



# QST NFL



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## **Steve's Take:**

From the NFL Section Manager

Field Day 2015 has come and gone! In my opinion, Field Day does so many positive things for the Amateur Radio community and purpose, it is hard not to think of it as our premier event for the year. Many folks get their first real look as our hobby (and us!) and get licensed; public officials and served agencies see our dedication, abilities, and equipment, and the public is reminded that, "When all else fails, ham radio does not".

From the numerous reports and messages I have received, it looks like our Section was well represented and we did well! Early Sunday, I traveled to the Spring Hill ARC Field Day site in Brooksville, 120 miles West of home. Not only did I get to visit with their exceptional site and great display of Amateur Radio I had the honor of being present to convey a \$1,000 scholarship award from the club to a nice young lady entering the University of South Florida in Tampa. Kudos to SHARC for the award! Way to go folks!

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

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

**73, Steve WB4OMM**

## **Looking for a Newsletter Editor (Again!)**

Yes, again.

Our current editor had personal obligations increase so he can no longer dedicate the time to this publication.

If interested, contact Steve WB4OMM at [wb4omm@arrl.org](mailto:wb4omm@arrl.org)

Apologies for the short Newsletter this month!

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## **13 Colonies Special Event INDEPENDENCE WEEK 30 JUNE - 5 JULY, 2015**

<http://www.13colonies.info/>

07/01/2010 Starting on July 1st to July 6th, 2010 (5 Days) all thirteen 1776 original colonies will be on the air, AGAIN! GUARANTEED at least two S.E. stations per colony state. Also included - Super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations & OM & XYL teams. NY-NJ-RI-GA-PA-NH-SC-VA-CT-DE-MD-MA-NC A magnificent NEW, full color, 8 1/2"x11", certificate, printed on heavy card stock, with a map and the state flags of all the 1776 colony states, adorns this award. You can work one state or, all 13 and, be eligible for the certificate. All HF bands will be in play except the WARC bands and 60 meters.

## ***On The Air:***

### ***The North Florida ARES Net***

AS PROPAGATION HAS BEEN SO POOR ON 75 METERS (3.950 MHz) WE WILL MOVE THE NFARES NET TO 7.242 MHz ON 40M AND USE IT AS THE PRIMARY FREQUENCY. WE WILL USE 3.950 AS THE SECONDARY AT LEAST UNTIL CONDITIONS CHANGE. THIS CHANGE IS IMMEDIATE. THANKS & 73, MAC/W4NFG NFARES NET MGR.

### ***The Traders Net***

The Traders Net meets every Sunday at 8:00 AM on 3.933 MHz. Please join us for equipment and friendship. Thanks!! Carl, AA4MI

### ***Florida Hurricane Net***

The Florida State Wide Hurricane Net started Monday April 27, 2015 at 21:00 EST on REF037C. Bob, N6USP will continue to be the Net Manager – net is every Monday at 2100 EST on REF037C.

### ***QCWA Chapter #45***

QCWA Citrus Chapter 45 operates its state of the art repeater, W4PLA, on 147.195 MHz and conducts a net every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM local time. Also we now offer an Echo link connection every Tuesday. The link is "W2AS-L" and the node # is 627152. If you are a QCWA member (any chapter!) feel free to join us!

## ***Section Manager Visits in July & August***

### ***Tentative Site Visits for July 2015:***

Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society  
North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club  
Milton Hamfest (July 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>)  
MARAC County Hunters Convention at The Villages  
The Villages ARC  
Central Florida QRP Group (Sanford)

### ***Tentative Site Visits for August 2015:***

None

## Amateur Radio Parity Act

Yes, we again need to support for the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The following message is from John Ellis NP2B:

*"Hi folks, and hope all had good time on Field Day.*

*Well, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act" has now been introduced in the U.S. Senate as S-1685. And what this means is MORE LETTERS!*

*Dan Henderson of the ARRL called me yesterday to discuss this and HR-1301 (the letter most of you already signed). He says that they have only delivered 5 letters to representative Nugent with regard to 1301. Well, soon he will be getting more than 40 more! Dan assured me that these letters DO make a difference.*

*So with that in mind, send one to Senator Bill Nelson and the other to Senator Marco Rubio. I would ask that you print out each of these letters, sign them and print your name and address below your signature and return both of them to me. They are similar in nature but they refer to separate bills (HR-1301 for the House and S-1685 for the Senate). I'll take care of getting them delivered to the proper people".*

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