

June 1, 2016

ARRL-NFL Section Manager's Message

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

It has been another busy month.....again! And I love it!! Not a large amount of news, but here's what's happenin'.

I got to visit with the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society in Winter Springs and North Florida Amateur Radio Society in Jacksonville – and saw many, many NFL folks in Dayton! I checked more cards in the RadioSport booth than I remember in a long time, got to speak with ARRL HQ folks, and hob-nob with at least 8-10 other Section Managers present. There was a Section Managers meeting too. All in all, a very educational trip and lotsa' fun!

As always, Marty's June edition of *QST NFL* is again chock full of information! Take a look at this excellent "rag" that is produced by Marty Brown WB2VYK on the NFL Web Page – administered by our official Webmeister, Bert Garcia N8NN at <http://arrl-nfl.org/>

Pretty much all of our EC positions are filled (in counties that have ARES groups) and all of the Section Leadership appointments are filled. Please welcome the following folks to their new positions:

ARES County Emergency Coordinators:

Hernando County – Ron Wright N9EE

These and all of the Section Officials can be located on the NFL Web Page - http://arrl-nfl.org/?page_id=2781 .

The Statewide Hurricane Exercise was a great success according to the State Liaison. Initial reports noted poor propagation on HF (both 80M and 40M were exceptionally bad), but the SARNet system worked great. Many groups "relayed" messages to other groups to get the response in the system.....and it worked! No "official" word yet, but look like 26 counties reported in – not too bad! Many also checked into the NHC activity with info and WX reports. THANK YOU to those who participated! More will be distributed as soon as we can get the data.

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS TOMORROW JUNE 1ST!!!! Get Ready!

I have no scheduled visits to Hamfests and "tailgates", club and ARES meetings for this month.

I will be participating in the prep and operations of my own local group, DB CERT ART for Field Day – both days this year. The next big trip will be the Milton Hamfest, July 8 and 9. Hope to see you there!

The 2016 ARRL Field Day event, the weekend of June 25-26 – start preparing! I have asked for a State Proclamation form the Governor – I am still waiting on it – I will post/provide as soon as I receive it. More on Field Day here: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> .

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

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

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