCation 2018.....starts now!

John Knott, N4JTK
President
Orlando Amateur Radio Club
www.oarc.org

Introduction to Emergency Communications class in Pensacola

Joe, KF4DVF, Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Escambia County, FL

There will be an EC-001 – Introduction to Emergency Communications class held in April here in Pensacola. The class is very good for new ARES members as well as experienced radio operators.

Membership in ARES, ARRL, or any amateur radio clubs/associations is not needed or required to attend this class.

Dates: April 22 and 29 (two Saturdays – it is a two day class)

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Escambia Search and Rescue building – 9530 Nims Lane, just off of Nine Mile Road near US29.

Class is **free**.

Students who wish to take the final exam must pay \$15.00 to do so (or opt out and not get a certificate of completion). Cash is the preferred method of payment. Payment is made to the instructors at the class.

Prerequisites – IS-100 and IS-700 ICS courses. You just need to provide your date of completion for these courses when you attend the EC-001 class. They are free mini-courses offered at: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

If you would like to attend, please let us know by replying to this e-mail: EscambiaCountyARES@live.com or EscambiaCountyARES@outlook.com



Digital Emergency Communications

Gordon Gibby, Kx4Z MD

On February 21st, I gave an hour long presentation on Digital Emergency Communications to the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society.

We also gave away copies of the book (<https://www.amazon.com/Amateur-Radio-Digital-Emergency-Communications/dp/1541109341/>) I wrote to every attendee; this was a driving reason to write the book, because it is nicer and cheaper than zeroxing.....there was a lot of interest. I had FOUR go-boxed stations on display including a working simplex-store-and-

forward voice repeater..... almost no one in the room had ever seen one of those before! I used a vacuum tube Heathkit to demo digital --- to demonstrate this can be done with almost anything.

Dave Welker from Ocala has been mentoring us in Hospital Emergency Communications -- 15 people in his group! -- and I just finished FEMA 120a and will begin writing our May Hurricane Exercise with "injects" in NIMS style.

We now have a dual-frequency bridging vhf packet station and are able to link Ocala (which is cut off from SEDAN) back to Gainesville. We have just had a Williston fellow to bring a station up and that may in the future provide a redundant link. We now have THREE vhf winlink servers in Gainesville, and likely will have a new HF server (or more) this year as people begin to mature in their knowledge base.

And it looks like Jax has approved our MOU with the local Red Cross.....perhaps that will begin to get more settled now and skills and assets will develop instead of acrimony.....



Click for a link to the presentation.

General/Extra Class 2-Weekend Bootcamp, May 13/14 May 20/21, 2017

Gordon L. Gibby MD KX4Z

(This will be my first General/Extra Class course. I've taught 2 Technician Courses so far. My experience includes 2 degrees in Electrical Engineering and >40 years as a ham. I run 3 WINLINK stations, have built multiple ham radio transceivers / amplifiers / antennas, and CW or PSK31 is my favorite mode. I have now built six packet repeaters.)

Each participant will receive:

Used SWR meter suitable for HF (\$15) (unless I run out!!!)
EMP-prevention gas discharge surge arrester (\$3)
HF antenna for the band of their choice (or multiband) \$12
30' transmission line \$15
Voltmeter (Harbor Freight) \$5

\$50 --- so this is the charge for the course.

We will eat lunches together and possibly suppers. Bring food money / sack lunch or whatever.

The following labs are tentatively scheduled:

- Make HF contacts in multiple modalities
- Construct HF antennas
- Construct directional VHF antennas
- Learn how to properly tune a non-broadband HF transceiver
- Adjust HF antennas for resonance using SWR bridge or Antenna analyzer
- Design and build transistor microphone preamplifier
- More usages of a VOM than you can count
- Smith Chart Introduction
- Quarter Wave Stubs
- Homemade antenna tuner
- FLDIGI
- How to tune a linear amplifier
- Series / Parallel Resistors / tuned circuits
- Building Antenna Traps

Address is Gordon L. Gibby MD KX4Z; 15216 NW 41st Avenue, NEWBERRY, Florida 32669.

Phone 352 331 6639.

Subdivision STEEPLECHASE off of CR 241 just north of 39th Avenue, 4 miles west of I-75 exit 390.

Gate code is #0352 (pound sign is important)

Contact ggibby@anest.ufl.edu 352 331 6639 to register

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Current license/class: _____

DBARA WINTER FIELD DAY RESULTS, DENNIS BURGOYNE WD3B

TOTAL QSO	318
CW	144
PH	174
SECTIONS	61
DX	5
CANADA	6
PR	1
CLAIMED SCORE	10,982

The Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association (DBARA) combined their efforts with the Volusia Amateur Radio Emergency Service (VARES) to set up and operate during Winter Field Day on the grounds of Florida Hospital New Smyrna in New Smyrna Beach Florida. Operating 60 utilizing a variety of radios and antennas including the DBARA trailer mounted Tri-Band, Full size G5RV and Mini-G5RV, verticals and other wire configurations we were able to stay on the air for nearly the entire 24 hour period. The weather turned nasty with a cold rain during the overnight Saturday and into much of Sunday morning requiring operators to bundle up. This event was used as an emergency communications exercise for the Hospital. Overall the operation was a success with 318 unique stations contacted in 39 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, plus 4 Canadian Provinces and 5 DX QSO's. This event could not have been successful without the participation and assistance of Florida Hospital New Smyrna leadership and members of both organizations participating during set-up operation and clean-up.

Dennis Wd3B



QCWA Suwannee Chapter 62 Presents Awards

Chapter President & National Director Ken Simpson, W8EK

QCWA Chapter 62 in Ocala Florida met for their regular meeting on February 23 at the China Lee Buffet on East Silver Springs Blvd. Twenty members and guests were in attendance.

The program for the meeting was the presentation of certificates. With the certificate presentation, each recipient spoke about their first station that they set up. We discovered that both W4FID and W8EK built Heath DX-60's as their first transmitter. The odd part was that in both cases, the DX-60 was furnished by their grandfather as a gift for getting their ham license.

Certificates were presented to
Dick Schauer, W8DYV, 50 year, 55 year, and 60 year
Charles Lukas, W1DOH, 60 year
Marty Webb, KR4VS, 60 year
John Wiley, W4FID, 55 year
Ken Simpson, W8EK, 55 year and Century Club
Wayne Brown, N4FP, Century Club
Not able to be present was Greg Crossman, WE0D, 55 year

Our next meeting will be April 27. Chapter 62 meets on the fourth Thursday of the even numbered months at the China Lee Buffet, 3743 East Silver Springs Blvd, in the K-Mart Plaza in Ocala, FL. We also have a net on 3940 KHz at 9 AM Eastern Time every Saturday morning. Please join us!



Chapter 62 President and National Director Ken Simpson, W8EK, presents 50 year, 55 year, and 60 year certificates to Dick Schauer, W8DYV

Ken Simpson, W8EK, presents 60 year certificate to Charles Lukas, W1DOH



W8EK presents 60 year certificate to Marty Webb, KR4VS



John Wiley, W4FID receives 55 year



Wayne Brown, N4FP, receives Century Club Award from W8EK



QCWA National Director Sue Simpson, N8AJU presents 55 year certificate and Century Award to Ken Simpson, W8EK

My First Rig...

NEW COLUMN IDEA...

QCWA Chapter 62 Continues....

QCWA National Director and Chapter President, Ken Simpson W8EK, came up with a great idea. Everyone who received a certificate (see page 5) at the meeting was asked to say a few words about their first rig. John Wiley, W4FID, was kind enough to put his story in writing for **QST NFL**. Thanks, John and Ken, for a great idea. Perhaps we have some readers out there who would care to share their "first-rig story," or an early ham radio experience. Send it along to wb2vyk@gmail.com. If you have a picture, we'd love to see it.

Marty Brown, WB2VYK
Editor

John Wiley, W4FID
QTH, Ocala, FL

When I got my general (Jan 1962) I was 15. I suggested to my dad that maybe it was time to upgrade my novice station with a rig that had a VFO and plate modulation. That an Eimac AF-87 and PMR-8 would be nice. Fit on my desk easily enough and could be in the car for when I got my driver license and on vacations. He told me I needed a different plan. Get what I wanted for the house but forget about ever being in the car -- when I drove or on vacation there wouldn't be any ham stuff. So I did the bicycle mobile thing. This was before HTs when it became easy. Got a tin box from an industrial Johnson and Johnson first aid kit and built a 6aq5 final/6aq5 modulator and a 6c4 oscillator and a 1610 crystal. Powered it with a WWII dynamotor. Had a clunky huge heavy bicycle so I mounted a car battery on it and a Quaker Oat Meal box with 20 coats of varnish for the coil and a CB

whip. Used my Radio Shack (it was Allied Radio back then) 6 transistor radio detuned to 1810 KHz (it was Kc back then) with the battery switched in/out for muting. All I had to do to go around a corner was lean. The momentum did the rest!

Later I cut school one day and went to downtown Chicago with a couple buddies to Newark Radio. They had a big ham section and a studio with Collins and Hallicrafters in it for up scale customers. The salesman decided we were harmless geeks and let us in there. Saw a KWM-2A. Transceivers were new then. I was in love! But I did the math and it was what I earned on my paper route in about 9 years. So the urge was unfilled for a while. 41 years later as I retired and planned my move to FL I decided Collins was the way to go for retired hamming and made arrangements to meet a guy at Dayton and buy his. Doesn't get any better than rag chew on Collins and a Collins tee shirt at a QCWA meeting.



John Ellis, NP2B Has Classic Radio Article in January QST

QST NFL Contributing Editor, John Ellis, NP2B, has moved into the "big time." His article on the Hallicrafters SR-160 was published in the January 2017 issue of **QST** (page 103). Rumor has it that there are more to follow.



February Activities for the North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC)

Ron Mahn, FCC Amateur Radio Call Sign KI5FR
President, North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC)

Hello from Crestview Florida! The North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club was active again in February.

Our activities started with our club meeting on February 9. We discussed the rescheduled support of the Davidson Dash 5K/10K Race on Saturday, February 11. The club is working towards the goal of setting up an operations center for each of our events and decided this was the place to start. We have high hopes of creating checklist and guides which will allow any club member to lead an activity and make it a success. Also, we went into full planning mode the NOARC Picnic scheduled for February 25th. In addition, we made our first buy of club shirts. They are yellow polos as a standard color and help in easily identifying club members at club events. We hope to have additional styles in the future. We had 21 members at the meeting, pretty good since Hamcation started the next day.

As mention, NOARC supported the Davidson Dash 5K/10K Race on the 11th. Led at the last second by Rich N4DPM, we assisted the Crestview Police Auxiliary by monitoring traffic and identifying hazards with partners from the Crestview Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Other club members participating included Rob KM4SPJ, Scott KE6LEC, Ralph KM4JJS, Jim AJ4XK, and Ron KI5FR. Rob was at our operations tent and while the event went well, we did learn a lot of lessons for the future.

Monday the 13th, members of the club went over to the club property to clean it up for the upcoming picnic. Scott KF6LEC, Kathy KM4YOH, Mike KK4LLS, Rob KM4SPJ, Alex KC7MEX (and his son Chris, and his daughter in-law Leslie), Steve KJ4RWD, Shirley KK4PUG, Milt KZ4AAA, Mike KK4KRZ, Craig KK4WRD and his Janita, Ben KD4NHT and Steve N4GXX worked quite hard to make the lot Picnic Ready! There are a couple of pictures to show the results.

The club spent the time between the cleanup and Tech Night Planning for the upcoming picnic. On Tech night held February 23rd, Daniel KK4VAX gave us a presentation on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR). While it is less prevalent in the panhandle than in East Florida and down the peninsula, Crestview does have a DMR repeater. Discussion about DMR continued long past Tech Night. Thanks Daniel! We then spent the remaining 15 minutes finishing picnic plans.

On February 25th, it was finally time for the picnic. Everyone pitched in to make it a success! We had burgers and dog, sides and deserts. We had 2 HF radios and a VHF/UHF radio as well as a sound system! Mike, KK4LLS even made sure we had sanitation facilities for our undeveloped lot. We started setting up a little before 10:00 and the last of the cleanup was complete around 3:30. I estimate we had about 60 people including club members, families, friends and people from the neighborhood. We even had one of our city councilmen, J.B. Whitten stop by to visit. All in all, a great day of friendship and fellowship!

Before I close, I would like to welcome new club members Glade KC9RCX and Rick KK4WDR. Look forward to having you with us!

I want to close by inviting all of the readers to come by our club meeting and Tech Nights. Our business meetings are the second Thursday of the month at Live Oak Baptist Church (LOBC) at 4565 Live Oak Church Road, Crestview FL (GPS Coords 30.705177, -86.564285). Our Tech Nights are on the fourth Thursday of the month Jan – Oct also at 7:00 at LOBC. Please see our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthOkaloosaARC/> or our website, www.W4AAZ.org for more updates. See you next month!

NOARC Picnic

February 25, 2017



Club members near the end of their work.



We had a great turnout for the NOARC picnic.



Mike KK4KRZ making contacts on one of the club radios at the picnic.



Craig KK4WDQ, Bob N4CE, and Milt KZ4AAA working HF during the picnic.



No, Kathy KM4YOH did not get this injury kicking us into gear!



Scott KE6LEC struggling mightily as his XYL Kathy KM4YOH looks on.

***The Martin County Amateur Radio Association presents the
42nd annual Stuart Hamfest***

Florida's largest FREE Hamfest

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Martin County Fairgrounds

2616 SE Dixie Hwy (A1A), Stuart, Florida 34996

FREE Admission

FREE Parking

FREE Tailgating

Commercial Vendors (10'x10' space, 2-8' tables, 2 chairs - \$25)

Everyone at the hamfest will pass your booth at least twice during the day!

Inside Swap tables (10' space, 1-8' table, 2 chairs - \$20)

Good Food Forums ARRL VE License Exam Session

Acres of FREE tailgate space available.

Stunning Prizes Available

Grand Prize – Icom IC-7300 HF/6M Transceiver

Second Prize – Kenwood TM-V71A VHF/UHF Mobile Transceiver

Third Prize – Yaesu FT-60R VHF/UHF Handheld Transceiver

Plus hourly prize drawings - Only **1800** Prize tickets are available.

You do not have to be present to win the major prizes. Major prizes will be shipped anywhere in the lower 48 US States if you are not at the hamfest.

Prize tickets are available for a donation at <http://www.stuarthamfest.com>



Talk-in on 147.060 MHz, +600 offset, no PL.

Driving directions at www.stuarthamfest.com

Club information is available at www.mcaraweb.com

For more information contact:

MCARA Hamfest Chairman

PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34995

hamfest@mcara.com

Phone: 772-349-7820

Self-contained RV parking is available – no hookups.

Check the web site for any deals on local lodging.

*** CQ FLORIDA HAMS ***

The 2017 **Florida QSO Party** will be held April 29 and 30; we sure hope you'll join us by activating your FL HF stations – home, club, school, mobile and rover all welcomed. Let's make all 67 counties RADIO-ACTIVE

DETAILS: The Florida QSO Party

Object: Everyone works Florida, Florida works Everyone
Activate and work ALL Florida counties
Have as much FUN as possible!

When: **April 29 & 30, 2017**

Two ten hour operating periods, with a ten hour break:
Saturday, April 29 1600Z (Noon EDT) - 0159Z (9:59 PM EDT)
Sunday, April 30 1200Z (8 AM EDT) - 2159Z (5:59 PM EDT)
20 Hours total

Exchange: RST and County (Florida stations)
RST and QTH (State, Province or Country for non-FL)

Where: 10, 15, 20 and 40 Meters
CW : 28.035, 21.035, 14.035, 7.035 MHz
SSB: 28.485, 21.335, 14.260, 7.195 MHz
(Approximate center frequencies; lots of activity spreads out from there!)

At least 15 Mobile stations will be on and most can be found here:
CW: 7.025-7.035, 14.040-14.050, 21.040-21.050, 28.040-28.050 MHz
SSB: 7.180-7.190, 14.265-14.275, 21.340-21.350, 28.480-28.490 MHz
If you are not mobile, *please* refrain from calling CQ in these windows.

Categories:
Single Op, Multi Op, Multi-Multi, Mobile, Technician and School.
Three power levels: QRP, Low, and High Power.
Use CW, SSB or both.

20th Anniversary Special Event Award- 2017 FQP Spelling Bee!

In honor of our 20th year we will have a record 20 1x1s stations, 2 per letter, to spell **FLORIDA SUN**.
Contact at least 10 of these official 1x1 stations whose suffixes spell "**FLORIDA SUN**" to earn this award.
The callsigns and hosts will be announced on the FQP website soon.
All 20 stations will be on both modes full-time and should be very accessible. QSL via KK3Q direct/bureau.

Prizes: Beautiful color Certificates for top participants
Plaques for top finishing entrants.

Web Site: <http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/>

Detailed rules, mobile routes, past results, plaques, county maps and much more!

TAKE ACTION!!!

Florida Stations of all types – please go to the FQP website and register your fixed, mobile, rover and 1x1 Spelling Bee operations; just click on the "Counties On the Air" link to get started – thanks!

Any questions or feedback? Please feel free to contact me via e-mail: cqdenx4n@gmail.com
THANK YOU in advance for making the 2017 FQP another terrific event!

73, Chris, NX4N, on behalf of:

Chris, WF3C and Dan, K1TO – President and Past President
Florida Contest Group, proud sponsors of the FQP since 1998

The Gainesville Amateur Radio Society presents the **GAINESVILLE HAMFEST**

Saturday April 29, 2017 at The First Baptist Church of Waldo

14370 Kennard Street (SR-24) Waldo, FL 32684

Show Time: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Vendor Setup Time: 6:45 am – 8 am

Admission is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Advance ticket sale information is available until April 22, 2017 from garspresident14@gmail.com. For all ticket requests, please include a **self addressed-stamped envelope**, #10 – business size.* Tailgater's admission is \$10 for the car and driver and then door admissions are required for all other passengers.

INDOOR VENUE

For the first time we are offering inside space for Commercial Vendors. Contact the GARS Hamfest Chairman, Advanced Registration **IS** Required. *

(12' space, 2-6' tables, and 2 chairs -\$ 20) This includes 2 admissions.

Inside swap tables are available for non-Vendors.

(10' space 1-6' table with 1 chair - \$10) Admission required at door.

FCC License Examinations will be held inside the event hall. **One session will be scheduled only at 10:30am sharp.**

Food is available for sale inside the event hall.
DOOR prizes and a Grand Prize will be awarded.



Talk-in 146.820 -600 offset PL 123.0
For more information contact:
GARS Hamfest Chairman
Larry Rovak – WB2SVB
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201-697-7721

Or

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352-317-2820



Northern Florida STM Reports for February 2017

Tom Housworth KI0JO Section Traffic Manager

Station Activity Reports

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KI0JO	593
KZ8Q	218
KA1G	115
KK4BNL	67
WD3B	45
WB4RJW	44
WC4FSU	44
N9MN	42
W4NFG	29
N3JUY	16
KJ4G	12
K4LSB	10
K4HGH	6
K4JGA	3

Public Service Honor Roll

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
WD3B	145
KF4DVF	129
KI0JO	120
K4JGA	120
WC4FSU	110
KA1G	100
KK4BNL	95
K4LSB	90
KZ8Q	90
WB4RJW	90
N9MN	88
KJ4G	72
N3JUY	68
KJ4HGH	56

Brass Pounders League

CALLSIGN	TOTAL
KI0JO	593



Nets

NET	ABB.	QNI	QTC	QND	SESS	MGR
Florida Phone Traffic Net	FPTN	1237	173	737	28	WC4FSU/
Northern Florida ARES Net	NFARES	1906	42	792	24	W4NFG
Northern Florida D Star Net	NFDSN	60	4	69	4	W4NFG
Northern Florida D-Rats Net	NFDRN	43	0	66	4	W4NFG
Florida Mid Day Traffic Net	FMTN	300	53	276	27	K4EEI
Tropical Fast Net	TFN	449	150	416	28	W2PH
Volusia County Traffic Net	VCTN	260	30	482	28	WD3B
Gulf Coast VHF Training Net	GCVTN	795	27	433	28	K4QBH
Seminole VHF Traffic Net	SVTN	469	1	584	27	KG4QCD
North Florida Phone Net	NFPN	2177	5	793	26	AI4GF
Lake County ARES	LCARES	164	12	179	12	N4KXO
Walton County Amateur Radio Club	WCARC	345	12	215	12	K4NDJ

Upcoming Hamfests

- March 11, 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!**
- March 18, 2017 – Stuart Hamfest, Stuart, FL <http://www.stuarthamfest.com>
- March 25, 2017 – Titusville Tailgate, Titusville, FL <http://titusvillearc.org> **NEW!**
- April 15, 2017 – Flamingo Net UMARC Free Flea, Coral Gables, FL <http://FlamingoNet.8m.net>
- April 15, 2017 – Gulf Coast ARC Annual Hamfest, Hudson, FL <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org> **NEW!**
- April 15, 2017 – TARC, Tampa, FL <http://www.hamclub.org> **NEW!**
- April 22, 2017 – Spring 2017 Cy Harris Free Flee, Oakland Park FL <http://browardarc.net/free-flea/> **NEW!**
- April 29, 2017 – Gainesville Hamfest, Waldo, FL <http://gars.net>



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
- www.suwanneearc.org for more information



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1. Spread the word about our website www.arri-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.
4. **Contact: Marty Brown WB2VYK, wb2vyk@gmail.com**

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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
Friendship ARC—Ocala	146.61, PL 123	Monday, 1600
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 (-) (127.3)	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

Section Nets, continued.....

QCWA Suwannee Chapter 62, Ocala	3940	Saturday, 0900
QCWA The Villages Chapter 217	443.150, PL 103.5	Friday, 1000
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, 1915 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, 1900
Traders Net	3.933	Sunday, 0800
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, 1900

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