

## **NAQCC FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS: April 2019**



### ***A return to a nice one!***

On Friday, April 26, 2019 the Florida Chapter of NAQCC returned at a “newer” local park - one that’s been “adopted” for our monthly adventures. We held our latest “Operation in the Park” at Mill Lake Park in Orange City, Florida.

Orange City’s newest park features picnic pavilions, park benches, restrooms, splash pad, lighting and an entry feature with beautiful landscaping. Park improvements include a mile-long multi-use trail around the perimeter of the lake with educational displays along the path, picnic pavilions, park benches and a lakeshore overlook.

Our adventure this morning had us worried - the weather forecast was NOT good. Rain and high winds were predicted with the peak at 10AM EDT. At 8:30 AM the Weather RADAR showed a HUGE front getting ready to pass through the North Central Florida Coast, with us at the “bottom” of the impending front. Nasty stuff too!

It never rained! Well, we got like 6 drops on the way to the site, and maybe another 4 during our operation. And we never got the winds. Seems like we got really lucky today. Being at the “bottom” has advantages!! Hi, hi, hi.

This trip we had a total of 4 members/5 operators in our group to include: Steve WB4OMM #5274; John KD4JS #8019; Nikki KM4SBQ #8749; Wally KG4LAL #6278; and Doug W4DBL “No Number Yet”!



**John KD4JS #8019**

**Steve WB4OMM #5319**

Steve’s setup included his Elecraft KX-3 and a ground mounted Hamstick vertical for 20 meters with a Vibroplex Code Warrior Jr and GenLog.

Steve worked 6 members in quick succession - Walt KB1M #8058 in NH; Jim AJ8S #6829 in OH; Curt WA2JSG #3457 in NJ; Glenn K3SWZ #3793 in PA; Art K1ARR #2005 in VT; and Ken WA2FBN #3054 in NY. Signals were from WOW! to “agn agn?”

***Pretty good for 5W to a Hamstick !***





**Doug W4DBL**

Not a member yet! But soon to be.....at least we're sticking to that story!  
Doug's station was a Yaesu FT-817ND connected to an Alpha Vertical antenna – he was “checking out the bands” and doing PSK31. He experimented for most of the morning.

**Wally KG4LAL # 6278**

Wally was here - but didn't setup his radio.

Here is Wally and John KD4JS “eyeballing” the computer for spots.



**Nikki KM4SBQ #8749** helped Steve with his setup/take down and photos.

**John KD4JS #8019** - As usual, John took care of the and QRPSPOTS postings for Steve.  
Thanks John!



**A view of our pavilions across the lake – this was one pretty park!**

***The WX turned out to fine. A great park!!***

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

**NEXT MONTH'S SCHEDULED EVENT:**

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 starting at 10:00 AM EDT (1 Week Early - Dayton!)**

***ANOTHER NEW ONE!***

**Riverbreeze Park (250 H. H. Burch Road, Oak Hill, FL)**

**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, Phil NW4X, Nikki KM4SBQ, John W2IV, Doug W4DBL (and whoever else can make it).**

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***Look for our announcement!***

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