

Good Morning!

I hope this message finds you well! It will be short this month, as I am quite busy with the impending races here in Daytona and travel to club meetings! (This month's Newsletter is also very short!)

Field Day 2015 has come and gone! I hope you had time to join in the "exercise" and fun. 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 at 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! I operated at the Daytona CERT ARC on Saturday; our small group of City Volunteers had fun working out of the City EOC and an outside Comm trailer at the Police Department. 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 (it was located on a historic plantation) and great display of Amateur Radio (they had every mode!) 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!

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, attached are two letters, 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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Thanks John!!

Lastly, I will be visiting the Lake Monroe, N. Okaloosa, and The Villages clubs this month; I will also be attending the County Hunters Convention in the Villages, and I will be at the Milton Hamfest both Friday and Saturday.

My best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Independence Day Holiday!

73!

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