

Section Manager's Message
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Greetings North Florida Hams! **Welcome to the GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!**

If you missed the 2018 Orlando HamCation – you missed a great Hamfest!! The weather was the best I've seen in years, there was so much ham radio stuff in the tailgate and swaps building that the transactions were fast and furious the entire weekend. The food was really good too! Large crowds with happy, smiling faces told me everyone was having a good time.

The ARRL Forum on Saturday morning was a great success, with 90+ folks (that I could count) attending. It was a nice, pleasant forum and lots of information was shared by me and the other SMs present (all but one in our Division), the ARRL Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt W4OZK, and ARRL President Rick Roderick K5UR. The ARRL "expanded" booth inside the commercial area stayed busy too! Thank you to all of you that stopped by to say "hello" to me in both locations.

Speaking of hamfests, on Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society is sponsoring its Annual Spring Hamfest (Radio Amateur Flea Market). It's a mix of outdoor sales of used radio equipment by radio amateurs (Tailgaters) and indoor sales of new parts and equipment by vendors. Breakfast and Lunch will be available through the food concession. Admission is \$7 at the door and \$5 in advance. Children under 12 are free. Located at the First Baptist Church of Waldo-14370 Kennard Street (SR-24) Waldo, FL 32694. <http://www.gars.club/hamfest/hamfest.pdf>

I have plans to visit a few more clubs/groups before the end of my term in June. I am also going to be at Dayton (Xenia) again this year.


Not much else going on right now.....

Please continue to send in the EC Monthly Reports to the NFL Web Page http://arrl-nfl.org/?page_id=4787 unless otherwise notified by me. It's important to document our activities.

Check out our fabulous NFL Section Web Page <http://arrl-nfl.org/> - our spectacular Newsletter (March Issue) is there for all to enjoy!

Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!
73, Steve WB4OMM



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