

Section Manager's Message May 2017

Greetings North Florida Hams! **Welcome to the GREATEST HOBBY IN THE WORLD!**
QST NFL is attached. Sorry for the delay, I thought I sent it.....but didn't!!!

No more guessing, summer is here. Most all of the section (and the state) is in drought conditions, and very dry.....use care outdoors! Numerous wildfires are already burning. Stay alert and prepared!

I was at the DEARS (Disney) meeting on April 12th over in the Disney All-Start Resort. What a great meeting! Kathy Blake K4WDW and members sat through (ok, endured!) one of my EmComm/Volunteer presentations and then made me an honorary member, complete with hat, coffee cup, and certificate!!! Yeah, I am finally an Official Mouseketeer!!!! It was a great meeting, and I was humbled by the honorary membership. (I think Marty gave me up with the photo they took by placing it in this newsletter.....<grin>).

I also was able to make the QCWA's Citrus Chapter Quarterly Meeting in Casselberry this past Sunday, April 23rd. Another great group, and we ate at a Chinese Buffet Restaurant. As usual, I ate too much.....

I can NEVER express my gratitude to Kathy and the D.E.A.R.S. club members, and the many other clubs, teams, associations, societies, ARES groups, and whatever you and/or your "people" are called for the past three years! No matter where I go, I always feel warmly welcomed and treated like a celebrity! I appreciate it, and hope that I continue to earn your trust and respect.

I am scheduled for the Orlando ARC meeting for May 3rd, also the Dayton Hamvention in it's new digs in Xenia, OH & the Four Days in May (FDIM) QRP gathering during the same time/location; later in the month, the Central Florida QRP group over in Seminole County.

I hope to see you and say, "Hi" face-to-face! And a reminder.....wildfires are already here, and hurricane season is just around the corner (yes, we already had our first named storm for the year!!). Please be careful.

Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM



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