

NAQCC FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS:



The Florida Chapter of NAQCC held its most recent field event on Friday, May 13th, starting at 9:30 am, in Buschman Park in Port Orange, Florida.

Yes, it was Friday the 13th!

For those not local, this Municipal Park is the result of a “drug related investigation seizure” by the City some 20 years or so ago. The family that owned and lived on the 30-acre tract with a live creek were adjudicated as, “a problem property” from years of arrests and issues. The City ultimately “took it”. MORAL – *Don’t Do Drugs Out of Your Home!!*

Steve WB4OMM and Art at the entrance of the park.



It is a great radio friendly site, and is lightly populated during the week (like most parks). All during our morning there were folks going by asking, “what were we trying to catch”, since we’re adjacent to the water, and it looks like we are using “poles and line”! One even commented, “Wow, spy radios, glad the Iron Curtain isn’t around anymore”!!! Guess our wires, bleeps and bloops, and Morse Code sounds still invoke some scary stuff to the unknowing! We explained our efforts, and got many compliments acknowledging our Ham Radio capabilities. Also a good thing!

The signals were not good on any of the bands today, with some deep QSB. Propagation continues to be our biggest challenge on our last few outings!! But the weather was grand! The temperature was around 75 degrees with a light breeze, bright, blue skies....and several of us were able to get on the air...always a great time! After we finished, we adjourned to a local eatery to confer and hobnob over lunch.



Steve WB4OMM #5913 - Elecraft KX-3, Vibroplex Code Warrior Jr paddle, 5W to a ground mounted vertical Hamstick setup and a 53' End Fed Wire with a 9:1 Balun. Steve made a total of 4 Qs in 4 different states, including 2 NAQCC members on the following bands: 20M – WA2JSG, Curt #3457 in NJ; 30M – K5HQV, Ben #5724 in MS; 40M – W8IRT in VA; and 40M W4EAB in NC.

Art WB4MNK #5274 used a KX1 at 4 watts, ZM-2 tuner, end fed wire 27' long to the top of a 20' push up pole, counterpoise 16' long, Dirt Cheap paddle. Art made 6 Qs as follows: 20 meters N8BB, Werner #1692 in MI; WA2JSG, Curt #3457 in NJ; KA0ENU, Joe #178 in TN; and K2YGM, Bob #6159 in NY. On 30M: K2YGM, Bob #6159 in NY; and KD3CA, Don #6602, in PA. No photo of Art, he was the picture taker this month!!

Here's **Don K3RLL #1905** taking the "bench" approach...look closely, you can see his "antenna apparatus" in the background on the right. His "Felix the Cat" bag of tricks is in the foreground. Never can tell what might appear outta dat bag!

Don used his KX-3 with a 31' UNUN Vertical antenna. He made two contacts on 20M: One with member K3SWZ, Glenn #3793 in PA; and one with Special Event Station KG4Z in Nancy Mountain, NC. (by the **SOUTH** Carolina DX Assn!)





This is **John KM4JTE #7966**, our newest CW member....he brings his gear, puts up an antenna, a practices copying code! He's gettin' there too! A real patient and meticulous fellow - Drives from Gainesville, over an hour away! Dedicated!!



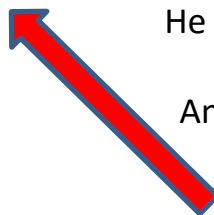
Here's **Wally KG4LAL #6278** – he loves QRP, uses his Yaesu



And this is **Bob W2EJG** – still not an NAQCC member! We have convinced him it is free, there is no contract, no sales tax, and no obligation. He joins us regularly, operates (FB Op!) and has by his own admission, “wadda great time”!

He said, “I’ll think about it”!!

And he is a GREAT CW OP!



***Many thanks to those who listened for us and helped make this another successful
NAQCC-FL event!***

***Because of the horrendous Florida heat, humidity, severe summer thunderstorms
with associated lighting and flooding, and hordes of mosquitoes the size of German
Shepherds, we tentatively “suspend” our outside activities for June, July, and August.***

Yeah, we love it here!

Our next “officially” scheduled operation is in September.

***If we orchestrate a “spontaneous QRP-CW field operation”, we will announce it over
the reflector with ample notice.***

Have a Great Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day Holiday Weekends!

NEXT MONTH’S SCHEDULED EVENT:

Friday, September 23rd, 2016 starting at 9:30 AM EDT

***Spruce Creek Park, Port Orange, FL (6250 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange) – Park
webpage with directions: [DIRECTIONS TO PARK AND INFO](#)***

***WHO: “The Usual Suspects” – Art WB4MNK, Steve WB4OMM, Rick AA4W, Don
K3RLL, Wally KG4LAL, Bob W2EJG, John KM4JTE, John KD4JS, Paul NU4C & Charlie
WX4CB (and whoever else can make it).***

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

Look for our announcement!

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