

**Section Manager's Message**  
**August 2016**

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

I had a blast at the Milton Hamfest! What a fine event! A good turnout, good weather (a bit hot, but the building was air conditioned), some of the best Hamfest food around. And what a warm welcome I got not only when I arrived, but the throughout the whole event. A rousing success!!



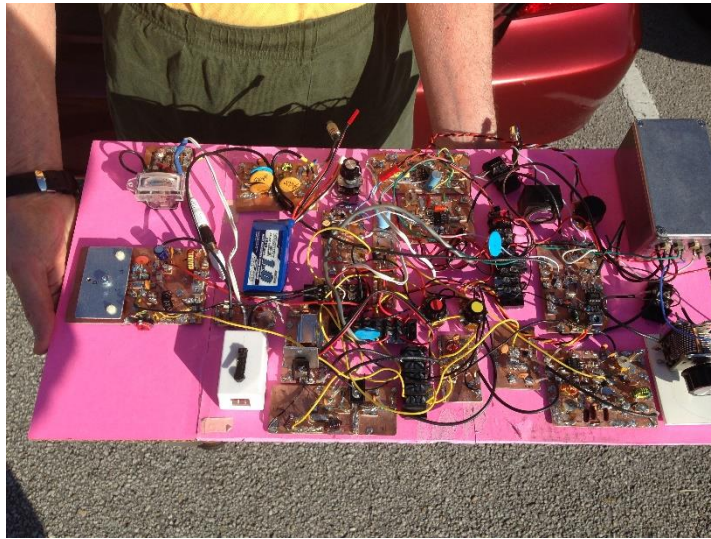
**Milton Hamfest 2016**

I also got to spend time with my "ham radio hero" the one and only **Frank Butler W4RH** – we had a great visit.



**Frank W4RH and NFL SM Steve WB4OMM**

This past weekend on Saturday, I joined the great folks with the Central Florida QRP Club in Sanford – a light turnout but these folks are dedicated – you have to be dedicated to brave the 110+ heat index to work outdoor portable QRP CW in Florida! One of those intrepid folks **Walter Legan KA4KXX** brought a homebrew “modular” 40M 5W CW transceiver he had been working on – it is amazing! And it works!!



Finally, the next day (Sunday) I also had a great visit with QCWA Citrus Chapter 45 in Casselberry. I got there a few minutes late (due to the never ending delays on the I-4 “parking lot”) but got to say hello and pass on ARRL information to the group there. Another fine group of hams. It is wonderful to meet so many friendly and talented hams in my travels. While some of these “field visits” are a bit long (the Milton Hamfest is an 8-hour one-way drive for me), it is always worth it! THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME TO YOUR FUNCTIONS! Hams are WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

Kudos again to our fabulous media team of Newsletter Editor – **Marty Brown WB2VYK** [wb2vyk@gmail.com](mailto:wb2vyk@gmail.com) and Webmaster – **Bert Garcia N8NN** [n8nn@earthlink.net](mailto:n8nn@earthlink.net). I cannot express how much these two do to make our section good, and keep us informed. While I’m at it, check out the new Winlink2K information on the web page [http://arrl-nfl.org/?page\\_id=1456](http://arrl-nfl.org/?page_id=1456), courtesy of **Gordon Gibby KX4Z** – great stuff!

**New appointments this month:** EC Suwanee County **Dave Phinney K4VLF**; Official Observer **Bob Cumming W2BZY**, Official Relay Stations **Bob Straughn WR4FSU**, and **Helen Straughn, WC4FSU**. 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://arrl-nfl.org/?page\\_id=2781](http://arrl-nfl.org/?page_id=2781) .

*My scheduled visits to Hamfests and “tailgates”, club and ARES meetings for August: **NONE (Vacation!)***

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!!

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve WB40MM".

**73, Steve WB40MM**