

**Section Manager's Message**  
**September 2018**

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

Here we are! Month number two, and the section is not in total chaos! Not much to report right now, as work has been keeping me busy, plus I am also trying to go back to school to finish my associates degree (I'm working on my Associate of Arts degree, heading for a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering). Add in my SM duties, and it keeps me hopping!

This upcoming month, I have a couple of planned appearances. On the 1st of September, the section managers and SECs from all three Florida sections will be meeting down in Vero Beach to have a meeting of the minds. I'm looking forward to seeing my counterparts from the other Florida sections and getting to know them. Also, September 5th, I am planning on the OARC meeting. My work ended up getting in the way last time, but this time, my PM has promised me he has no plans on sending me anywhere to interfere with this meeting! September 12th I will get to attend my home club's meeting. the DB-CERT ART (Daytona Beach CERT Amateur Radio Team) . Then on September 13th, I will be attending the Sumter Counter RACES / Emcomm meeting at the Sumter County EOC in Wildwood, FL. It's going to be a tight schedule to leave Orlando around 4 p.m. and be able to make it to Wildwood by 6pm, but I'm going to try my best! Then September 18th is the DBARA (Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association) meeting that I am going to try to attend.

Keep in mind the upcoming hamfests, Pensacola's Hamfest is going to be in September, on the 21st and 22nd. (Website: <http://www.pensacolahamfest.com/>) and the Bahia Shriner's Tailgate happening on the 22nd as well, from 8 a.m. until noon. (Website: <http://radio.bahia Shrine.org/Tailgate.htm>) Then on October 27th, we have the Jacksonville FREE Hamfest from 7 a.m. until noon. (Website: <http://nofars.net/home/hamfest>) .

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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