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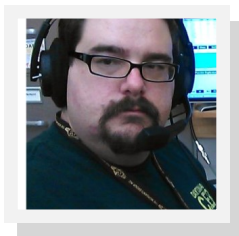
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Kevin's Take:

NFL Section Manager
Kevin Bess, KK4BFN



Greetings North Florida Hams!

Welcome to the GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!

Wow, it's been one month into my term as SM, and I'm still getting used to things. Between trying to fill a few spots, work, and still adjusting to the SM role, I've been busy! I meant to go to Milton this past month, but I didn't plan it right. I also was planning to attend OARC's meeting, but ended up having to work late. It was one of those nights where I didn't get home until after 10 PM! I am planning on attending OARC's meeting this Wednesday, August 1st (at 7:30 PM), and making sure my project manager doesn't send me to Timbuktu or something!

As for upcoming hamfests, Pensacola's Hamfest is going to be in September, on the 21st and 22nd. (Website: <http://www.pensacolahamfest.com/>) I would love to go, but if I did it would probably be a Saturday only. Also, we have the Bahia Shiner's Tailgate happening on the 22nd as well, from 8 AM until noon. (Website: <http://radio.bahiaashrine.org/Tailgate.htm>) If I don't do Pensacola, I will probably go to this one.

As for the section, there have been some new appointments and confirmations. First, I have assigned Karl Martin, KG4HBN as the Section Emergency Coordinator. He has done a great job as EC for Volusia County, and I'm confident he will do well as our SEC. Secondly, we have Doug Ritchie, KF5BCX as the PIO for Walton County, and last but not least, Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, as Section PIC.

For those following HR 555, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, I'm sorry to say that the language for it has been removed

from the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Parity Act would grant radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities the right to install effective outdoor antennas. (Source: <http://www.arrrl.org/news/parity-act-options-open-despite-removal-from-defense-authorization-act-conference-report>) It's important to know that there are still other options to see the Parity Act succeed, so let's not give up hope yet!

Well, that's all I have for this report. I want to bid everyone a good day, and close by saying "Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air (no matter the mode), and have fun!" Amateur radio is the greatest hobby, and I am proud to be a ham!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Kevin KK4BFN

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Wildfire! Two New Leaders Guide Alachua County ARES Through Spring Exercise

by Gordon Gibby KX4Z

John Troupe KM4JTE and Vann Chesney AC4QS took the reins of Alachua County ARES for the Spring Exercise, creating a “WILDFIRE” test scenario with Gainesville partially reduced to cinders, eventually taking out repeaters, towers, and even the local WINLINK HF Gateway! Hams were tasked with coordinating communications to the Emergency Operating Center from a Forestry Service staging area to assist in managing shelter and evacuation operations. [ICS 201: <http://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/2018/ics201%20Waccasassa%20Wildfire%20word.pdf>]

John and Vann livened up the operation by coordinating with Mike Sherrill KB4MS of the Florida Forest Service to provide an **air-conditioned tower trailer**, with its 100-foot tower elevated to no-guy-wire 50-foot height. That provided an elevated 2 meter vertical and also a high rope to hoist one of our homebrew Buc*master clone multiband inverted-V antennas. The day before our Exercise, the Florida Forest Service provided a briefing to demonstrate how that powerful trailered-tower system works.

But John and Vann then arranged for Kevin Rulapaugh KE4NVI, Region 3 MARC unit director, to setup up **his** 100-foot tower (also to 50 feet), and conduct a full briefing for the volunteer hams about the vast emergency capabilities of the MARC system right after our exercise. Talk about having antenna perches available! [See pp 34ff <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/Documents/SERP.pdf> for information on the Florida MARC units.]

Exercise Saturday, June 9th started with our traditional breakfast at a local eatery. Then 10 volunteers converged on the Waccasassa Forestry compound--one of whom, Alvin Osmena KM4DLF, was recovering from a motor-vehicle crash with a broken jaw. After a briefing, everyone gathered up their gear, and our new, bound ICS-Forms & Reference books, and headed out to create COMM UNIT 1, COMM UNIT 2 and Incident Commander positions, as well as staffing the Emergency Operating Center located 2.8 miles to the south. Following ICS procedures and particularly using ICS-214 forms were stressed.

Bands & Modes: In keeping with this year's goals, much of the operation was carried out on HF, with VHF backup for tactical comms. We used 10 meters for much of the HF work, due to limitations of our EOC antennas. It also allowed Technicians full involvement. This worked wonderfully for the 2.8 mile point-to-point communications to the EOC. Modes included 2-meter FM voice, 10-meter PSK31 for tactical and messages, WINLINK via gateways and also peer-to-peer. Two meter simplex was used extensively, particularly after an “inject envelope” indicated our primary repeater had “burned down.” Formal ICS213's and other messages were passed multiple different ways for additional practice. “Human repeating” with an ad-hoc mobile COMM UNIT 3 was also employed. Everything worked on short distances (miles).

At this point in the sunspot cycle, **long-distance HF communications were another matter**. It is a lot easier to make “any random contact” on HF than it is to reach a *specific station at a specific time*! On June 9th, there were **zero sunspots**; the SFI was below 70, and there hadn't been any sunspots for several days. The only downside we did avoid, was a solar storm!! This was emergency HF practice in almost the *worst conditions possible*, at a solar cycle absolute minimum. Only our HIGHEST hf antenna worked for distant contacts: two of our stations utilized WW4MSK gateway in the north Georgia mountains to down-load/upload WINLINK email, on 40 meters. Our lower inverted-V and long-wire antennas at roughly 20-25 feet just didn't work well in those conditions during the heat of the day.

Travel Trailer Debut: A couple of our members worked dozens of man-hours to partially refurbish a 17-foot travel trailer and equip it for radio operations with built-in PowerPole connectors, and coax bulkhead thru connectors. It proved to be a *very cool and comfortable environment* with air conditioning via 3.4 kw RV generator. A real refrigerator was powered by a soundless sinewave inverter.

Areas for Improvement: Several were of course discovered, particularly the need for HIGH hf antennas when there are zero sunspots. We found we were handicapped by having three powerful HF stations so

Wildfire (Continued)

close together --- had to coordinate use of different bands to reduce chances of receiver damage. For some of our volunteers, this was their very first try at peer-to-peer WINLINK, and there were a few hiccups, as people gained expertise.

At the lunch/hotwash session at a nearby Sonny's a happy crew reviewed the entire operation, listing the

successes and discussing solutions for the failures. John Troupe and Vann Chesney are busy writing our after-action report/improvement plan, which may get published on Amazon alongside our previous reports. Barring a hurricane (!) our next Exercise will be the Fall Simulated Emergency Test. We expect to have two new leaders managing that exercise, as we continue to grow our leadership expertise, skills, assets & strategies.



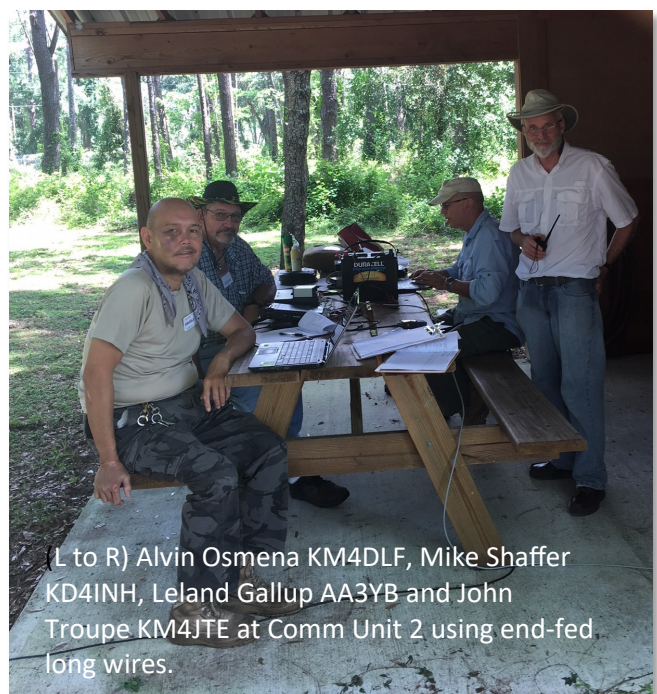
Morning Briefing, with ARES hams and MARC Unit Firemen. Forestry briefing was the day before.



Two 100-foot towers and a refurbished travel trailer with a fiberglass mast. All with air conditioning.



Stuart Kaye WZ0T and Vann Chesney AC4QS enjoying the Forestry trailer air conditioning at Comm Unit 1.



(L to R) Alvin Osmena KM4DLF, Mike Shaffer KD4INH, Leland Gallup AA3YB and John Troupe KM4JTE at Comm Unit 2 using end-fed long wires.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) Before, During and After the Emergency

Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, Northern Florida Section PIC



(Most of the information in this article can be found in various places on the ARRL website. It is not new information, but information that we should all be familiar with.)

The PIO is typically the “publicity person” for the ARES organization during emergencies. No matter the size of your ARES group, it is recommended that each organization have a PIO as part of your organizational chart to handle media and public relations during an emergency activation. (If an organization does not have a person who has the title of “PIO,” then that role most likely will fall to the Emergency Coordinator.)

Let’s look at some of the responsibilities of a PIO:

Before the emergency:

The PIO (or EC when there is not PIO) should always have a collection of general brochures on Amateur Radio as well as information about local amateur radio groups. Information on the number of amateur radio operators in your area as well as how many are supporting the emergency or event that you are participating in, is also good information to have on hand. This information can be put into a kit that can be distributed to local media. *(As an example, in Clay County, Florida, we put together a website that the media and public can go to – this site was put together specifically for Field Day, but was also used during Hurricane Irma – <http://www.aresfieldday.info>)*

During the emergency:

During an emergency, it is the job of the PIO to be available to the media and public officials – other members can work the radio or nets, the PIO needs to work the media. Most counties have an active Emergency Operation Center (EOC) or Joint Information Center (JIC) where the media will be to gather the most current information during an event. So, during these events it is the PIO’s job to be where the media will be, have accurate information about the Amateur Operators supporting the event, or know where to get the information. Remember, that as an ARRL ARES PIO, it is NOT our job to give the media information about the actual event – it is our job to only supply them information about our organization and how we are supporting the event – always refer the media to the PIO for the served agency regarding questions about the event or situation.

The PIO should keep in constant communication with the local Emergency Coordinator as well as Public Information Coordinator about current situation.

The PIO should always be ready to talk to the media – this means being well groomed and having a neat clean appear-

ance. When you talk to the media, you are representing your ARES organization, the ARRL and every amateur radio operator. Your clean, appropriate appearance will go a long way to make a positive impression to the media about Amateur Radio.

If the PIO cannot be available to speak to the media during the event for any reason, then a form such as <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Media%20&%20PR/Media-Info-Summary.pdf> should be used to supply information to the media.

Always be sure to get the name and contact information for each public official or media representative, so that you can follow up with them about the current situation or future events that your organization may be supporting. This is one of the best way to build your contact list and build relationships with your local officials and media.

After the emergency:

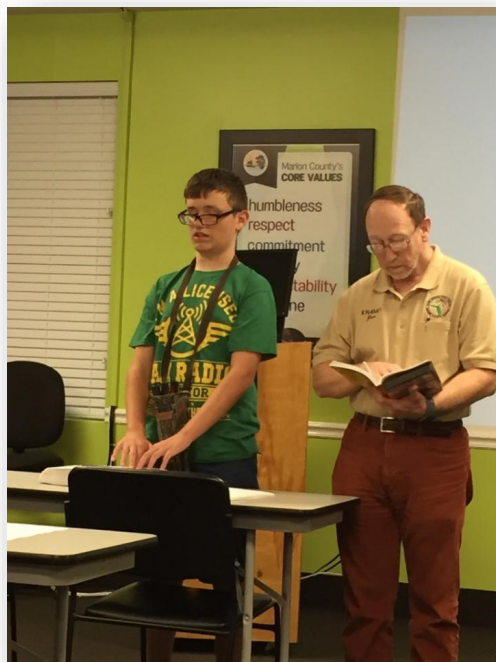
“After the emergency” is almost as important if not more important than “During the emergency.” Follow up is crucial. Contact the media members that you spoke with and see if they have any follow up questions. Thank them for speaking with you during the emergency (even if none of the information that you give to them is published). Keep in contact with both the public officials and members of the media about future events or emergencies that you participate in. Keeping your name as well as the name of your organization in front of them will keep them remembering who you are, and that you are there to support them when needed.

Being the PIO for your ARES organization can be very rewarding. Being able to be in front of the community, the public officials and the media, allows you the opportunity to promote Amateur Radio, your ARES organization, as well as the fact that you are there to support them when they need you the most.

If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in being or wants more information about being the PIO for your organization, please have them contact me at kk4ecr@gmail.com

KN4NSA Talks About His Amateur Radio Licensing Journey

Marty Brown, WB2VYK, Editor



In the July issue of **QST NFL**, we brought you the story of Allan Burgess, KN4NSA. Allan, who is visually impaired, recently passed his Technician Class license during a test session sponsored by the Silver Springs Amateur Radio Club (SSRC).

SSRC was pleased to have Allan and his Dad, Jim KN4MIV, now SSRC members, present a short program discussing some of the ways that Allan prepared for the exam. In the picture to the left, Allan is using a Braille Technician manual, while his Dad follows along with the print version. Allan also used audio downloads and CDs to enhance the learning process.

Allan attends the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (FSDB) in St. Augustine. He is 13 years old and just completed the 6th grade this year.

Left—Allan Burgess KN4NSA and his Dad, Jim KN4MIV

Hog County Amateur Radio Association Offers VE Exam Sessions Starting in September

Gene King KI4LEH, President

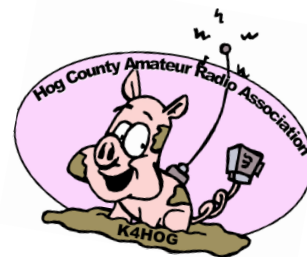
We are proud to let you and the wonderful folks covered under ARRL's North Florida Section QST Newsletter know that the Hog County Amateur Radio Association will start offering VE Exam Sessions.

We have designated a VE Team Liaison who is Bobby Smalley – KX4RS. We have also assembled accredited VE's creating a team who will be available to test for Technician, General or Extra Class Licenses.

We will kick off our VE Exam Sessions on Saturday, **September 1, 2018**, starting at 11:00 AM. Then the first Saturday of each month thereafter, from 11:00 AM. Our exam location will be at the Cross Connection Church – 1451 West County Road 476, Bushnell, Florida 33513.

We encourage potential examinees to contact us to RSVP or ask questions via email at SummerVE@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome however, we prefer you to RSVP.

All are welcome, so if you all know of someone ready to give the Technician Exam a try for them to get into our wonderful hobby then please let them know; if they are willing to make the drive, we are willing to serve. Also for those who may be looking to upgrade to a General or Extra Class License, come on by and let us help you out.





AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE N4EMA WALTON COUNTY FLORIDA

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS SERVING THE WALTON COUNTY COMMUNITY JULY 2018

Dear Fellow Ham:

We are very pleased to advise that your Walton County ARES team was just given a generous donation by the Walton County Emergency Management Agency. The equipment donated includes rugged high-end portable solar panels, wind generator and mast, solar battery interface/chargers and several encased 100 Amp Hr. lithium battery packs with integrated electronic controls and cabling. In addition we were donated a multiport switch and modem, with a full satellite communications dish, designed for trailer or vehicle-top stowage and deployment.

Your ARES team wishes to further engage with all of Walton County, north, south, west and east. As we endeavor to support the community, Walton County ARES is equipped with multiple pelican-case go-kits featuring VHF and UHF analog and digital communications capability for rapid deployment in times of emergency. We would like your participation to boost our capability. We would especially like to offer our communications support in non-emergency local events in your area, primary or backup, for foot and bicycle races, parades, group hikes or walks, and so forth. We will be embarking on an outreach effort and wanted you to be aware of it and to see if you will join us in this effort.

Perhaps you have done ARES or RACES work in the past and like several long-time county residents and a new -to-the-area local South Walton ham, want to help Walton County ARES in this endeavor. Did you know that one Walton County ARES ham owns and maintains a Winlink RMS radio to email messaging hub, that was significantly employed for radio-to-internet email communications by the unprecedented FEMA/ARRL deployed hams in Puerto Rico in 2017? Or that Walton County ARES meets monthly at the Walton County EOC ("the bunker") in DeFuniak Springs for training and group discussion? And maintains an ARES HF, UHF and VHF amateur station in the EOC as a service to our public agencies and officials?

If you know of an organization that might like the free services of Walton County ARES ham radio volunteers, let's talk about it. If you know of a person, persons or organizations willing to assist in the acquisition of a small enclosed trailer for our newly received equipment, or perhaps a used van/ambulance/truck or similar, please let us know.

On behalf of all ham radio operators and Walton County ARES, thank you for taking the time to consider our undertaking. We hope to hear from you.

Thanks and 73,

John Blaisdell
W4CJB (DeFuniak Springs)
Walton County ARES Emergency Coordinator

Doug Ritchie
KF5BCX (Santa Rosa Beach)
Walton County ARES Public Information Officer
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Alachua County EOC Technician Class Scores Big!

by Gordon Gibby KX4Z

When Alachua County Asst. Emergency Manager Jeff Bielling invited our ARES group to hold a Technician Class, we jumped on the chance, picked a date and got the ball rolling toward a two-Saturday, marathon-style training. As usual, our goal included not just going over the Technician question pool, but outfitting the class with actual radios, and immersing them in amateur radio.

Since we're an emergency services group, it was natural to use the ICS-201 to lay out the planning details all in one place – where, when, who, what type stuff – of how we would set up the course. (<http://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/2018/TechnicianCourseICS201--.pdf>) We had to apportion the time between 6 different instructors taking on the various Technician sub-elements, to make it all **click**. Jeff Capehart W4UFL alerted us to excellent ARRL resources – we used their PowerPoint slides that go over every question of the latest Tech pool. Free Libre Office software allowed us to doctor up the basic slide set by **bolding** and **enlarging** correct answers on the “solution” slides, add many, many photos to illustrate items and concepts, and additionally add slides to explain two great local clubs and their goals and accomplishments. For some of our instructors, using office automation software in itself, was a new learning experience!

On top of the slides, we brought in enough radios, props and gear to cover 20 feet of tables! Fishing line zinged through trees to support a “V” style off-center-fed dipole using one of the 4:1 center baluns recently built in our LunchN Labs. Every participant got a Baofeng transceiver pre-programmed with over 80 frequencies, including many Federal interoperability systems and resources (with transmission disabled).

The results were phenomenal. Not only did multiple members of the State Region 3 MARC (mutual assistance radio communications) team attend, but also the Asst. EM, and the 2nd-in-command of the Sheriff,

who wanted to get back the ham license he held so many years ago. New-at-this instructors and Logistics Chief found their footing over the course of 16 hours of live action. There were zillions of demonstrations and hands-on activities, along with frequent breaks and 2 memorable lunches (actually DONATED by the Logistics Chief!). Sounds of digital, voice, and CW filled the air whenever a free moment occurred. Leveraging VHF WINLINK, we sent emails right to participants' cell phones, which always impresses people! For the EM crew, we made a digital HF SHARES connection right to the State EOC Gateway, using NVIS. A mini field-trip outside to see our HF antenna was followed by actual construction of inexpensive and somewhat EMP-hardened slim-jim antennas, which we use to further introduce them to coax, SWR, antenna analyzers, and real soldering. No appliance operators here! All of this built much stronger bonds between our volunteer group and the local emergency management and Sheriff professionals, who were quite vocal in their appreciation of the training we conducted. “When is your General class?” was the question.

The local volunteer examiner team, led by Allan West WA4JD, graciously held an exam session immediately after the course, and we will have 7 new Technicians and one new General (the MARC unit leader came prepared to upgrade). About that same number joined ARES and the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society on the spot. A fabulous success, and a few more will pass at the regular August testing session.

Our hard-working instructors included Rosemary Jones KI4QBZ, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Susan Halbert KG4VWI, Gordon Gibby KX4Z, John Troupe KM4JTE, Leland Gallup AA3YB and Shannon Boal K4GLM, along with XYL Debra Boal KI4CVS. Thanks to all their help, we were able to have 16 hours of live instruction for the first time, with no need for internet videos to rest our voices!

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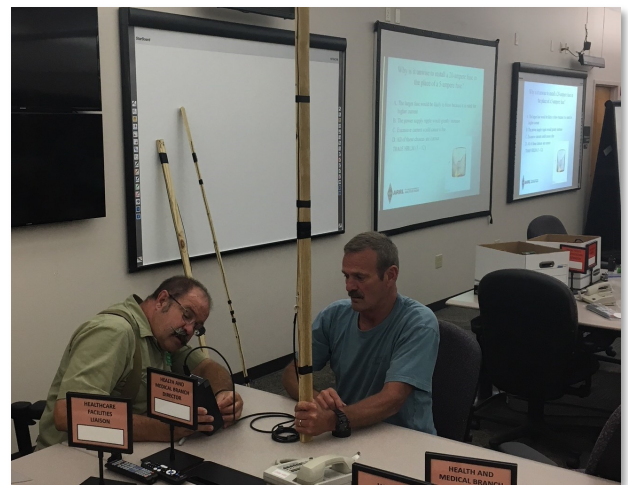
Technician Class (Continued)



Class participants with the antennas they built themselves.



Retired ophthalmologist John Troupe KM4JTE explains “modes” with a plethora of ham radio gear available



Shannon Boal K4GLM assists a participant tuning the matching stub.

The Emergency Operations Center allowed us to use their main conference room



What's going on?

The North American QSO Party

Bert Garcia, N8NN,

NFL Web Master: www.arrrl-nfl.org

The North American QSO Party (NAQP) is an operating event held six times each year. While it has a contest format, it can be an enjoyable “Party” for casual operating. The goal is to contact as many North American stations as possible. Read the [NAQP Rules](#) for all the details. The upcoming Parties this year will be on:

August 4-5 for CW

August 18-19 for SSB

The Party times are 18:00 UTC on Saturday to 06:00 UTC on Sunday. That’s 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon until 2 a.m. Sunday morning for us in the Eastern time zone – a total of 12 hours of operating. Single operators may only operate 10 hours total, and your off-times must be at least 30 minutes in length. An easy way to comply with this rule is to start at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday and quit at midnight.

The transmitter power output is limited to 100 watts for this event, so you are not competing against high power stations. Your QSO exchange is your Name and State. You don’t need to give a signal report to the people you contact. Operate on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters bands – not on the WARC bands of 60, 30, 17, 12 meters. Try to get all 50 states (Hawaii is considered North America for this

event), the District of Columbia (DC), and the 13 Canadian provinces/territories, plus places such as Jamaica, Barbados, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, etc. You can work all DX stations in the Party, but stations outside of North America do not count as multipliers for your score.

How should you keep your Party logbook? I use the software from N3FJP called NAQP Contest Log 4.8. You can download it and try it for free. It will cost \$8.99 to register it to have all the features. Read the details at <http://n3fjp.com/naqp.html>. This contest logbook makes operating the NAQP a breeze, leaving you more time to enjoy the Party rather than fighting with a logging program. The software will also connect with your transceiver to automatically record the frequency band and mode, again making logging a breeze! Other NAQP logging programs include N1MM Logger by **Tom N1MM**, CQPWIN by **Andy AE6Y**, WriteLog by **Wayne W5XD**, Win-Test by **Olivier F5MZN**, **TR Log** by **Larry “Tree” N6TR**, and others. Check your logging software; it may support the NAQP or have a contest mode.

The CW and SSB Parties are in August. Get on the air and enjoy!



KC5CMX Earns 1st Place NFL in 2017

Section Congratulations to Carl Berry, KC5CMX, for placing 1st in the Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, Low Power category in last year’s IARU Contest.

Carl’s a member of the Silver Springs Radio Club and Assistant EC of Marion County ARES.



Countdown to W4DXCC

DX and Contest Convention, September 21-22, 2018

Pigeon Forge, TN, MainStay Hotel and Conference Center

Hello from **W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention**. The response to this years event has been fantastic.

The **NEW** Main Program is now available online here [W4DXCC Program](#)

We have a awesome group of presenters this year that I know will interest everyone. Friday is the Ham Radio Bootcamp where we do our best to provide the knowledge to New and Experienced Hams alike. If your new to some of the new digital modes like FT8 you won't want to miss Bootcamp.

Saturday is the main convention where we have 6 well known presenters giving you the inside scoop on what is going on. Following each presentation, we have time for questions if you would like to know more.

We have all of the leading radio and equipment manufacturers setup in the lobby with the latest gear for you to twist the knobs or click the mice. More importantly you can have a one on one to ask questions about the gear with the company representative in a relaxed environment.

We have a fully operational Ham Shack setup where you can come learn and make QSO's in different digital modes.

It is time to make your Hotel reservations for this year's convention. Go here to the Website Hotel reservation page [Hotel Reservations](#)

Convention Registration is now Open including Online Ticket Purchasing. You can make your ticket purchase anytime by going here [Online Ticket Purchase](#)

Check out the Website and learn about the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention. Go Here [W4DXCC Convention](#)



FCC Testing Information

LMARS FCC Testing

- Third Saturday every month
- 9:15 AM
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Off SR 17-92, on 100 Eslinger Way in Sanford
- For more information and registration, contact Bob Cumming, W2BZY, 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com

North Florida ARS

- Weeknight testing for all grades of license in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
- Hogan Baptist Church at the corner of Hogan Rd. and Parental Home Rd. in Southside.
- Advance registration is required. See http://nofars.net/home/fcc_testing

Lake ARA

- Monthly on the 3rd Saturday, prior to monthly meeting. (Except December)
- 8:00 AM
- [LARA Clubhouse](#) (11146 Springdale Ave, Leesburg – off of CR 473)
- For more information and registration, contact David A. Pennell, NP2MR (352) 602-5164 np2mr@yahoo.com in advance of the meeting.

Suwannee ARC

- First Tuesday of the month prior to the meeting
- Saturdays available with advanced notice
- N4SVC, 9707 58th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060
- www.suwanneearc.org for more information

Silver Springs Radio Club

- Go to <http://k4gso.us/class/> to signup for classes
- Go to <http://k4gso.us/test-signup/> for testing. Testing is held on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM.
- Note <http://k4gso.us/ncvec605/> is requested to be filled out before you show for testing. It is best to download the form and open it as a PDF so you can fill in the blanks.

Hog County Amateur Radio Association

- First Saturday, 11:00 AM, starting September 1, 2018
- Cross Connection Church, 1451 West County Road 476, Bushnell, FL 33513
- Info: sumterVE@gmail.com

Upcoming QSO Parties

Alan Sewell, N5NA

<http://qsoparty.eqth.net/>

Maryland-DC	8/11/2018	8/12/2018	Anne Arundel Radio Club
Kansas	8/25/2018	8/26/2018	Kansas QSO Party
Ohio	8/25/2018	8/26/2018	Ohio QSO Party
Hawaii	8/25/2018	8/27/2018	Hawaii QSO Party
Colorado	9/1/2018	9/2/2018	Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association
Alabama	9/1/2018	9/2/2018	Alabama QSO Party
Tennessee	9/2/2018	9/3/2018	Tennessee QSO Party
Iowa	9/15/2018	9/16/2018	Story County ARC
New Hampshire	9/15/2018	9/16/2018	Port City Amateur Radio Club
New Jersey	9/15/2018	9/16/2018	New Jersey QSO Party
Washington	9/15/2018	9/16/2018	Western Washington DX Club
Maine	9/22/2018	9/23/2018	Wireless Society of Southern Maine
Texas	9/29/2018	9/30/2018	Texas QSO Party

Links to the NFL Web Site

For net, hamfest and other events go to www.arrrl-nfl.org or select the option below. Web Master Bert Garcia, N8NN, maintains an up-to-date and detailed listing of all NFL nets and activities. If you need to make a change to an existing net or activity, or add a new one, contact Bert at: n8nn@arrrl.net.

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[Northern Florida STM Report](#)

[Florida Hamfest/Convention Calendar](#)

[Operating Events](#)

[Emergency Communications Archive](#) **New * New * New**

Web Wise

NFL Officials

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Assistant Section Managers – Joseph D. Bushnel W2DWR, John C Reynolds W4IJJ, Dave Davis WA4WES, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Neil Light KK4VHX, Ray Crepeau K1HG, Steve Szabo WB4OMM

Section Emergency Coordinator – Karl Martin KG4HBN

Section Public Information Coordinator – Scott Roberts KK4ECR

Assistant SE Coordinator – Robert A. Mitchell W4HKG

Section Technical Coordinator – Frank Haas KB4T

Affiliated Club Coordinator – *Appointment Pending*

Section Traffic Manager – Tom Housworth, KI0JO

Official Observer Coordinator – Robert Leasko, WB8PAF

State Government Liaison – Darrell Brock N4GOA



Newsletter of the Northern Florida Section of the ARRL



1. Spread the word about our website www.arrrl-nfl.org and **QST NFL** on your club web-site, in a newsletter or at a meeting.
2. Send a write-up and picture of your next activity.
3. Make sure you, or the appropriate member of your club is on the email reminder list.
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