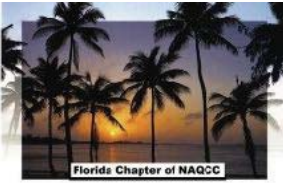


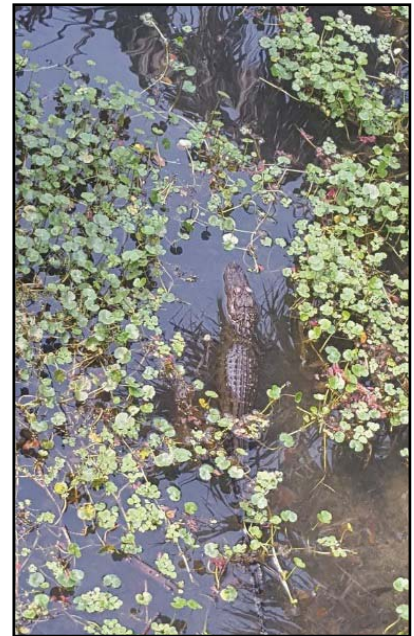
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### NAQCC-FL Monthly Field Op      February 15, 2019 Gemini Springs Park 37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary FL



Located on 221 acres at the SW corner of Volusia County Florida is Gemini Springs County Park. This scenic refuge offers boardwalks, camping, canoeing, horseback riding, a large and comfortable pavilion suitable for radio operations, restrooms, a nature trail, an abundance of liquid ground plane complete with man-eating creatures and a dog park.



*John KD4JS      and      Nikki KM4SBQ*

With a break in the bitter winter weather that has plunged our corner of Florida into 50 degree days, today we were blessed with an abundance of sunshine and temperatures in the mid 70s. The warmer attired shown below reflects the arrival temperatures way down into the upper 60s.



**K3RLL      KM4SBQ      Bailey      KD4JS**

About 10 AM, John KD4JS #8019 along with his able assistant "Bailey", Nikki KM4SBQ and Don K3RLL #1905 convened at the comfortable pavilion overlooking the liquid ground plane water shown above.

Our equipment today was comprised of a KX3, leading to our 31' Unun fed vertical wire on telescoping pole. We managed to log a total of ONE contact today with KA4UPI #6124 in East Dublin GA before our one and only battery gave up the ghost. But KD4JS, the engineer in the group, rigged up a temporary charging station from his automobile that unfortunately only resuscitated our now lone power source for only a minute or two.

Despite the less than promising propagation report on QRZ this morning, we seemed to be getting out as shown on this Reverse Beacon Report:

de	dx	freq	snr	time
W8WWV	K3RLL	7061.0	15 dB	1502z 15 Feb
WZ7I-3	K3RLL	7061.0	4 dB	1458z 15 Feb
W4KAZ	K3RLL	7061.0	7 dB	1457z 15 Feb
AA4VV	K3RLL	7061.0	10 dB	1456z 15 Feb



***KD4JS' UNUSUCCESSFUL BATTERY RESUSCITATION***

With no other obvious options, we packed up and enjoyed good fellowship in this beautiful park for the rest of the morning in honor of our northern friends unable to do so today.

It's a safe bet we will be bringing along at least one extra battery for our March field event. Hope to hear you then.

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