

Section Manager's Message March 2019

Kevin's Take:
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Greetings North Florida Hams!

Welcome to the GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!

First off, I want to apologize for not having a Section Manager's Message for the past two months. Deadlines, work schedules and bad timing got in my way, and then I am taking the last class of my English requirement for my AA degree. I am going to be more diligent in getting the messages out, even if they are light in content.

So, this past month I attended Orlando Hamcation 2019. Been here numerous times and love the event every year. My thanks go out to Michael Cauley W4MCA and the rest of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club for putting on what has become one of the biggest and best amateur radio events. This time, however, was my first major hamfest event as Section Manager. While I did get a little browsing done, I spent most of Friday and Saturday at the ARRL booth meeting hams from all over the country. I must give special thanks to Darrell Davis KT4WX, Barry Porter KB1PA, and of course Greg Sarratt W4OZK for helping guide me during this event and for helping me with the Southeastern Division forum on Saturday. It is different to be at the front of the room talking to everyone instead of being in the audience! I am already looking forward to next year!

Then, my younger son (who is 15 but not licensed) and I went over to the Brooksville Hamfest, which was held at the Sand Hill Scout Reservation. Nice little show! Picked up a couple of things and also met a few people while I was there. We both had a good time and will definitely go again.

Here are a few upcoming shows that are happening in Florida. Click on the Activities tab above for more information.

3/2/19 – Pinecastle Hamfest – email skorzep@gmail.com for details.

3/2/19 – ZAARC Hamfest – Zephyrhills, FL – http://zaarc.org/HF_Flyer-2019-1.pdf

3/15/19 – 3/16/19 – Fort Walton Beach Hamfest 2019 –
<http://w4zbb.org/w4zbborg/index.php?page=Hamfest>

3/16/19 – Stuart Hamfest – Stuart, FL – <http://www.stuarthamfest.com/>

Don't forget that Dayton will be coming up soon for those are interested. May 17 – 19th!
<https://hamvention.org/> I am seriously considering going this year! Previously I've been there with Steve WB4OMM, but this would be the first time being there as the NFL SM.

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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