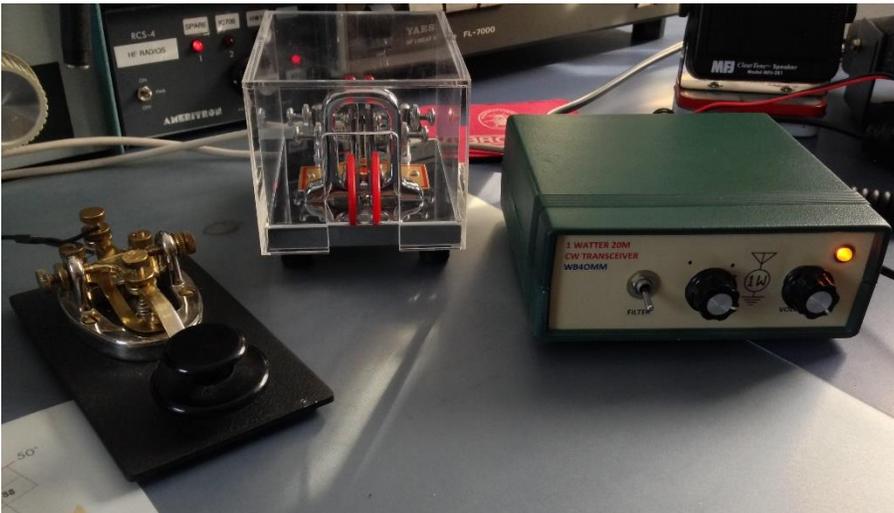


NAQCC FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS:

Another Rain Cancellation! Kinda'!

Our January event - was kinda' not! Heavy rain and gusty winds made this start out as a "non-event". When I took a look outside around 6:45 am EST, the weather began to look ominous, just as the forecast predicted. At 6:49 am I got an e-mail from Wally, KG4LAL on the "other side of the County" (West side, I'm on the East side) saying it was already raining and he was cancelling out. After waiting 30 minutes, I sent Wally and the rest of the crew an e-mail, telling them since I had my car packed and lunch made, I was going to head over to the operation site 35 miles away anyhow, since it was just barely starting to rain. I figured if it was raining when I got there, I could just go grab breakfast and then come back home. Just as I sent it out, I got a message from Art WB4MNK, saying he and John KD4JS were cancelling out too. By 8am, it was pouring rain at the site (via the local WX RADAR) and at my house too!!! So what to do????

Egads, I got it!! A NAQCC QRPp "DogHouse-Pedition"



I would go out to the shack in my backyard (my "DogHouse") and operate from there. And I would use my newest toy, my "1Watter 20M". This radio is way cool, it puts out just shy of a watt (.90W to be precise) and works 20M from 14.053 to 14.061.

Diz, W8DIZ sells these board kits for \$46, and they are FB! (I have 27 states already with this little gem). I grabbed the umbrella and my coffee, and headed out to the wilds of Port Orange! And in the absolutely worse rain I have seen in some time (we broke the record that day!), I made QRPp Qs! My first QSO was with Curt WB2JSG #3018 (NJ) (of course!!) Good O' Curt is ALWAYS there for us! Next was Chris KA9FCZ #11073 (IL), followed by Steve W4OEP #14288 (AZ), and Werner N8BB #5433 (MI). Curt and Werner gave me 599, a 439 from Chris, and a 219 that took a bit of doing with Steve - not bad for 1,793 miles! I had a blast!!! And got two new states (NJ, AZ) to boot! For more info on the radio - <http://kitsandparts.com/1watter20u2.php>

Many thanks to those who listened for us!

Our next foray in to the wilds of Florida:

Friday, February 19th, 2016 starting at 9:30 AM EST

Gemini Springs Park, DeBary, FL (37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary, FL 32713) – Park webpage
with directions: [GEMINI SPRINGS PARK](#)

Art WB4MNK, Steve WB4OMM, Rick AA4W, Don K3RLL, Bob W2EJG, John KM4JTE &
John KD4JS (plus whoever else can make it).

<http://wb4omm.com/naqcc-fl-chapter/>

Look for our announcement!

72/73 to all – Steve WB4OMM, #5913 - NAQCCFL@yahoo.com