

Good Morning!

I hope this message finds you well and active in the greatest hobby/public service pastime in the world...ham radio!

This month's NFL Newsletter is on the website as is the June 1 update to the NFL DEC/EC contact list. The NFL DEC/EC contact list/document is also available on the Yahoo!Group site. The new look of this NFL Web Page is great! Take a look around!! East to navigate and lots of information!

A few new appointments. Welcome to **John Blaisdell W4CJB, New EC of Walton County**; and **Douglas Stewart KI4NAD** appointed as a **new Official Observer for NFL**. Congrats to both of you and good luck!

I did get many more monthly reports in May – thanks. As a reminder, **PLEASE SEND SOMETHING BY THE 5th OF THE MONTH TO STRAIT HOLLIS KT4YA – even a “no change”, “no activity” is good.** To those of you that dutifully send a report, THANK YOU! It is appreciated!

Our Section participated in the May 20 Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise (some folks exercised on April 29, some May 30). Why exercise? To test plans, train folks, and prepare. So how'd we do? From all reports, the exercise was a resounding success. Why? Because we found out some things didn't work! (and THAT ladies and gentlemen, is why we exercise!). Strait Hollis KT4YA has received about 15 reports, if you participated and have not done so yet, please get your report to him.

- Initial Exercise Observations:
  - The morning 80M net had poor, if any use (noise, propagation). As such, Net Manager Mac W4RNG has already requested using the 40M frequency that seems better. We'll keep all informed as we go.
  - The Orange City SARNet repeater is down, excluding many counties from using it (including yours truly in Volusia County!!).
  - Some messages using WinLink2K did not go through.
  - We could use some message handling training.
  - WE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING!! (most important).
  - WE HAD GREAT NUMBERS IN THE SECTION PARTICIAPATE (even more important!!).
- An After Action Report/Improvement Plan will be distributed as soon as we can get one finalized, but no later than the end of July.
- Strait has sent out the EOC surveys the State EOC ESF2 requested. Please get these completed and back to him as soon as practical so we can get this finished.
- ***IF YOUR ARES GROUP OR CLUB IS OUT FOR FIELD DAY PLEASE SEND A SHORT BLURB TO FLOYD LARCK KK3Q OUR NFL NEWSLETTER EDITOR! ORGANIZATION NAME, LOCATION, CALL SIGN IS A GOOD START. HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: [hamradio@kk3q.net](mailto:hamradio@kk3q.net)***

The new ARRL ARES Manual is out! If you have not reviewed it, here is the link to download an electronic copy: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/ARES/ARESmanual2015.pdf>. The manual is also on our website <<Here>>.

Field Day is this month, June 27-28 – and today is the start of Hurricane Season. Get prepared!

See you at a club meeting or on the air! Stay safe, and stay hydrated!

73!

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