

Happy Halloween! Hopefully, you did not eat too much candy!!

It has been a relatively quiet month...I did get to visit the Orange Park Hamfest, the Orlando Amateur Radio Club, the Melbourne Hamfest and the Flagler/Palm Coast Club during this month. A highlight was all of the Florida Section Managers (myself, Jeff, the new SFL SM; Dee the outgoing WCF SM, and Darrell the incoming WCF SM), plus Division Director Doug Rehman and Vice-Director Mike Lee at the hamfest at the same time! The four section folks (and some SECs) got to meet for about an hour with some great ideas proposed, terrific cooperation, and a few laughs!! More on this will be sent out as we move along.....I have attached a copy of the meeting minutes and proposals to the Division for your review. Not to worry, you will be kept in the loop, and once we start with the Comm Plan revisions and update, all of you will get a copy of the process and will be included in the development. After all, IT'S YOUR PLAN TOO! I support the statement, "All emergencies are local"; hence, I find it important and critical to have "local" input, consensus, and support!

I hope to make a few more clubs/ARES groups/organizations meetings before the holidays hit.

Participation in the SET was pretty good, looks like many folks got to work with their local served agencies. Great efforts!

If you have not have been on the bands, they have been HOT! The CQ WW DX SSB Contest had conditions that were great – and there have been many DXpeditions out there for the deserving. Ol' Sol has been most cooperative!

This month we take a look at The Villages ARC; I had the privilege of visiting with them back in May. Great folks and a great club! KUDOS to them on their successful growth.

If you would like to have us highlight your group, please send us a note so we can include you in our Newsletter.

Speaking of which.....one more solicitation for names for this Newsletter, as I will be selecting a name from the few I have received at the end of November. The winner gets a 2014 ARRL Handbook!

The November NFL Section Newsletter is attached for your reading pleasure – it will be posted to the web pages shortly.

Happy (and safe!) Thanksgiving Holidays to you and yours

EVERYONE COUNTS!
73, Steve WB4OMM