

NAQCC FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS: OCTOBER 2019

On Friday, October 18th, 2019 the Florida Chapter of NAQCC returned to a local park for our monthly adventure. We held our latest “Operation in the Park” at Sunrise Park North, in Holly Hill, Florida. Well, kinda.



This lovely park, set on the Halifax River, offers several “pavilions”, a large fishing pier and grills. The view of the Daytona Beach peninsula skyline is terrific, and it’s a great setting for hamming in the outdoors!

On arrival at 9:30am (EDT local), I only recognized one car in the parking lot - Nikki’s (KM4SBQ #8749).... not a good sign (I usually am one of the last to arrive). I scooped up my equipment and Nikki and I walked towards the far end of the park by the water.

We wound up being the only folks!

Sooooo.....here’s why - Tropical Storm Nestor was just off the West Coast of Florida (we’re only about 120 miles wide at this part of the state) and it is the start of

“Biketoberfest” here in Daytona. 100K of motorcycles in four days.....I’m guessing this had a not so good impact on our group.....Oh well! (Yes, I am not smart enough to come in from the rain!!)

So, this trip, we had a total of 2 members in our group: Steve WB4OMM #5913 and Nikki KM4SBQ #8749.

The signals were actually pretty good today with the usual QSB. We did good! Propagation has been really bad on our last few outings!!

We arrived to our site with cloudy skies and a temp of 75 degrees with 50% humidity – a pretty stiff breeze most of the morning, so it seemed a bit cooler than it really was. By the time we left around 11AM EDT it was 80 degrees and the “rain drops” we’re just starting to drop a bit.



The view - Halifax River, Daytona Skyline, the Vertical Hamstick Antenna

Steve WB4OMM #5913 - Elecraft KX-3, Vibroplex Code Warrior Jr paddle, 5W to a ground mounted vertical Hamstick setup for 20M. Steve worked 8 members in 7 states and an FB DX in Canada on 20M including Curt - WA2JSG #3457-NJ; Mike – VE3EDX #1951-ON; Mike - WA8SAN # 792-OH; Dick - K1IEE #3966-ME; Walt - KB1M-NH; Karen-W4KRN #3392-VA; Ken - WA2FBN #3054-NY; and Dirk – WA9TUT #8375-IL. When importing the day's log, I was quite surprised how many times I have made Qs with most of these folks - between 7 of them – over 90 times! That's what I call BIG support!

Portable Operations in the Park Sunrise Park Holly Hill, Florida

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«Title»	WB4OMM	18 Oct 2019	1342Z	20M/CW	«Last Name»	NAQCC#

HERE IS OUR SPECIAL QSL FOR THOSE WHO WORKED US THIS TRIP!

Thanks to those who listened and helped make this a successful NAQCC-FL event!

NEXT MONTH'S SCHEDULED EVENT:

Friday, November 15th, 2019 starting at 9:30 AM EST

Bethune Point Park (101 E. Bellevue Avenue, Daytona Beach, 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, (and whoever else can make it)

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

Look for our announcement!

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