



# **QST NFL**



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## ***Steve's Take:***

***From the NFL Section Manager, Steve Szabo WB4OMM***

The results are in!!! This month's issue reflects the new name that members voted for.

**Lou Mecseri KE1F in Palm Coast** will be receiving a 2014 ARRL Handbook for his winning submission – congrats Lou! (See the Newsletter Naming Contest Results on Page 2)

I had the honor of attending a few of the closer holiday banquets that were held in in December in our section. I had a great time, met lotsa' friendly folks, and watched with appreciation all of the participants enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of the "social" aspect of the Amateur Radio Service. I did a short summary on each that you can read in the following pages in this Newsletter.

Like most folks, January 1<sup>st</sup> always brings New Year's Resolutions.....so here's mine for the NFL Section:

- Get the NFL Section Communications Plan updated by the end of this year
- Get an up-to-date net & repeater listing on the NFL WebPage (January Start)
- Attend the Orlando Hamcation all three days (February)
- Attend the Playground ARC Hamfest in Ft. Walton Beach Hamfest (March)
- Participate in the Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise (May)
- Participate in my own Group's Field Day on Saturday and visit at least one other groups site on Sunday (Most likely the Spring Hill ARC in Brooksville). (June)
- Participate in the ARRL Set (October)

Coupled with my local group's Daytona 500/Speedweeks Special Events Operation in February; the Florida QSO Party extravaganza in April, and the various contests and field trips, it looks like I'll be quite busy this year! I am also planning on visiting several more Affiliated Club meetings throughout the year in the NFL Section and I still work.....maybe too ambitious?? Nah! I like it busy!! And so far, it's been FUN! Thanks to all for the warm welcome no matter where I go!

I must say, every hamfest, tailgate, meeting, and banquet - whatever I attend - continues to keep my interest because of the great folks/groups that I meet! Positive people, lots of activity, and great work. I am proud to represent our section, and thank you for the privilege of serving!

***EVERYONE COUNTS!***

***73, Steve WB4OMM***

***No Editorial This Month!***

**Looking for a Newsletter Editor!!**

Our initial editor, Harry K2BBM, has resigned as he is moving from the section. If you have a few hours to spare, a computer with Microsoft Windows, and an imagination, consider taking the job!

The pay is great (none), benefits terrific (none), and opportunity for advancement stellar (none)!

Zip Steve WB4OMM an e-mail if you are interested..... [wb4omm@arrl.net](mailto:wb4omm@arrl.net)

**The Newsletter Naming Contest  
Voting Results**

***The results are in! Here are voting breakdowns of the responses from SurveyMonkey:***

<u>Answer Choices</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Votes</u>
QST NFL	42.11%	40
The North Florida Jawbone	20.00%	19
DITS AND DOTS	18.95%	18
The Wave	14.74%	14
Jawbone (The ARRL-NFL Section Newsletter)	2.11%	2
DITS	1.05%	1
The Jawbone	1.05%	1
Total Votes		95

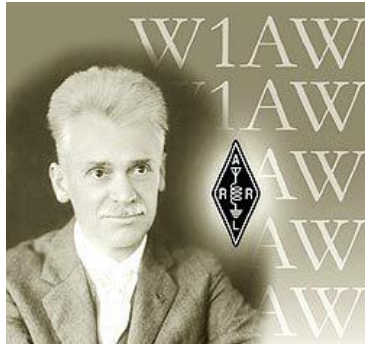
The Winning submission was from Lou Mescari KE1F.

**The Traders Net**

The Traders Net meets every Sunday at 8:00 AM on 3.933 MHz. Please join us for equipment and friendship. Thanks!! Carl, AA4MI

## ***From the ARRL***

W1AW has visited each of the 50 states and at year's end has been on the air from every state at least twice.



The [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](#) kicked off January 1 for a year-long operating event in which participants can accumulate points and win awards. December 31 was the last day to work the W1AW portable stations or accrue points for working ARRL members, officials and staff.

**NOTE: January, 2015, we will recalculate all scores to come up with final scores. Recalculating will allow points to be earned for QSOs made with stations that weren't yet in the database logs in LoTW.**

**NOTE: Log deadline: All logs for QSOs made in 2014 must be submitted through LoTW by January 15, 2015**

## **NOARC Christmas Party (West Panhandle District)**

From Bob Walker N4CU, North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club

Great Christmas party. Glad to see the faces behind the calls.



Representation from Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton, not to mention Texas and Tallahassee. Attendance was 65. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered food and labor. Some announcements: Retired Section Manager Appreciation for Rudy Hubbard WA4PUP; NOARC 2015 President Ron Mahn KI5FR; and VP Alex Barth KC7MEX. Also, a remembrance for one of the founding members of NOARC, E.Y. Mock WB4CDR.



***NOARC "Jimmy Whitaker" Ham of the Year Award was presented to Bob Walker N4CU***

## **Orlando ARC/Orange Co ARES Christmas Party**

The OARC and Orange County ARES Christmas Party was on December 6, 2014, 6:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5727 Cornelia Avenue Orlando, FL.







The 100+ attendees brought a large volume of small unwrapped toys that were donated to Toys for Tots to the Christmas Party – two young United State Marines were present at the event. Several awards were presented to members for exceptional service during the year.

The food was great, but the dessert table was SPECTACULAR...complete with Santa's sled sporting a whip antenna, and his "antenna, tower, and shack" that produced audible Morse code!! (Spelling, "Merry Christmas").



NFL Section Manager Steve Szabo WB4OMM attended and relayed the Season's Greetings to both groups.

## **NOFARS/RANGE/Duval Co ARES Christmas Banquet**

The North Florida Amateur Radio Society Christmas Dinner Meeting was held on the regular NOFARS meeting night, December 11th, at Arden's Restaurant, 4555 St. Johns Ave. near Hamilton--a block or so west of Roosevelt Blvd. near FSCJ Kent Campus.



The buffet dinner meeting included members and guests from NOFARS, Duval ARES and RANGE. Newcomers, family members and visitors were invited and present too. A crowd of 105 folks, the largest gathering in many years! Several awards for outstanding member service were presented to those in both the NOFARS and Duval ARES organizations. NFL Section Manager Steve Szabo WB4OMM attended and relayed the Season's Greetings to all three groups.



Attendees again participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program promoted by Mike Buresh. Just like last year, we filled up Mike's van with Christmas presents, unwrapped Christmas gift for children.

NOFARS President Randy Bahr, KI4RHQ presented dual "Ham of the Year" Awards to the married team of Janet Purvis KA4REZ and John Purvis KA4REY for many years of excellent service to NOFARS.





## Flagler Emergency Communications Association Holiday Celebration



The annual Flagler Emergency Communications Association Holiday Celebration was held at Joe's NY Pizza and Pasta at 1070 Palm Coast Parkway NW on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 PM. Some 20 members and guests attended for an evening of friendship and food.

NFL Section Manager Steve Szabo WB4OMM attended and relayed the Season's Greetings to the FECA group.

## Daytona Beach CERT ARC Christmas Party

The Daytona Beach CERT Amateur Radio Club held their annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6pm at Houligan's Sports Grille on Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange, attended by 22 members and guests.



This year's recipient of the "Golden Gas Wrench Award" (The DB CERT ARC equivalent of the "Ham of the Year") went to Darryl Peterson, AB8GU.



NFL Section Manager Steve Szabo WB4OMM attended and presented Darryl with his award, assisted by last year's recipient, Frank Haas KB4T.

*Great food, great people = great time!*



## **NFL OO Coordinator Makes the Rounds!**

On November 18, 2014 Rick Lloyd AA4W, the NFL Section Official Observer Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Official Observer Program to the Palatka Radio Club with 18 members present; on November 20, 2014 he gave a second presentation to the Orange Park Amateur Radio Club with 35 members present.

Rick administers the OO Program in the NFL Section. Every month, NFL Section OOs send Rick data from their efforts that Rick forwards to the ARRL Amateur Auxiliary.

Both presentations were received well. Special thanks to Rick for his extra efforts! Contact Rick with any questions on the OO Program at: [rick\\_lloyd@bellsouth.net](mailto:rick_lloyd@bellsouth.net)



## Marion County Web Page Update

Carl Berry, KC5CMX

AEC Public Information, Marion County ARES®

Merry Christmas!

I have been redesigning our ARES website. One of the things I have found are the audio feeds from ARRL. They are now on the footer on our website, including the ARES feed. You can see the changes at <http://aresmcfl.org/http://aresmcfl.org/>

## JaxEmComm and Web Page

John Reynolds, W4IJJ

Crown District Emergency Coordinator

Jaxemcomm is a support organization for groups in Northeast Florida that help amateur radio operators provide emergency communications in times of need. Jaxemcomm provides financial and educational support to [Duval County Amateur Radio Service](#) and other local organizations. Those groups, in turn, assist appropriate served agencies such as the American Red Cross, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management and local hospitals with communications in times of emergencies. Jaxemcomm will soon be a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. Look us up! [www.jaxemcomm.org](http://www.jaxemcomm.org)

## Northern Florida Section Web Page:

<http://arrrl-nfl.org/>

