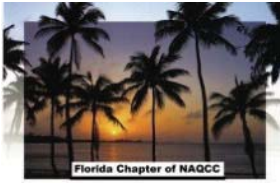


NAQCC FLORIDA CHAPTER



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MEMBER NEWS: On Friday, December 16th, 2016 the Florida Chapter of NAQCC held its latest “Operation in the Park” event at Candace Strawn Park at Lake Dias, a small county Park “sandwiched” between State Road 11 and Lake Dias.

This park has a nice covered pavilion, adjacent parking, a restroom and several large picnic tables (many near the water), making for easy setup. We’ve been to this park a few times and it is one of our favorites. We arrived, to a temp of 64 degrees and 50% humidity, accompanied by crystal clear blue skies and a light breeze. Florida Winter at its best!



DON K3RLL MAKES ONE OF HIS 2 QRP QSOs



Don K3RLL #5274 “reeled in” one member (AB4QL – Barry #777) and a non-member (KP4KD) on 40M using his KX-3 at 5W to a 31-foot wire held vertical by Jackite stuck in the ground – fed with a homebrew 9:1 UNUN. Battery powered, of course! Don arrived a bit later than the others, but was able to setup quickly and on the air. We’re glad he made it!! He’s the only one to wear our NAQCC hat on this outing (Steve had his, but didn’t wear his – shame on him!)



BOB W2EJG WORKING THE 30M BAND – NICOLE KM4SBQ SUPERVISES

Steve WB4OMM #5913 let Bob W2ELG run his station along with new ham Nicole KM3SQB – a KX-3 running 5W out. Bob called CQ without a response on 30M for what seemed forever. After almost 2 hours, Steve got on and finally made a contact – the only one for the day – with a non-member in OH. Antenna was a homebrew End Fed Wire – 53 feet long to a 9:1 balun. The KX-3 tuned the antenna flat, but deep QSB, almost no signals, couldn't make a Q. This outing was one of the worst for propagation that anyone could remember. Oh, for some sunspots!!!

Ken N4KS #7626 came up from New Smyrna Beach to join our outing – he brought a K2 and ran 5W to a 20M Hamstick vertical antenna.....mag mounted on his vehicle in the parking lot! For some reason, he cleaned up today (just goes to show you how different antennas perform with propagation).



Ken N4KS the "master contact dude" for today's outing!

He worked 6 stations including a NPOTA QRP station WD8RIF #3005 at the **Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument** (MN18) in Ohio.

Also, members KG3W #3758 in PA, NN9K #6887, ABØBM #5372 in IA plus non-members VP5/VE7ACN and K5EDM in TX.

He did well with the rotten propagation! Glad he came, he made us look good!



Group Shot - Don K3RLL, Bob W2EJG, Ken N4KS, and Steve WB4OMM



A nice view of the dock/boat ramp and Lake Dias - an absolutely beautiful day!

We quit around noon and enjoyed our “brown bag picnic” lunch in the pavilion....we told all kinds of operating tales and the food was great! But not as great as our friendship and outing! We commiserated over the bad propagation, talked about the recent NAQCC Sprint, and of course, talked about the “good old days”. Everything was better back then! 😊 (Sure it was..... Hi hi hi)

Many thanks to those who listened for us and helped make this yet another successful NAQCC-FL event! We appreciate those to look for us to contact!!

NEXT MONTH: The next monthly outing of the NAQCC-FL Chapter is scheduled for Friday, January 20th, 2017 at 9:30 am.

AND.....

THE NAQCC-FL CHAPTER EXTENDS OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR A SAFE MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!



72/73 to all, and to all a good night!

Steve

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