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Steve's Take:

From the NFL Section Manager

Thanks to the many NFL Section members who in one way or another, participated in the 2015 Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise.

- Initial Exercise Observations:
 - The morning 80M net had poor, if any use (noise, propagation). As such, Net Manager Mac W4NFG has already requested using the 40M frequency that seems better. We'll keep all informed as we go.
 - Some messages using WinLink2K did not go through.
 - We could use some message handling training.
 - WE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING!! (most important)
 - WE HAD GREAT NUMBERS IN THE SECTION PARTICIPATE (even more important!!)
- An After Action Report/Improvement Plan will be distributed as soon as we can get one finalized, but no later than the end of July.

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

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB40MM

Hurricane Season Starts Today!

The following links contain guidelines for hurricane information, home protection, and Hurricane Survival Guides:

National Hurricane Center –

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency -

<http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Florida Division of Emergency Management -

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/DEMpublic.asp>





Field Day 2015

Don't have a team around you can join? Check the ARRL web site to see if there isn't one with driving distance of your home QTH. The URL is: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

BUT....you know what? Field Day means nothing **WITHOUT YOU!**

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 Active

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.

Hurricane Net Functions:

- Send out notice of pending Tropical Storm, Hurricane, or a Major Emergency that is Statewide.
- Provide training to those interested and information to D-Star operators

in the three ARRL Sections

- To supplement ARES
- Although this net is focused on training and support for ARES and its served agencies any Amateur Radio EmComm Operator or organization is welcome.

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 May, June & July

Completed Visits in May 2015

Clay County ARES Meeting

Dayton Hamvention (ARRL Booth Volunteer –DXCC Cards and HT Testing)

Duval Co ARES Meeting

Tentative Site Visits for June 2015:

Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

Field Day –

Saturday – Daytona Beach CERT ARC

Sunday – Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club
Brooksville ARC

Tentative Site Visits for July 2015:

Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society

North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club

Milton Hamfest (July 10th and 11th)

MARAC County Hunters Convention at The Villages

The Villages ARC

Central Florida QRP Group (Sanford)

Northern Florida Section Web Page:

<http://arrl-nfl.org/>

