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SECTION MANAGER'S MUSINGS

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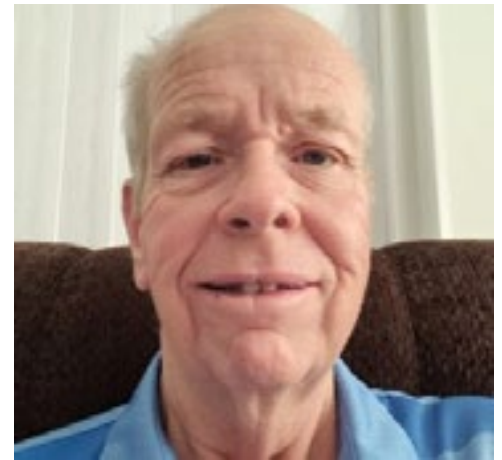
HELLO FELLOW AMATEURS

Good day West Central Florida from the SM! I trust everyone either had or survived a wonderful 4th of July!

I'd like to welcome aboard our latest additions to the West Central Florida group. Tom Chance, K9XV the EC of Charlotte County. Stephen Park, W4OEP EC of Manatee County Michael Shreve, N6MRS EC of Polk County

Thank you for stepping up and volunteering for your respective counties. I urge all members to give any help you can as the above ECs settle into their positions.

It is with regret that I have been asked by Bill Fetta, N7CGC, the newly installed EC of Pasco County his desire to step down. Norman Xanders, WX4NEX and I have accepted his request. Bill is



not going anywhere, he just felt he could not give it is all and I respect his honesty. Thank you, Bill.

Aside from normal summer rain, things are getting back to normal after Hurricane/Tropical Storm Elsa. Tropical storm, hurricane or gusty winds depending on where in the section you are located.

That is all from me this month!

Mike Douglas, W4MDD

SUMMER 2021 SECTION ARES MEETING HELD IN PERSON AT POLK COUNTY EOC

The Summer 2021 ARRL West Central Florida Section ARES Meeting, was held on Saturday July 17th, 2021 at 1300, at the Polk County Emergency Operations Center. This was the first in-person Section ARES Meeting since January 2020. Face to face meetings were suspended with the onset of COVID-19 in March 2020, the subsequent quarantine, and unavailability of facilities in which to have a meeting. Section ARES Meetings had been held via Zoom teleconferencing since that time. The ARRL West Central Florida Section ARES Luncheon, that precedes the meeting was held at Sonny's BBQ on the west side of Winter Haven for the first time since January 2020 as well.

This was the first Section ARES Meeting that was held as a hybrid/in-person meeting with 20 to 25 in attendance, most of the attendance was in person , with several of those in attendance via the Zoom portion of the meeting who due to various circumstances were unable to attend in person. One of the main points of discussion was a refresher on the procedures for deployment of ARES personnel outside of their county via the process that is now standard practice and a reminder that amateur radio operators are not to self deploy. There are also some discussion on the proposed suggestion to change the name of the "Section Activation Level" to "Section Alert Level" as the term "Section Activation Level" caused some confusion during the Tropical Storm Elsa incident. It was agreed from this point forward that the Section activation status



would be indicated as "Section Alert Level", due to the fact that the decision to activate a county ARES group is on a local level and not on the Section level.

For an explanation of the alert level, you may go to the Section website main page at <http://arrlwcf.org> and look under the heading "WCF SECTION ARES STATUS". Status reports were taken on what current and planned future activity by each county ARES group.

The Fall 2021 Section ARES Luncheon and Meeting are tentatively planned to take place in Hillsborough County on Saturday October 30, 2021 at 1100 and 1300 respectively. Look for more details coming up in a future WCF SECTION PRESS RELEASE.



TAMIAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO HOST A FOXHUNT

The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club in Venice, FL is pleased to announce its first ANNUAL CLASSIC FOX HUNT event to be held at the T. Mabry Carlton Reserve in Venice on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Event details and pre-registration form (required) for the event can be found at our website: <https://tamiamiarc.org/annual-fox-hunt/>

We have been trying our hand at Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) for over a year now. What began as a “let’s give it a try” activity by a few of our club members has turned into a much anticipated and fun outdoor activity for many club members to engage in.

ARDF is a simple and inexpensive part of our ham radio hobby that looks easy but can be very challenging in the execution. In the last two decades, ARDF has become a more and more popular part of the amateur radio hobby in the US. We want to do our part to introduce WCF Section hams to this aspect of the hobby.

Registration is \$25 and event logo embroidered hats will be given to all



participants.

Hunters MUST be pre-registered for the event by October 10, 2021. No on-site registrations will be allowed on the day of the event.

73....Paul

Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR
Event Director
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8TH ANNUAL TECHCON DATE AND VENUE SET

The date and venue for the 8th Annual TECHCON have been set.

The date for the 8th Annual TECHCON, the Annual Technical Conference for the ARRL West Central Florida Section, is Friday February 25, 2022 and Saturday February 26, 2022.

The venue for the 8th Annual TECHCON will be the Polk County Emergency Operations Center, located between Winter Haven and Lakeland in Polk County.

The 7th Annual TECHCON, held in February of this year, had been scheduled to take place at the Polk County Emergency Operations Center, but became a virtual event only via Zoom due to concerns from COVID-19.

The 8th Annual TECHCON will be a face to face conference as it has been in years past but also will be available for viewing via Zoom teleconferencing.

The 8th Annual TECHCON will see a resumption of the Friday Afternoon



Workshop and Friday Evening Social.

The presentations for TECHCON will be recorded and available for viewing on the Section's YouTube channel immediately after the conclusion of TECHCON which is located at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFA4-HEjr-LYMFisVG_Nk5A

Registration for the 8th Annual TECHCON is now open. You may register to either attend or make a presentation for TECHCON at <http://arrlwcf.org/section-forms/wcftechconregistration/>.

For more information about TECHCON you may go to the TECHCON webpage on the Section website at <http://arrlwcf.org/wcf-special-events/wcftechconference/>.

WORMFEST - SATURDAY MAY 28TH, 2021





SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGERS REPORT

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West Central Florida STM Reports

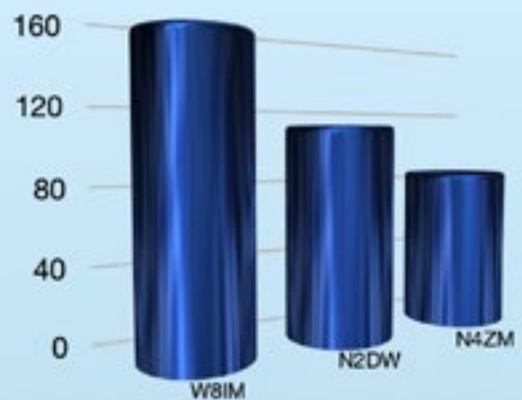
April 2021

Station Activity Reports (SAR)



Call Sign	Originate	Receive	Sent	Delivered	Total
N4ZM	7	15	7	6	35
W8IM	0	11	18	0	29
N2DW	0	8	8	0	16

Public Service Honor Roll



Call Sign	Total
W8IM	154
N2DW	111
N4ZM	85

West Central Net Activity Reports

Net Name	Sessions	Stations	Traffic	Minutes	Manager
EAGLE NET	30	1357	33	937	W4PXE
SPARC	39	723	46	1309	KN4LUZ
CERT (St. Pete)	2	38	2	55	KN4LUZ
WCF ARES	4	139	0	159	KM4WXX



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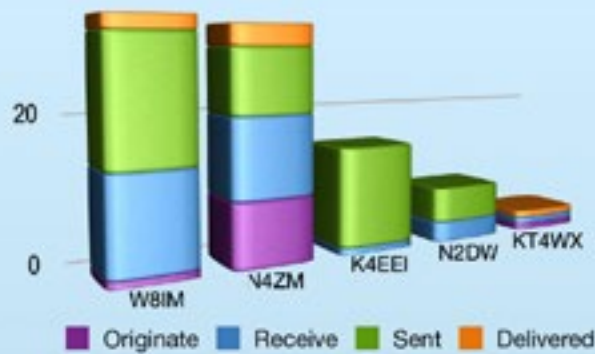
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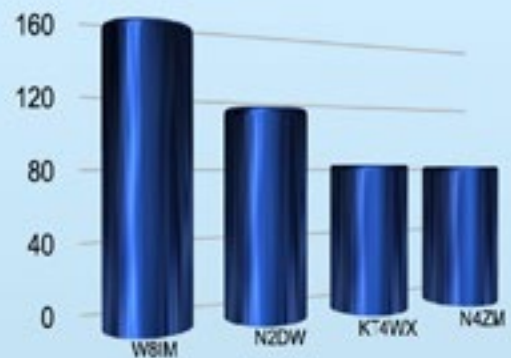
May 2021

Station Activity Reports (SAR)



Call Sign	Originate	Receive	Sent	Delivered	Total
W8IM	1	13	17	2	33
N4ZM	9	11	9	3	32
K4EEI	0	1	14	0	15
N2DW	0	3	5	0	13
KT4WX	1	1	0	1	3

Public Service Honor Roll



Call Sign	Total
W8IM	153
N2DW	113
KT4WX	83
N4ZM	82

West Central Net Activity Reports

Net Name	Sessions	Stations	Traffic	Minutes	Manager
EAGLE NET	31	1356	36	962	W4PXE
SPARC	40	706	47	1345	KN4LUZ
CERT (St. Pete)	2	32	2	57	KN4LUZ
WCF ARES	5	166	0	204	KM4WXX
Hardee ARES	5	41	0	109	KT4WX



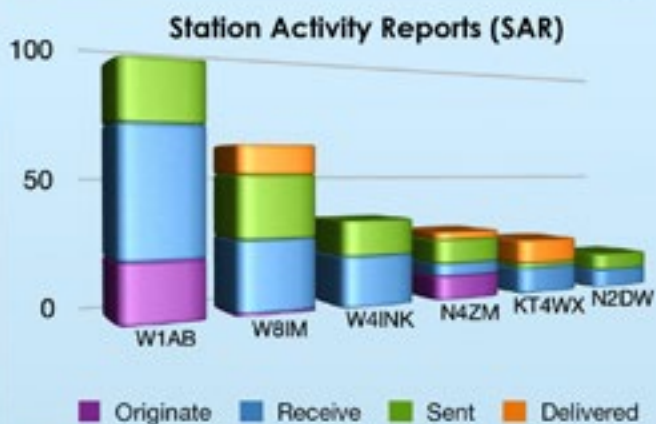
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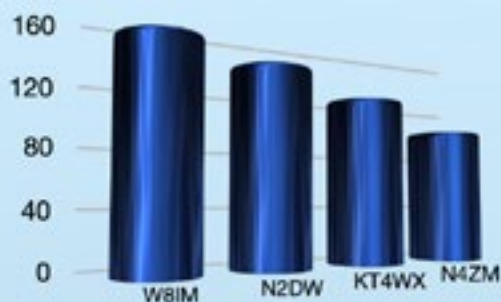
West Central Florida STM Reports

June 2021



Call Sign	Originate	Receive	Sent	Delivered	Total
W1AB	22	48	23	0	93
W8IM	1	27	24	11	63
W4INK	0	20	14	0	34
N4ZM	10	5	10	3	28
KT4WX	0	11	2	10	23
N2DW	0	8	7	0	15

Public Service Honor Roll



Call Sign	Total
W8IM	148
N2DW	135
KT4WX	118
N4ZM	98

West Central Net Activity Reports

Net Name	Sessions	Stations	Traffic	Minutes	Manager
EAGLE NET	30	1255	58	926	W4PXE
SPARC	37	673	58	1216	KN4LUZ
CERT (St. Pete)	2	29	1	49	KN4LUZ
WCF ARES	4	137	0	159	KM4WXX
SARASOTA EM	5	91	4	75	KB2ICN
SRQARES	4	66	11	87	W4INK
SARASOTA DIG.	4	41	136	577	KG7KIQ
WCF RADIOGRAM TRAINING NET	4	81	18	201	W4INK

SECTION NET INFORMATION

Here is a list of the current Section Nets that are in operation: Please feel free to check in and participate on these nets as you are able to do so.

DAY / NET	NET	NET TIME	SYSTEM/FREQ	NET MANAGER
Daily	Eagle Net (West Central Florida Section NTS Net)	2030 hours	NI4CE Repeater System	Dave Rockwell W4PXE
Monday	West Central Florida Section ARES and Information Net	1930 hours	NI4CE Repeater System	J.C. Rivero K4RTC
Thursday	West Central Florida Section Technical Net	2100 hours	NI4CE Repeater System	Jim Peterson AF2W
Saturday	West Central Florida Section ARES and Information Net	0730 hours	3940 KHz	Randy Payne K4EZM

The Section ARES Information Net on 3940 KHz will start at either 0730 or immediately following the Florida Phone Traffic Net whichever is later.

For more information on the NI4CE Repeater System, including frequencies and a coverage map go to <http://www.ni4ce.org> or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ni4ce>.

The ARRL West Central Florida Section wishes to thank the West Central Florida Group Inc. for the use of the NI4CE Repeater System for the Section Nets that are on VHF and UHF.