

**Section Manager's Message**  
**August 2017**

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

Hi Folks,

Oops! Two months in a row - I'm kinda' sneaking this in as I pack to head to Colorado (visiting my daughter – YES! I'm bringing my KX-3.....) - so it's gonna' be another short one! (and a bit early.....).

The Milton Hamfest was July 7th and 8th. I was there both days, and actually did some card checking! It was a fun time, and they had a good crowd. Here I am "manning the ARRL Booth" with Mr. Ham Radio himself, the Great Frank Butler W4RH!



Photo: (L) Frank Butler W4RH, (R) Steve Szabo WB4OMM at the Milton, FL hamfest, August 2017.

***The BIG NEWS this week – is the AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT – CALL THE TWO FLORIDA SENATORS! Yes, I know Sen. Nelson will not back it. CALL HIM ANYWAY! Here is a link to the rally site:***

<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

**Call and send those letters NOW!**

This month, I will visit the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society (GARS) on Tuesday August 15th.

Check out our fabulous NFL Section Web Page and read our spectacular Newsletter (August issue – out soon) *QST NFL*. <http://arrl-nfl.org/>

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND OUR FRIEND IN FEMA REIGON IV INFO ON HURRICANE MATTHEW OPERATIONS!!!***

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

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

**73, Steve WB4OMM**



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