



the Radio Flyer, *a BRARA Newsletter*

October 2016

BRARA Calendar:

09:00-13:00 Sat 01-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

Mon 03-Oct-16 Rosh Hashanah
No Nets Tonight

19:00-21:00 Tue 04-Oct-16
Club Meeting @ West Boca Library

09:00-12:00 Wed 05-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

20:00 Wed 05-Oct-16 (442.875 [110.9])
Red Informativa en Español

09:00-12:00 Sat 08-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

Sun 09-Oct-16 Leif Erickson Day

Mon 10-Oct-16 Columbus Day

19:00 Mon 10-Oct-16 (145.29 [110.9])
Monday Night Nets

Wed 12-Oct-16 Yom Kippur

09:00-12:00 Wed 12-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

20:00 Wed 12-Oct-16 (442.875 [110.9])
Red Informativa en Español

09:00-12:00 Sat 15-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day / JOTA

Mon 17-Oct-2016 Boss's Day

19:00 Mon 17-Oct-16 (145.29 [110.9])
Monday Night Nets

09:00-12:00 Wed 19-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

20:00 Wed 19-Oct-16 (442.875 [110.9])
Red Informativa en Español

09:00-12:00 Sat 22-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

19:00 Mon 24-Oct-16 (145.29 [110.9])
Monday Night Nets

09:00-12:00 Wed 26-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

20:00 Wed 26-Oct-16 (442.875 [110.9])
Red Informativa en Español

09:00-13:00 Sat 29-Oct-16
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

12:00 Noon Sun 30-Oct-16
Soft Deadline for Newsletter

Mon 31-Oct-2016 Halloween
No Nets Tonight

19:00-21:00 Tue 01-Nov-16
Club Meeting @ Club Shack



This Month's Speaker

This month, we will go over the DMR basics outlining codeplugs to include color codes (which don't have a color), time slots and talk groups, channels and abbreviations. We will even get into creating an elementary codeplug for the W2GGI repeater.

Next month's meeting will take place at the Shack (Elections taking precedence over us). It will be an abbreviated meeting concentrating on the radios at the Shack.



Repeater, HSMM, & Ham Shack News

Even though the new Shack is operational, there are still a lot of areas for innovation and improvement. We still meet every Wednesday and Saturday morning roughly between 09:00 and 13:00.

Both analog repeaters are working. Innovation and improvement opportunities are present here too. Art and Lew are spearheading efforts.

Repeater 2m/70cm linking as well as the time stamp are still works in progress. We are still fund collecting for a new 2m repeater antenna.

While the digipeater is operational, the packet repeater is a work in progress.

We have still not solved the limited internet connection and are still dependent on individual hot spots. We are, however, getting closer to resolving the internet link from the Repeater.

QSL Report ⁿ⁴ⁱⁱ

As we closed out September, N4BRF had logged in 2,604 QSLs / 8,320 QSOs (31.3%) on LoTW.

DXCC Account Status: Nothing new this month. Awards received: Mixed, CW, Phone, 15m and 10m.

WAS Account Status: Nothing new this month. Awards issued: Mixed, 20m, CW, Phone, Digital, Triple Play, RTTY. We still need:

- AK, ID for 40m
- AK, WV for 15m
- WY for 20m Phone
- NV for 20m CW.
- AK, DE, ID, ME, NV for 40m CW.

We have received the following QSLs from Field Day activities:

- 176 (+0) QSLs from 2012
- 184 (+2) QSLs from 2013
- 254 (+0) QSLs from 2014
- 277 (+0) QSLs from 2015
- 146 (+2) QSLs from 2016

VUCC Account Status: Nothing new this month.

Update at Tuesday's Club Meeting.

Note: New Contest/Special Event and DX information added on final pages.





Welcome Back Snow Birds KC4FUR

Returning Snow birds are reminded that the Club's informal net is still on Monday evenings at 19:30 (7:30 PM local time) on 145.290/144.690 [PL 110.9]. We will be happy to reacquaint ourselves. We still meet at the shack on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 09:00-12:00. Our meetings are still at the Library on US -441/SR-7 on the first Tuesday of the Month (except major holidays and election days. Also, on the long drive down south, you can begin to reconnect with us on Echolink [EC Node 826953] and DMR via the W2GGI repeater (443.300 CC 1). We now have a FL DMR LO Tech Net at on Sundays at 20:00 (8:PM local time) on TG2 of the W2GGI repeater 443.100 [CC-1]. Also new is the Club's informal net en Español on Wednesday evenings at 20:00L (8:00 PM local time) on 442.875 [PL 110.9].

A New (Old) Ham's Guide to Repeaters

You use the repeater--but do you really know how it works?

This article by N4UJW will help the new ham to be more at home on repeaters and understand the operation and procedures on ham radio repeaters.

It contains a basic description of a ham radio repeater, how to use it properly for one of the most popular ham bands....2 meters.

<http://www.hamuniverse.com/repeater.html>

Review: Hand-Carried QRP Antennas VK3YE

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

About a month ago, I got the idea to write a book on portable antennas. That seemed like a cool thing to do, given the popularity of portable operation these days. I even purchased a copy of the ARRL's *Portable Antenna Classics*, and after reviewing that book, I felt pretty good about the project. I felt that I could do a much better job.

I've changed my plans, however. After purchasing and reviewing *Hand-Carried QRP Antennas* by Peter Parker, VK3YE, this morning, I've given up on the idea.

Hand-Carried QRP Antennas does a much better job of covering this topic than I could, drawing as it does on Parker's 30 years of portable operation experience. The book includes chapters on:

- types of portable antennas,
- materials for building antennas,
- supporting portable antennas,
- feeding and matching portable antennas, and
- test equipment and accessories used with portable antennas.

What I really like about this book is the "hands on" approach that Parker takes. For example, in the test equipment chapter, he doesn't say to go out and buy a field strength meter. He shows you how to build a simple one from a surplus meter, a diode, a capacitor, and an RF choke.

There are also plans for a variety of HF and VHF antennas, including not only the typical end-fed wires, but also delta loops and beams. Loops and beams are typically not used by pedestrian-mobile QRPers, but after reading this book, they seem much more of a possibility than before.

Left: Diagram of pedestrian mobile loop antenna construction plan included in book.

Hand-Carried QRP Antennas is only available as a Kindle book from Amazon. It's a bargain at \$5 USD.

Amateur Radio Parity Act Passes the House K5UR

Our legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when The Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, passed in the House of Representatives yesterday, September 12th. The legislation now moves to the Senate, where we need every Senator to approve the bill.

You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in the United States. Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!

* If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently allowed to do so by your Home Owner's Association, **SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

* If you already have outdoor antennas, but want to support your fellow hams, **SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

* If you want to preserve your ability to install effective outdoor antennas on property that you own, **SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

We need you to reach out to your Senators **TODAY!** Right away.

Help us in the effort. Please go to this linked website and follow the prompts:

<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

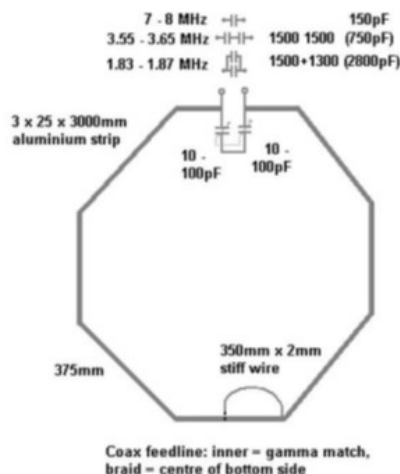
Thank you.

73,

Rick Roderick, K5UR

President

ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio



Pedestrian mobile magnetic loop

VK3YE



Monday Night Nets

KG4FUR

BRARA now runs three Monday Night Nets on the 145.290 MHz -0.600 [110.9] repeater:

- ⇒ New HAMS Net: 19:00-19:30.
- ⇒ BRARA Informational Net: 19:30-20:00. Out-of-Area Amateurs may check-in via EchoLink. Our Node is 826953.
- ⇒ South County NBEMS Net 20:00-20:30. Analog Voice and FLDigi/FLMsg mixed mode.

NBEMS KG4FUR

For more information and the latest Guide and Troubleshooting, go to www.qsl.net/k4wrc/PBC-BASIC-NBEMS.html or simply Google "Palm Beach NBEMS"

Scheduled Nets

Mon	20:00	S County
		145.290 -0.6 110.9
Tue	19:30	PBC NBEMS
		147.285 +0.6 103.5

Other Local HAM

Analog Repeater Nets

Daily	18:00	SEFL Traffic	146.61 MHz
Tue	19:00	Boynton CERT	443.1 MHz
Tue	19:30	Boca/Delray CERT	444.700 MHz
Tue	20:00	IRLP Tech	147.075 MHz
Wed	19:00	PBC ARES	147.450 MHz
Wed	20:00	Red Informativa en Español	442.875 MHz
Fri	09:00	SARNet: PBC	443.975 MHz
		FTL	442.850 MHz

Scheduled DMR Nets

Day	EDST	Talk Group
Sun	2000	TG-2 (LO) FL Tech
Mon	1600	TG-13 (EN) UK Tech
Wed	2100	TG-03 (NA) NATEch
Sat	1200	TG-01 (WW)

Local DMR Repeaters

Location	Rx Freq	Color Code
Miami	442.225	1
N Dade	443.1250	10
Dania Bch	442.4000	1
Plantation	442.4250	1
Boca Raton	442.0000	8
Delray Bch	443.3000	1
Wellington	442.3000	7
Lk Worth	444.4500	10 In Repair
WPB	444.9125	1
PBG	442.1000	10
Jupiter	442.6000	10 Pending

Social Media Committee

A committee was formed to update, simplify and modernize BRARA social media: W4BFL (Jerry), KO4XL (Bruce), NE4LS (Nelson), N1QFH (John C)

Club Repeaters

144.390	APRS Repeater
145.070	Packet Repeater
145.290 -0.600	[PL 110.9] EC-826953
442.875 +5.000	[PL 110.9]

Location: 26.39724 -80.09485
145.290 & 442.875 linking planned

Club Ham Shack

West Delray Regional Park
10875 West Atlantic Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33446

Board of Directors

Scheduled Meetings

The BRARA Board of Directors:

K4LEW (Lew), KG4FUR (Gerry),
KO4XL (Bruce), WA8VSJ (Art),
KE4OBV (Patrick), W4BFL (Jerry),
and W4WCD (Walt)

will hold scheduled monthly meetings at 18:00 on the third Thursday of the month in the McDonalds on Yamato Rd and Technology Way. Impromptu meetings may be held at the Shack on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Donations & Contributions

Contributions to BRARA—a 501(c)(3) organization—are tax deductible as charitable donations. As you complete your membership renewal or begin your year-end tax planning, please consider making a donation to BRARA.

Planned Giving—Please also consider BRARA when updating or initiating planned giving (including charitable gift annuities, bequests and gifts or retirement plan assets) and other assets.

Apparel Donations

\$10 donation-BRARA Name Plate with your Call Sign.
 \$30 donation-BRARA Polo Shirt with your Call Sign.
 \$40 donation-BRARA button down red cotton/poly shirt (short sleeve)

Membership Application & Renewal

- \$25 Full Membership
- \$5 Associate Membership
- \$5 Family Mbr w/License

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ARRL Member: Yes No

Birthday: Month: _____ Year: _____

License Grade: _____ Exp Date: _____

Interests: Field Day Ham Fest

HF Digital DXing

VHF Packet CW

UHF Voice Contesting

EmComm Skywarn Public Svc

ARES MARS CERT

Award Chasing Ragchewing

Building & Experimenting DMR

Other: _____

Signature: _____

Return with dues to BRARA at either:

BRARA
P.O. Box 480162
Delray Beach, FL 33448-0162

Or

to a director at the Shack on Wednesday or Saturday morning radio days.

Florida St Convention (Melbourne Hamfest)

Start Date: 10/07/2016
 End Date: 10/08/2016
 Location: Melbourne Auditorium
 625 East Hibiscus Avenue
 Melbourne, FL 32901
 Website: <http://PCARS.org>
 Sponsor: Platinum Coast Amateur
 Radio Society (PCARS)
 Type: ARRL Convention
 Talk-In: 146.850
 Public Contact: Chuck Green ,
 AD4ES
 404 East New Haven Avenue
 Melbourne, FL 32901
 Phone: 321-223-3776
 Email: chuck@addressmail.com

Link McGarity WV4J Memorial Free Flea

Start Date: 11/05/2016
 End Date: 11/05/2016
 Location: JFCS of Palm Beach County
 5841 Corporate Way
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Website: <http://palmswestradio.org>
 Sponsor: Palms West ARC
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Talk-In: 147.045 (PL 110.9)
 Public Contact: Robert Pease ,
 KS4EC
 11894 Brierpatch Court Wellington, FL
 33414
 Phone: 561-358-9999 561-358-9999
 Email: ks4ec@att.net

Free Laurel VEC Testing



Tue 11-Oct-2016, 18:00-19:30,
 Broward Gen MC, 1600 S Andrews
 Ave, Ft Lauderdale [BARC] (2nd Tue
 of every month).

Sun 06-Nov2016, 11:00-13:00, Fire
 Station 28, 1040 RPB Blvd, Royal
 Palm Beach [PWARC] (1st Sunday of
 odd months).

Thu 10-Nov-2016, 19:00-21:00,
 Rutherford Com Ctr, 2000 Yamato
 Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33498 [BRARA]
 (Quarterly: Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

Welcome New Members:

KK4VYM	MaryLiz Roth
W1ENG	Robert Eng
WA2NCH	William J Burke
K3DTZ	David W Burk

For more on BRARA:

www.n4brf.org

Join us on Twitter [BRARA@N4BRF](https://twitter.com/BRARA_N4BRF)
 and on Instagram [#BRARA_N4BRF](https://www.instagram.com/BRARA_N4BRF) as
 well as on Facebook.

Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea

Start Date: 11/12/2016
 End Date: 11/12/2016
 Location: University of Miami
 Physics / Gifford Arboretum Parking
 Lot
 5101 San Amaro Drive
 Coral Gables, FL 33114
 Website: <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net>
 Sponsor: Flamingo Net / University
 of Miami Amateur Radio Club
 Type: ARRL Hamfest
 Talk-In: 147.150 +600 (PL 94.8)
 Public Contact: William Moore ,
 WA4TEJ
 1451 NE 102nd Street Miami Shores, FL
 33138
 Phone: 305-751-1874
 Email: w4tej@juno.com

BRARA Ham Shack Key Rules ^{K4LEW}

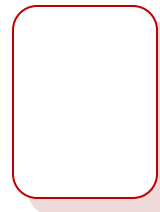
To obtain a key for our ham shack
 you must be a member in good
 standing for a minimum of a
 continuous year and hold a general
 class license or above and go
 through a short training session with
 K4LEW (Lew), W4BFL (Jerry),
 W4WCD (Walt) or N4CGC (Max).

the Radio Flyer's Purpose

The purpose of this newsletter is
 to keep club members and other
 interested hams updated on club
 events and ham activities in the
 Greater Boca Raton Area. We
 hope you enjoy this month's *the RF*
 as much as we did publishing it!



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BRARA Club Member Name
 Call Sign
 Street Address
 City, State Zip Code



Amateur License Refresher

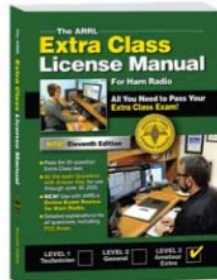
It's probably been awhile since you took your Amateur License exam. Here are a few sample questions just to keep those synapses firing.

Extra Pool

E4B11

How should an antenna analyzer be connected when measuring antenna resonance and feed point impedance?

- A. Loosely couple the analyzer near the antenna base
- B. Connect the analyzer via a high-impedance transformer to the antenna
- C. Loosely couple the antenna and a dummy load to the analyzer
- D. Connect the antenna feed line directly to the analyzer's connector



E4B17

What three test loads are used to calibrate a standard RF vector network analyzer?

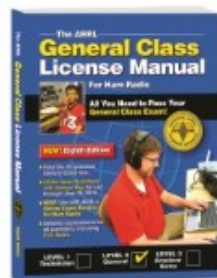
- A. 50 ohms, 75 ohms, and 90 ohms
- B. Short circuit, open circuit, and 50 ohms
- C. Short circuit, open circuit, and resonant circuit
- D. 50 ohms through 1/8 wavelength, 1/4 wavelength, and 1/2 wavelength of coaxial cable

General Pool

G6A09

What is an advantage of using a ferrite core toroidal inductor?

- A. Large values of inductance may be obtained
- B. The magnetic properties of the core may be optimized for a specific range of frequencies
- C. Most of the magnetic field is contained in the core
- D. All of these choices are correct



G6A12

What is a common name for an inductor used to help smooth the DC output from the rectifier in a conventional power supply?

- A. Back EMF choke
- B. Repulsion coil
- C. Charging inductor
- D. Filter choke

Answers to License Refresher:

- E4B11 (D)
- E4B17 (B)
- G6A09 (D)
- G6A12 (D)

A world without radio is a deaf world.

A world without television is a blind world.

A world without telephone is a dumb world.

“A world without communication is indeed a crippled world.”

— Ernest Agyemang Yeboah



No Smoking

UNLESS YOU'RE A RADIO WITH A SHORTED CAPACITOR.

Articles for the Newsletter *KG4FUR*

Got an idea for an article? Or constructive critique? Want to share club news and events? How about writing a short 30-minute project idea? Your submissions to the Red Flyer are needed to help keep this one of the best club newsletters in South Florida.

Please send articles to KG4FUR@yahoo.com





Ham Humor

VE Session Nets Huge Field Day Team; Sets Record *W3ORUR*

NOCTURNAL SPRINGS, NV – Local ham radio operator Christopher Estrada has taken a new approach to his hobby’s annual event “Field Day.”

(Field Day allows operators to test emergency communication skills (and barbecuing ability) by setting up radios, antennas and hammocks in remote areas. They then communicate with each other over a 24-hour period.)

“I really wanted to coordinate a large-scale Field Day operation,” says the retired meat cutter from Pasadena. “But unfortunately, there are no other hams around me for miles.”

Undeterred, Estrada began recruiting for the hobby anywhere he could: the local bus station, Johnson’s barber shop, the produce section of the Piggly Wiggly, the weekly gathering of Mrs. Thompson’s Quilting Society, and happy hour at the Dew Drop Inn Bar and Grill.

Next, Estrada scheduled an “emergency” VE (volunteer examiner) session to test the interested citizenry. In all, 79 out of 80 people passed an FCC exam. According to the National Radio Retransmission Legion (NRRL), Estrada set a new record for most FCC licenses ever awarded during a single VE session.

“We were shocked when we saw the pickup full of paperwork arrive on our doorstep,” says NRRL president Ray Fergie from his plush Newingstead, Vermont, office. “It took two Official Observers, one DX Card Checker, and a Testing Labs employee the better part of a day to haul it all in here for processing.”

For his part, Estrada immediately drafted the new hams into service for Field Day.

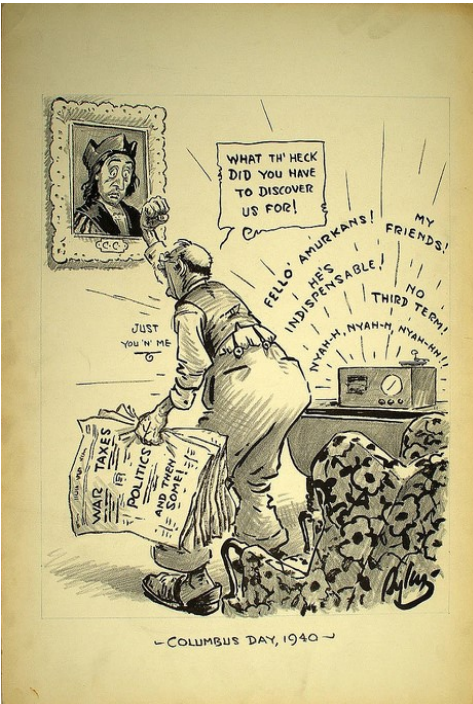
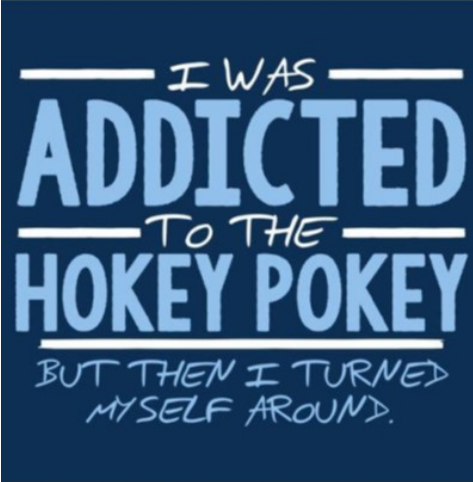
“As the group was leaving the Odd Fellows Hall, I handed them a signup sheet for an operating position at Field Day. Looks like we’re going to be able to operate 54E, if I can get my generator running in time.”

The only person to fail the exam was Peter Snooker of Fool’s Gold, Arizona, who

inadvertently wandered into the testing room while looking for the local livestock auction.

Surprisingly, Snooker – a cattle rancher – was so smitten with the idea of ham radio that in exchange for helping him study for his ticket, he’s agreed to prepare a side of beef for the local Field Day contesters.

hamhijinks.com



Man Returns Hamfest Door Prize

K5KUN

NBLOCKTOWN, NE – Moments after winning a door prize at the Midwest Hills Hamfest, one local ham operator says he began having second thoughts about keeping the prize.

“I never win anything. So, imagine my delight when they called my name,” said Bert Beleighmuh, who was one of the lucky winners last weekend.

Hamfest officials say about a dozen door prizes were available at the hamfest, all donated by club members.

“They handed me a 4-pack of used Chinese-made PL259s that still had some solder in the barrels. I turned to head back to the snack bar, but turned right back around and just shook my head,” said Beleighmuh.

Witnesses say the hamfest emcee, Willard Persing, was stunned but handled it well.

“Well, I covered the microphone with my hand and jokingly said, ‘You ungrateful S-O-B,’” Persing explained.

He then handed Beleighmuh, an extra-class ham radio operator, the next prize in the stack—a technician class exam study guide.

“Now that’s something that might come in handy,” said Beleighmuh.

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The Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association is having

Jamboree on the Air



JOTA is an annual event that brings together Scouts from round the world. It's a perfect time to give our Cub Scouts their chance to see a real amateur radio station and even get to talk on the radio!

Where: Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association
Club Station (in West Delray Park)
10875 W Atlantic Ave
Delray Beach, FL 33446

When: Saturday, October 15, 2016
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

For more info, contact: Gerry Gawaldo, KG4FUR
KG4FUR@N4BRF.ORG



JOTA Stations Encouraged to Register/ File Post-Event Reports

Scouting's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) officials are asking JOTA 2016 participants not only to register for this year's event, but to follow up with a post-JOTA report. As an incentive, all stations filing reports will automatically be entered to win an Icom ID-51A handheld transceiver.

The 59th annual JOTA takes place 14/15-October-2016.

More than a million Scouts in 150 countries at nearly 18,000 stations are expected to participate in JOTA 2016. It is about conversations across town and around the world, rather than about contacts.

BRARA will be operating at the Shack on Saturday 14-Oct with the assistance this year from Boy Scout Troop 306. Several Cub Scout packs in our area have been invited and are expected to visit us.

We will again be sending a contingent to the Gulf Stream Council JOTA event at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation in Tequesta. The council event runs the full weekend and attracts youth from three counties. We are still looking for additional members to fill out the team as control operators for our in-camp station and assist in providing instruction. Lodging and food are provided. Please contact Bruce [KO4XL] at 561.862.8198 if you are interested in participating.



2m Repeater Antenna Funding KG4FUR

Most of us complain about our 2m repeater. Well, I do anyway. It is scratchy sounding like "sizzlin' bacon" and at its best you need to be east of US-441 and north of Glades Rd to do anything more than "break squelch."

Well, it is time to get off our collective duff, stop complaining and do something about it. The solution is a new repeater antenna and it will cost under a \$1000. A half dozen of us have already contributed almost a quarter of the cost. Now, no one is telling you how much you should contribute, just that if all 120 members donated \$10 each, we would have bought and installed this thing already. Consider giving a donation instead of just complaining about it.

TALARC Monthly Nets

EchoLink, 20-Meter, and IRLP Nets meet the 2nd Saturday of each month.

40-Meter Net meets the 3rd Sunday of each month.

D-Star Nets meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

Note: Access to the *FMCA-ARC* EchoLink Conference Node cannot be made via a Repeater.

Mode	Day	Date	Time [Zulu]	Band	Where to find the Net
EchoLink	Saturday	June 11	12 Noon ET [1600Z]		*FMCA-ARC* Conference
HF	Saturday	June 11	1:00 PM ET [1700Z]	20 meters	14.275 MHz [+/- 5 KHz]
IRLP	Saturday	June 11	2:00 PM ET [1800Z]	2 meters	Node 9735 [K9DC-Indy]
HF	Sunday	June 19	6:00 PM ET [2200Z]	40 meters	7.243 MHz [+/- 5 KHz]
D-Star	Monday	June 20	9:00 PM ET [0100Z]		REF 026A
D-Star	Monday	July 4	9:00 PM ET [0100Z]		REF 026A

Contest and Special Event Operating News and Information

Data below as well as more information courtesy of the following website:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>.

October 2016	
+ TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 1
+ 15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	0000Z, Oct 1 to 2359Z, Oct 2
+ Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 1 to 0800Z, Oct 2
+ WAB HF Phone	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
+ TRC DX Contest	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
+ GTC CW Cup	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
+ Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1159Z, Oct 2
+ International HELL-Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 1 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Oct 2 (40m)
+ California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 1 to 2200Z, Oct 2
+ FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 1
+ UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 2
+ RSGB International DX Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 2
+ German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 3
+ ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 4
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 5
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 5 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 5 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 6
+ 432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 5
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 5
+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Oct 6 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Oct 6 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 6 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 6 (Dig)
+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 6
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 7
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 7
+ Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 8 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 8 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 9
+ Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 8 to 0800Z, Oct 9
+ Microwave Fall Sprint	0800 local - 1400 local, Oct 8
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 8 to 2400Z, Oct 9
+ Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 8 to 1200Z, Oct 9
+ QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 8 to 2359Z, Oct 9
+ Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9
+ Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 8 to 0600Z, Oct 9 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 9
+ FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 8
+ PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000Z, Oct 8 to 2000Z, Oct 9
+ North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 9
+ UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 9

+ 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
+ NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 12
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 12
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 13
+ RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 12
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 14
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 14
+ MCG Autumn Sprint	1500Z-1900Z, Oct 14
+ JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 15 to 2400Z, Oct 16
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 16
+ Iowa QSO Party	1400Z-2300Z, Oct 15
+ New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16
+ Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 15 to 1459Z, Oct 16
+ South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 15 to 1800Z, Oct 16
+ Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Oct 15
+ Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 16
+ UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 16
+ Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
+ RSGB RoLo CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 16
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 17
+ ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 21
+ Telephone Pioneers QSO Party	1900Z, Oct 17 to 0300Z, Oct 18
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 19
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 19 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 19 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 20
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 21
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 21
+ ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 22 to 2359Z, Oct 23
+ UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 22 to 1200Z, Oct 23
+ Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 22 to 1500Z, Oct 23
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 26
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 26
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 26 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 26 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 27
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 26
+ RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 27
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 28
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 28
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30

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2016 Oct01	2016 Oct04	Tonga	A35JP/p	LotW	JA0RQV 20160812	By JA0RQV fm Niuafou I (OC-123); 80-6m; CW SSB; 100w; vertical; QSL OK via JA0RQV (Buro or direct w/ SAE + 2USD) or Club Log
2016 Oct01	2016 Oct08	Lord Howe I	VK9LX	LotW	DXW.Net 20160807	By W1RSD fm OC-004; QRV for the Oceania DX Contest, Phone
2016 Oct02	2016 Oct12	Maldives	8Q7MD	LotW	DXW.Net 20160909	By IZ1MHY fm Felidhoo Atoll; 40-10m; SSB + digital; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via 9A8ARS Buro or IZ1MHY direct, also eQSL
2016 Oct02	2016 Oct12	Seychelles	S79PA NEW	LotW	DXNews 20160924	By R2DG fm Mahe I (AF-024); HF; CW SSB PSK; QSL also OK via R2DG or Club Log
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct07	Palau	T88MZ NEW	LotW	TDDX 20160929	By JH0CKF fm Koror I (OC-009); HF; SSB CW; QSL also OK via JH0CKF or eQSL
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct09	Malta	9H3LH	LotW	425DXN 20160917	By IK8YFU IU8GUK IW8RAO IZ8CZR IZ8SJA IZ8SKO; 80-10m (no WARC); CW SSB + digital; QSL also OK via 9A8ARS Buro or IK8YFU direct
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct10	Tuvalu	T2J	LotW	DXW.Net 20160801	By JF2MBF JA2FJP; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JA2FJP direct (w/ SAE + US\$2) and Club Log
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct16	Maldives	8Q7HX NEW	LotW	DXNews 20160929	By DJ9HX fm Bandos I (AS-013); 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via DJ9HX
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct17	Temotu	H40GC	LotW	DXW.Net 20151221	By LZ1GC fm Nendo I (OC- 100, RH92ug); 160 -10m, focus on low bands; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via LZ1GC
2016 Oct04	2016 Oct30	Central Kiribati	T31T	3Z9DX	DXNews 20160824	By 3Z9DX SP3DOI SP7VC fm Kanton I (OC-043); 160-10m; end date unclear
2016 Oct06	2016 Oct11	Belize	V31VP NEW	WB0TEV	WB0TEV 20160927	By WB0TEV; QRV for NA SSB Sprint and Makrothen RTTY
2016 Oct08	2016 Oct23	Sao Tome & Principe	S9YY	DH7WW	TDDX 20160620	By DG5AA DK8YY DL1AOB DL1AWD DL1RPL DL3RKS fm AF-023; 160-10m, also EME on 2m & 432; CW SSB + digital; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2016 Oct09	2016 Oct16	Belize	V31TT		DXNews 20160907	By K5TTE; 40 20m; QRP; end-fed wire
2016 Oct09	2016 Oct23	Hawaii	KH6	Home Call	TDDX 20160707	By DJ0FX as KH6FX and DF1SD as KH7SD; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL via DARC Buro or direct (not to KH6 addresses)
2016 Oct10	2016 Oct15	Bermuda	VP9	AA1AC	TDDX 20160921	By AA1AC as VP9/AA1AC fm Hamilton Parish (NA-005); HF
2016 Oct10	2016 Nov02	French Polynesia	FO	DF1YP Buro	DF1YP 20160709	By DF1YP as FO/DF1YP fm Moorea I (OC-046, ARLHS FRP 004, WLOTA 0465, WWFF FFF-178); 20 17 15m; SSB RTTY; lighthouse + WWFF activations; holiday style
2016 Oct11	2016 Oct13	Fiji	3D2GG	LotW	DXNews 20160801	By JF2MBF JA2FJP; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JF2MBF direct (w/ SAE + US\$2) and Club Log
2016 Oct13	2016 Oct18	Panama	H84JK		425DXN 20160917	By SP5APW fm Isla Colon (NA-088); 20-10m; SSB + digital
2016 Oct13	2016 Nov20	Burkina Faso	XT2AW NEW	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20160925	By DF2WO; HF; slow CW + digital

2016 Oct14	2016 Oct17	Easter I	CE0Y	LotW	DXW.Net 20160911	By JA0JHQ as CE0Y/JA0JHQ; focus on 40 30m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via JA0JHQ (Buro or direct)
2016 Oct15	2016 Oct23	Maldives	8Q7DK <small>NEW</small>	LotW	DXNews 20160928	By 4Z5SL fm AS-013; HF; SSB PSK; wires; QSL also OK via 4Z5SL
2016 Oct15	2016 Oct29	Lesotho	7P8AO	HA5AO	DXW.Net 20160819	By HA5AO; 80-6m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via Club Log
2016 Oct17	2016 Nov01	Micronesia	V6Z	LotW	GM3WOJ 20160914	By GM3WOJ GM4YXI fm Chuuk I (OC-001); 160-10m, focus on 160 80m; SSB CW; QRV for CQWW DX SSB
2016 Oct18	2016 Oct21	Solomon Is	H44GC	LotW	DXNews 20160219	By LZ1GC fm Guadalcanal, (OC-047, QI90xn); 160-10m, focus on low bands; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via LZ1GC
2016 Oct18	2016 Oct27	St Lucia	J6	LotW	DXW.Net 20160921	By WF2S as J68SL and WB2YQH as J6/WB2YQH fm Gros Islet; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital; vertical over salt water; QSL also OK via Club Log
2016 Oct18	2016 Oct30	St Helena	ZD7VDE	Club Log	G0VDE 20160514	By G0VDE; 80-10m; SSB, some digital, perhaps CW
2016 Oct19	2016 Oct26	Ghana	9G5AM	LotW	S59ZZ 20160801	By S54W S57L S59ZZ fm Langma; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; CW SSB + digital; 100w; verticals, wires; QSL also OK via S59ZZ and Clublog
2016 Oct20	2016 Oct28	Vietnam	3W2R	EB7DX	DXNews 20160902	By EA1ACP EA5HPX EA7FTR US7UX EB7DX fm the Mekong Delta; 160-6m; all modes
2016 Oct20	2016 Nov05	Vietnam	3W2DK	LotW	DXW.Net 20160902	By N0ODK; 40-10m; mainly SSB, some CW + digital; QSL also OK via N0ODK, Buro or direct
2016 Oct20	2016 Nov12	Tanzania	5H3DX	LotW	DXW.Net 20160815	By NK8O fm Zinga; 20-6m; mainly CW; spare time operation; QSL also OK via NK8O and eQSL
2016 Oct21	2016 Oct25	Fiji	3D2YA	LotW	JA1NLX 20160411	By JA1NLX and JI1CNA fm Mana I (OC-121); 40-10m; mainly CW, some SSB RTTY; 100w; verticals, dipole; QSL also OK via JALNLX direct
2016 Oct25	2016 Nov07	Anguilla	VP2E	LotW	DL7DF 20160918	By DK1BT DL4WK DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR as TBD; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31; QSL also OK via DL7DF (DARC Buro or direct)
2016 Oct26	2016 Nov09	Chatham I	ZL7G	G3TXF	G3TXF 20160219	By G3BJ G3SVL G3TXF G3WPH G3XTT G4JKS G4TSH; 160-10m; mainly CW RTTY, some SSB
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 29-30, 2016) See above website for contest activity too.						
2016 Oct29	2016 Nov04	Martinique	FM	LotW	WT4BT 20160811	By AA4OC as TO4OC, N7BS as FM/N7BF, WT4BT as FM/WT4BT, W6ABM as TO6ABM; 80-10m; SSB + digital; QSL also OK via home_calls (see qrz.com pages)
2016 Oct31	2016 Nov09	Samoa	5W <small>NEW</small>	Home Call	DXNews 20160930	By JF1OCQ as 5W7X and JH1BED as 5W0ST fm OC-097; HF; CW SSB RTTY

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