

August 2015 Section Manager's Message:

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR MONTHLY REPORTS TO STRAIT HOLLIS KT4YA, NFL SEC!!!!!!

The [August 2015 NFL Newsletter](#) is available, as is the [North Florida SEC DEC EC July 2 2015 Update](#).

Earlier this month on July 1, 2015, I celebrated my first year as the Northern Florida Section Manager.

During my “campaign” for this position early last year, I commented at all of the meetings and events, that, “it would not be the last or only time folks saw or heard from me”. As promised, I have made it a priority to visit with clubs, ARES groups, and events to show my support for the NFL Section’s members. My biggest challenge is the huge geographic footprint of our Section and the large number of hams, clubs, groups and events! The Northern Florida Section is the 11th largest section of the 69 US Sections – and many of those other sections are entire states! From my home in SE Volusia County, to the Western edge of the Section in Pensacola, is almost an 8 hour drive – again, in many cases, more than the size of many states! As such, I have planned and calendared visits to various areas of the Section to the best of my ability. In the last year, I have made some 52+ meetings, events, conferences, hamfests, tailgates and conventions; my 2014 Nissan has over 9,800 miles of travel for Section related trips!!! Simply amazing! The time has just flown by...

KUDOS to our Southeastern Division Director **Doug Rehman K4AC** and Vice-Director **Mike Lee AA6ML** for getting the Orlando Hamcation designated the ARRL National Convention for 2016! This is a “big deal” in more ways than one! The ARRL will have a “huge” (think of the last two Dayton events) entourage present at this event. If you haven’t been to Hamcation lately, this is on you won’t want to miss! I encourage everyone in the Section to attend if at all possible! Make a great showing next February!

I am continuing to support The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301. We need your support – here is the web page for more information: <http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301>.

A reminder, the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is coming soon.....get ready! And most schools open in a few short weeks, so watch out for the kids!

Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

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