

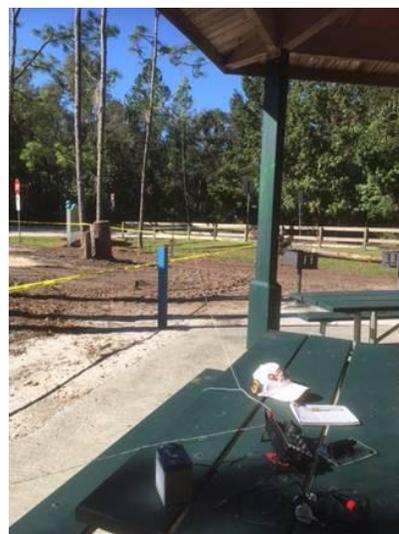
On Friday October 21st, the Florida Chapter of NAQCC returned to Lake Ashby Park for their monthly field event with Art, WB4MKNK (#5274), Rick AA4W (#1628), John KD4JS (#8019), Wally KG4LAL (#6278) and Don K3RLL (#1905). Our group enjoyed a beautiful Florida autumn morning in this remote county park still recovering but apparently spared serious damage from Hurricane Matthew that recently ripped up the East Coast of Florida and into Georgia and the Carolinas. Lake Ashby Park is one of the few area parks reopened to the public in time for our October event. It is located about ten miles inland from New Smyrna Beach, an area that suffered a significant impact from the storm. A grand total of seven contacts were made despite the best efforts of our erstwhile group on this sunny November morning. Four of our contacts were NAQCC members kind enough to listen for us and it was Art WB4MKNK made the lone DX contact with Bert, F6HKA #7267. Art, WB4MKNK on the left, was running his trusty KX1 at 4 watts to a 28 foot end fed and a 16' counterpoise.



**Our October Field Event Crew  
Rick AA4W, Don K3RLL, John KD4JS, Art WB4MKNK and Wally KG4LAL.**

Apparently not everyone received the memo to wear their NAQCC-FL shirts and hats. A couple of the antennas used included the 31' vertical wire in a Jackite fiberglass push-up pole with a single wire counterpoise and fed with 30' of LMR240 coax to an LDG 100 Plus tuner at the base of the tripod used by WB4MKNK and KD4JS on the left.

The photo on the right shows -- barely --K3RLL's 20' push-up pole there in the distance supporting a 51' sloper wire with a 16' elevated counterpoise going off in the opposite direction.



## K3RLL's Lake Ashby station



With our crack CW operator Rick AA4W once again running away from the field with seven contacts on 17m and 15m, most of which were good DX contacts, Art WB4MNK and Don K3RLL each had four contacts on 40m, 30m, or 20m. Of our total of 15 chapter contacts, six were faithful NAOCC members whose support for our monthly field operations continues to be greatly appreciated. These supportive members included: NM1I (#5705), N5GW (#5353), WA2JSG (#3457), WB4M (#7351), WI5H (#7128) and W4KRN (#3392). Some of these contributive members were contacted on multiple bands by multiple operators during this event. Without such support, our club field events would not be the successful outdoor field experiences we enjoy. Thank you to all.

Our next planned monthly field event is scheduled for Friday morning November 18th from Colby Park in historic Cassadaga Florida. Hope to 'hear' you there.