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Steve's Take:

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



Whew! What a whirlwind month!

I had the pleasure of making several club meetings, a convention, and Hamfest all in one month! And I enjoyed every minute of it!

First trip Lake Monroe ARS – a warm welcome and great attendance! Next, an adventure in to the “Western Wilds of the Florida Panhandle”, to the North Okaloosa ARC. Another great meeting!

I attended both days of the Milton Hamfest with my good friend and mentor Frank Butler W4RH and Gerry Gross WA6POZ (DXCC Card Checker). The turnout was great, and we got three DXCC Card Checks done. Lotsa' folks stopped by and said, “Hi”.

I stopped by the Mobile County Hunters National Convention held at The Villages – and while in the area, also attended The Villages ARC Meeting.

*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>*

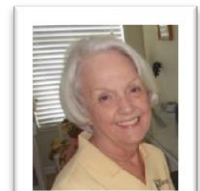
Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM

From the Editor:

Marty Brown, WB2VYK



The QST NFL Challenge

My thanks to Steve for giving me the opportunity to take on the QST NFL challenge. While Steve and I will continue to keep you abreast of the things you need to know, what makes this publication interesting is what is going on with you. The best way to find out is to keep in touch with our section clubs. During the next few weeks I'll be contacting clubs and introducing myself. It is easy to get information to me at wb2vyk@gmail.com. Send information about your events and include pictures!

A little bit about myself. I was licensed in 1966, and the OM is Wayne Brown, N4FP. We retired to The Villages, FL, 4 years ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed participating with The Villages Amateur Radio Club (TVARC). I have served on the TVARC board as Secretary and President. I got started editing Ham Radio newsletters back in the 1970s with the Virginia Ham and The Southern Peninsula Amateur Radio Club newsletter, Spark Gap. Back then I pounded them out on a Smith-Corona portable! On the air I'm strictly CW or PSK 31. Rigs include a Flex 6300 and an ICOM 7000.

I look forward to hearing from you. Let's make this one more Ham Radio fun project!

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ON THE AIR:

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

Clay County ARES Net

Comment: Clay County ARES Net meets every Sunday evening on 146.925 Tone 156.7 at 19:30 local. This is the "Sleepy Hollow Repeater" located near Fleming Island, Florida. All Amateurs are welcome to join the net. For more information, contact Scott Roberts KK4ECR at kk4ecr@gmail.com

The North Florida ARES Net

AS PROPAGATION HAS BEEN SO POOR ON 75 METERS (3.950 MHz) WE WILL MOVE THE NFARES NET TO 7.242 MHz ON 40M AND USE IT AS THE PRIMARY FREQUENCY. WE WILL USE 3.950 AS THE SECONDARY AT LEAST UNTIL CONDITIONS CHANGE. THIS CHANGE IS IMMEDIATE. THANKS & 73, MAC/W4NFG NFARES NET MGR.

Florida Hurricane Net

The Florida State Wide Hurricane Net started Monday April 27, 2015 at 21:00 EST on REF037C. Bob, N6USP will continue to be the Net Manager – net is every Monday at 2100 EST on REF037C.

QCWA Chapter #45

QCWA Citrus Chapter 45 operates its state of the art repeater, W4PLA, on 147.195 MHz and conducts a net every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM local time. Also we now offer an Echo link connection every Tuesday. The link is "W2AS-L" and the node # is 627152. If you are a QCWA member (any chapter!) feel free to join us!

September 12th & 13th is the Annual "Summits-on-the-Air" Activity Weekend

North America SOTA Activity Weekend 2015 is a casual event involving tiny battery-powered radios on mountain summits. Not a contest but intended to introduce "Summits on the Air" to newcomers who try to work summit operators during one or two days. There are no rules regarding power levels, modes or number of bands worked; please be courteous when more than one station is trying to talk to a SOTA operator on a summit. Check SOTAWATCH.org to spot who is on which mountain. Summits are numbered, and you can hover your cursor over the number to see the name and point value for each summit. Participants are invited to collect points toward certificates and trophies offered by the thirteen-year-old international SOTA group (SOTA.org.UK). As we learned in past years, this is a barrel of fun for both hill climbers and home operators. See you then!

The folks at WWW.NA-SOTA.ORG

ARES and NFL Appointment News

No changes in the ARES Organization or NFL Section Appointments to report.

SM Travel for September 2015:

ARRL HQ – SM Training Session – Sept 17th - 20th
No planned visits.....



W4DXCC Convention

(Checkout the [W4DXCC.com website](http://W4DXCC.com))

The W4DXCC convention is coming together nicely. The team has been working very hard to get everything just right for your visit September 25th and 26th. If you have not already made your hotel reservations or called Rosie for convention/banquet tickets then it is time to get that done. The Mainstay reports rooms are going fast and so are the Banquet tickets. So please call now. **(865) 428-8350**

This year besides all the great presenters and presentations we have an Elmering session all day Friday called **Ham Radio Bootcamp**. Friday Ham Radio Bootcamp doors open at 800 for registration and class starts at 830. We start out very rudimentary and finish strong with stuff every ham should know. This will surely interest the experienced ham and is a must attend for the new ham. In the lobby just outside of the conference hall are amateur radio equipment vendors that are there to answer your questions. Take your time asking questions and twist the knobs on your favorite equipment. Questions? Send an email to info@w4dxcc.com, we will do our best to answer them. I hope to see you, your friends and the family this year.

All the best 73

Dave Anderson, K4SV
W4DXCC Team Leader

Amateur Radio Parity Act

John NP2B has already sent a "stack" of letters to our elected representatives. We will continue to provide this "reminder". John says.....

Well, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act" has now been introduced in the U.S. Senate as S-1685. And what this means is MORE LETTERS! Dan Henderson of the ARRL called me to discuss this and HR-1301 (the letter most of you already signed). He says that they have only delivered 5 letters to representative Nugent with regard to 1301. Well, soon he will be getting more than 40 more! Dan assured me that these letters DO make a difference.

So with that in mind, send one to Senator Bill Nelson and the other to Senator Marco Rubio. I would ask that you print out each of these letters, sign them and print your name and address below your signature and return both of them to me. They are similar in nature but they refer to separate bills (HR-1301 for the House and S- 1685 for the Senate). I'll take care of getting them delivered to the proper people.

LETTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NFL SECTION WEB PAGE:
<http://arrl-nfl.org/>

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Submitting Items to QST NFL

Submitting your club events and pictures can be done by sending them via email to Marty Brown, wb2vyk@gmail.com. Word documents work best, and pictures should have a .jpg extension. Contact me with any questions.

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