

## Section Manager's Message

July 2019

Greetings North Florida Hams! ***Welcome to the GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!***

Here it is July, and I'm officially one year into my two-year Section Manager term. Time goes by fast! July also means we are one month into the 2019 Hurricane season, and so far, we are doing pretty good. If you haven't done any preparations for the season, now would be a good time to do it!

July also means we all finished Field Day 2019. I was unable to do my touring of the different sites like I wanted to due to mitigating circumstances, but our SEC Karl Martin, KG4HBN, made his way around to various sites. This man has done an excellent job as SEC, and I hope he continues to do so! Also, I received quite a few messages through Winlink for the SM Message bonus, and a few conventional Radiograms.

Turning to events, this month (matter of fact, this week) is the 13 Colonies Special Event Station, where you have to try to get all 13 original colonies and the two bonus stations. A certificate is the winning "prize", but a clean sweep is not required to get it. See <http://www.13colonies.net> for more information.

In other news, those of us who attended Dayton Hamvention 2019 probably heard about the tornadoes that went through Ohio the weekend after Dayton. 26 tornadoes went through Montgomery, Mercer, and Greene Counties. One of the "casualties" of the storms was the old Hara Arena. There was a fair amount of damage to the structures, but the Kentucky developer who now owns it says the main buildings should be salvageable.

Usually, I would put the upcoming events here, but I have been reminded that you can check out the ARRL-NFL webpage (under "Operating Events") and the ARRL homepage (under "Hamfests" and "Contest Calendar"). These two (well, three) pages will have the most up to date information on upcoming shows.

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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