

*Good Day to You!* I hope this message finds you enjoying the Greatest Hobby and Service in the World!

The “National Parks on the Air” (NPOTA) activity has started! Several folks have already activated a number of National Parks in various location in the US this month.... details of this operating event are at: <https://npota.arrl.org/> . I am planning on being involved in at least one of these National Park activations in March. Be a “chaser” or be an “activator” ...this should be as much fun as the “Red Badge” and W1AW/Portable activities from last year!

I submitted the documents for nomination as the NFL Section Manager for the next term starting July 1, 2016 this past week to ARRL HQ. I hope I have earned your support.

This month, the 2016 National Convention is hosted by the OARC in Orlando – a big deal! There will be many forums and booths for ARRL and related activities, and just about all of the ARRL staff will be present, including the new President and other notables. OARC puts on a first-class show, so make plans to attend! There is an ARRL banquet planned for Saturday night, along with a Wouff-Houng Ceremony and other “national convention only” events. Take a look at <http://www.hamcation.com/> or <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-expo> for more information. I will be at Hamcation all three days (from 9am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, 9am to 2pm Sunday); at the Florida Contest Group Banquet Friday night; and the ARRL Convention Banquet Saturday night. There are two forums Saturday you should try to attend – my NFL Section Forum at 10am, and our SE Director’s Forum at 1:45pm. Look for me and please say “Hi!”

For you DX hounds.....the VP8STI (S. Sandwich Islands – Thule) operations had over 50K in QSOs, and the same group is now active as VP8SGI (S. Georgia Island). #3 and #8 on the DXCC Most Wanted list!

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

I hope to see you at the Orlando Hamcation/ARRL National Convention next month!

***EVERYONE COUNTS!***

***73, Steve WB4OMM***

***This month’s Newsletter is attached.....pass it around!!!!***



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