

## October Section Manager's Message:

**Good Day to You!** I hope this message finds you enjoying the Greatest Hobby and Service in the World!

The October issue of the Newsletter is available ([QST NFL October 2015](#)) and very nicely done I might add! – feel free to distribute this as widely as possible! Go to the QST NFL Newsletter page to read all our past newsletters.

A few weeks ago I attended the ARRL Section Manger Workshop along with 18 other SMs from around the country; it was an excellent workshop and the ARRL Staff was open, warm, and friendly! We attended various staff and ARRL function overviews on Friday and Saturday, and got to operate W1AW Saturday afternoon. After a recap/summary on Sunday morning, we all said our “goodbyes” and headed home. It was a great time, and I met many positive folks all with the same motivation – make everything better! More when I can get our new Newsletter editors some details and photos (soon, I promise!).

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is this Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4.....get ready! The focus is on providing communications for your **LOCAL, SERVED AGENCIES**. Our Section Emergency Coordinator **Strait Hollis KT4YA** has been very busy sending guidance and coordinating efforts. The emphasis is **LOCAL**. Use simplex, test your existing systems, see if you can communicate with adjacent counties. Local EOC to hospital, Police to EMS, Salvation Army/Red Cross to Shelter....you get the picture. Take photos, take notes! Please forward your after-action reports to **Strait Hollis KT4YA** as soon as you can so we can get an idea of how effective/efficient we are in the Section.

Thanks to retiring Santa Rosa County EC **Steve VanDenAkker W4SJV** for his many years of dedicated service! Best wishes for you in the future! And a **BIG WELCOME**

and CONGRATULATIONS to **Ray Crepeau K1HG** who has accepted the Santa Rosa EC position. Best wishes and Good Luck to you!

AND.....Very important..... I will be out of the country for a two week period starting Saturday October 3rd returning Sunday October 18th – I will have limited e-mail and no real phone capacity (yeah, way out of the country!). In my absence, the NFL SEC **Strait Hollis KT4YA** is acting as the Section Manager, and our OOC **Rick Lloyd AA4W** will be the #2 contact. Please support them as you would me!

Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!!

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

73!

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*Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, NFL Section Manager, September 2015*