

January 2016 Section Manager's Message

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

A happy, safe and prosperous New Year to You! I hope your 2015 Christmas Holiday was grand. I wonder how many got that new "toy"??? (My Bengali Key never arrived..... ☹!)

I was very happy to return from the wilds of Northern Maryland in the second week of December and attend three holiday extravaganzas.... the Orlando Amateur Radio Club, The Flagler Emergency Communications Association, and my own Daytona Beach CERT Amateur Radio Club. I not only had the pleasure of great food but enjoyed the company of many great folks and significant their others..... and I again thank those that sent me invitations that I could not make. I am sure they too were successful. No matter where I went, everyone seemed to genuinely enjoy the festivities.

After some careful thought and consideration, I will be submitting the documents for nomination as the NFL Section Manager for the next term starting July 1, 2016 (Wow! Has this two-year term flown by!). I hope I have earned your support in my efforts; and if not, please let me know how I can! While much has been accomplished, there is much more to be done.

Next month, the 2016 National Convention is hosted by the OARC in Orlando – really, a big deal! There will be many forums and booths for ARRL and related activities, and just about all of the ARRL staff will be present. OARC puts on a class show, so make plans to attend! There is an ARRL banquet planned for Saturday night, along with a Wouff-Hong Ceremony and other "national convention only" events. Take a look at <http://www.hamcation.com/> or <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-expo> for more information.

I have attached the current ARES Roster (a few changes in AECs) for your use.

I will be contacting some of the Section Appointees again in the next few months, as I have several positions "filled" but never hear anything from these folks. We have lots of active members, so that doesn't detract from the Organization, but I would like to get folks that have more time or desire to "get in the mix".....we also have some slots open, that I would like to see filled.

Let's make 2016 a great year for Ham Radio! Get involved, get active, get happy!

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

I hope to see you at the Orlando HamCation/ARRL National Convention next month!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM



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