

Loften High School Students Receive Award

Bob Lightner, W4GJ, Trustee

The Professional Academies Magnet at Loften High School HAM club received an award from the Florida Contest Group for being the High Scoring School Club in last year's 2019 Florida QSO Party. A special plaque was presented by Dan Street, K1TO at the Orlando Ham-cation. The award was donated by Scott Russell, N1SER.



Trustee Bob Lightner, W4GJ, is standing with some of our students with this award. We have 44 students in our HAM club -- out of a school of only 250 students. QSO for **K4WTL** during contests and during school hours during the week.

We gladly accept donations of used (or new) HAM gear, antennas, etc.

Look us up on QRZ.com or send an email to: bob-w4gj@gmail.com

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE FOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

Gordon Gibby, KX4Z

(Gainesville, FL) Sunday afternoon, March 1, 2020, over fifty amateur radio volunteers from multiple states will participate in a 3-hour emergency communications exercise designed to test and evaluate skills, assets and strategies for emergency communications, such as those needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Alachua County volunteers served during Hurricane Michael, assisting the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief organization's feeding efforts.

The Exercise is being directed by the North Florida Amateur Radio Club (NFARC), as part of their third annual Communications Conference providing advanced training to FCC-licensed citizen volunteers. Lecturers have collaborated to create a 200+ page text available on Amazon for the multi-track training sessions on Saturday Feb. 29. The training will then be put to work on Sunday as participants fan out to 7 assigned simulated Shelter locations, and the Alachua County Emergency Operations Center.

Hal Grieb, Alachua County Emergency Manager fully supports this volunteer-driven Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program-based effort, and will personally be involved as an Evaluator with his staff.

The North Florida Amateur Radio Club, and co-sponsoring Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, are both affiliated with the national amateur radio organization, the American Radio Relay League, and active participants in the North Florida Section.

For the past three years, the North Florida Amateur Radio Club has published a written training text comprised of chapters written by its lecturers, and last year also published the written report of its Exercise. Last year's exercise scenario was a novel respiratory virus that crippled the nation.

Northern Florida Section SEC Report, Karl K4HBN k4hbn@arrl.net, EC		January 2020
Report	Counties Reporting	County in NFL
Number of Counties Reporting	11	43
Total Number of ARES Members		312
	Number of Events	Hours
Exercises & Training Sessions	30	1230
Public Events	47	196
Emergency Operations	0	0
Skywarn Operations	3	7
Total	80	1433
Comments		
There will be an FL ARES Forum at the Fort Walton Beach Hamfest on Saturday 3/21/20. It will start after the testing session and should last about an hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.		

Five Flags Amateur Radio Association (FFARA) Activities

Gene Bannon, KB4HAH

1. Five Flags Amateur Radio Assoc (FFARA) has once again started their Amateur Radio Introduction & Upgrade Class at Pensacola State College for the Spring Term. We have 10 students (with only one of the student is for Upgrade to Gen). The class started Feb 11 and goes till Apr 24th, on Tues & Thurs, 6-8:30PM.
2. The local Hams supported the 50K-Ultra Marathon at Bear Lake State Park (5 laps around a 10K course). The Race started at 7AM and completed approximately 3:30 PM. There was 115 Registered, but only 46 runners started. At the start, the Temp was 37 Degrees and the temp at the finished got to low 60s. The attached pics are form the race. The hams provided support at the one Aid station and a remote station at the 4-mile marker of the 10k loop. The hams that participated were Fred-WX4US; Tom-KW4TOM; Charlie-KN4VGY; and Gene-KB4HAH and gene's Grand daughter (and future Ham) & Grand-son. Pic Provided by Fred-WX4US & Charlie-KN4VGY
3. The Local hams are getting ready to support the Scratch Ankle Mountain Bike event coming up next month (March) in the Blackwater State Forrest. It appears to be a 100k Course that the riders will be trekking through the Blackwater State Forrest roads/trails. The hams will be station at key locations to provide support to the aid station and the bikers.
4. The Friday Night Rag chew net on 6 Mtr (50.130 USB) has been started here in the Pensacola Area. It's been getting a pretty good turn out and looking for more folks to join in. It usually gets kicked off after the Wire Rascals Net on 146.76 repeater finishes on Friday Nights. Everyone is welcome to join in.
5. The Esca-Rosa 10 Mtr net is still very active here on Wed Nights at 7PM (CST) on frequency of 28.375 (USB). We attempt to get folks with the International 10-10 numbers to help get the folks that might be interested in getting their own 10-10 #. We also have a good fellowship with a good round-table discussion along with the 10-10 hunters. All again are invited to attend.
6. Of course the Escambia County Emergency Net on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM. It supports the Escambia County ARES, with the Santa Rosa Ares On Tues Night at 8:00 PM.
7. The Milton ARC net on the 145.49 Repeater in Milton on Monday night at 8 PM. Good informational net of Amateur Radio activates in and around the Milton area.
8. Finally, the Weekly Wire Rascal Net on Friday Nights at 7PM on the 146.76 Repeater. It's a good Fellowship of the local hams in the area with good round table discussion.



The station for the 50K Ultra.

Tom—KW4TOM, Gene—KB4HAH

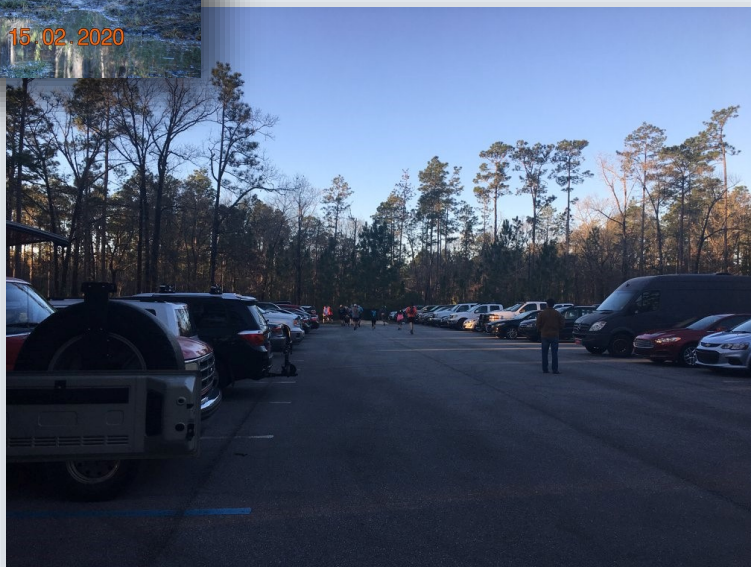


FFARA Supports 50K Ultra

Starting Area



Runners return from first of 5 laps of 50K Ultra



QCWA Chapter 62, Ocala Presents Awards

Ken Simpson, W8EK

Ocala FL QCWA Chapter 62 met on February 27 at the China Lee Buffet in Ocala. The main theme of the meeting was the presentation of awards.

After being presented with their awards, each recipient talked about some of the things that had taken place since they had become a ham.

Ken Simpson, W8EK, National Director and Chapter President presented awards as follows:

Century Award to Rhyne Killian, KA1CX

65 year Award to Leon Couch, K4GWQ

65 year Award to Charles Lukas, W1DOH

65 year Award to Dick Schauer, W8DYV

Not present to receive awards was

60 year to Vincent McKeever, N6OA

55 year to Sonny Eisenberg, W4HXQ

The next meeting of Chapter 62 will be held on Thursday, April 23, at 12:30 PM at the China Lee Buffet on East Silver Springs Blvd.

Chapter 62 also holds a net every Saturday morning at 9 AM local



National Director and Chapter President Ken Simpson, W8EK presents Century Award to Rhyne Killian, KA1CX



Leon Couch, K4GWQ, receives 65 year certificate from Ken Simpson, W8EK

The Friendship Amateur Radio Club

Ken Simpson, W8EK

The Friendship Amateur Radio Club met on Monday, February 10, at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Dunnellon. Charles Lukas, W1DOH, presented a program on how to "Read the Manual", which many of us do not do as often as we should.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, at 1:30 PM at the Sheriff's Substation on Route 200 in SW Ocala, near OTOW, Palm Cay, and Oak Run. The program for this meeting will be presented by President Ken Simpson, W8EK. We will be discussing how the laws effecting cell phones in cars will effect hams with mobile rigs installed. Everyone is invited.

FCC Testing Information

4 Corners Radio Club, Davenport FL

- First Saturday
- 10:00 AM
- Polk County Firehouse, 50945 US 27
- Walk-ins welcome
- Info: WA2FRW@aol.com

Hog County Amateur Radio Association, Bushnell FL

- First Saturday, 11:00 AM, starting September 1, 2018
- Cross Connection Church, 1451 West County Road 476, Bushnell, FL 33513
- Info: sumterVE@gmail.com

Lake ARA, Leesburg FL

- Monthly on the 3rd Saturday, prior to monthly meeting. (Except December)
- 8:00 AM
- [LARA Clubhouse](#) (11146 Springdale Ave, Leesburg – off of CR 473)
- For more information and registration, contact:
David A. Pennell, NP2MR (352) 602-5164
np2mr@yahoo.com in advance of the meeting.

Lake Monroe ARS FCC Testing, Sanford FL (LMARS)

- Third Saturday every month
- 9:15 AM
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Off SR 17-92, on 100 Eslinger Way in Sanford
- For more information and registration, contact Bob Cumming, W2BZY, 407-333-0690 or w2bzy@cfl.rr.com

Milton Amateur Radio Club, Milton FL

- Second Thursday of each even numbered month
- 6:30 PM
- Walk-in
- West Florida Hospital Rehab Institute, 8383 N Davis Hwy, Close to Johnson and N. Davis
- Info: Robert Speser, nb8s@icloud.com

Orlando ARC FCC Testing (OARC)

- First Wednesday every month
- 5:30 PM
- Beardall Senior Center
- 800 Delaney Ave, Orlando, FL 32801
- Info: <https://oarc.org/events-ve-testing>
- Monthly Club Meeting follows at 7:30 PM

QCWA Chapter 45, Orlando FL

- Second Thursday
- 11:00 AM
- Golden Corral, 5535 S. Kirkman Ave, Orlando
- Walk-ins welcome
- Info: WA2FRW@aol.com

Silver Springs Radio Club, Ocala FL (SSRC)

- Go to <http://k4gso.us/class/> to signup for classes
- Go to <http://k4gso.us/test-signup/> for testing. Testing is held on the 2nd Tuesday of odd months at 7 PM.
- Note <http://k4gso.us/ncvec605/> is requested to be filled out before you show for testing. It is best to download the form and open it as a PDF so you can fill in the blanks.

Suwannee ARC, Live Oak, FL

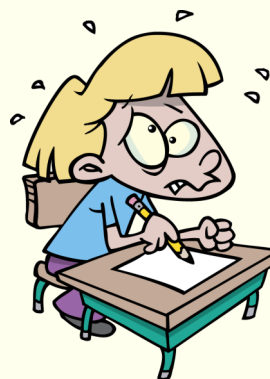
- First Tuesday of the month prior to the meeting
- Saturdays available with advanced notice
- N4SVC, 9707 58th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060
- www.suwanneearc.org for more information

Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society (TARS)

- First Tuesday of each even numbered month
- 7:00 PM
- American Red Cross, 1115 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL
- Contact TARS : tallyamateurradio@gmail.com with questions
- Info: <http://www.k4tlh.net>

West Volusia Amateur Radio Society

- Second Saturday of each odd numbered month
- 9:00 AM
- Elks Lodge, 614 S. Alabama Avenue, Deland, FL
- Info: <https://westvars.org/testing>



Remember: Bring photo ID, CSEs, copy of current license, exam fee in cash, \$15 exact change. Large print exams are available.

NFL Web Site

For net, hamfest and other events go to www.arrl-nfl.org. Webmaster Brian McClure, NW4R, maintains an up-to-date and detailed listing of all NFL nets and activities. If you need to make a change to an existing net or activity, or add a new one, you can contact Brian on the website.

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1. Spread the word about our website www.arrl-nfl.org and **QST NFL** on your club web-site, in a newsletter or at a meeting.
2. Send a write-up and picture of your next activity.
3. Make sure you, or the appropriate member of your club is on the email reminder list.
4. Contact: Marty Brown N4GL, n4gl.marty@gmail.com

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