

Tales from the Swamp

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Hello to all.

Had a couple of applicants this month, but they haven't sent in their dues, so can't call them members yet.

Bill N4IQ helped Frank KG4IGC with some stubs for an antenna Frank was upgrading.

Frank's XYL Sarah had some surgery that she seemed recover from nicely, depending on who you ask.

REMINDER : Get together at Lizards Thicket on June 4, 3pm. I understand the Museum Ships Weekend is that weekend, but sorry fellas, no matter what weekend is picked, something is going on for someone.

Looks like Tom W1TEF is contemplating getting the KX-3 setup. Let us know how it performs.

K7OM and myself (taking the pix) helping Frank KG4IGC assemble and erect his new hex beam. I didn't know they were directional !!



We had several new applicants during April:

April 6:

Ronnie W4WRL & Tammy N4TAL Livingston, and daughter Sarah KF4UFA

April 13:

Jeff Johnson N4UQM awaiting dues

May 2:

Gary Wise W4EEY

Kevan N4XL and myself (Dave NJ4F) conducted our first Contesting 101 class at the ETV building in Columbia on April 30. Over all, it went over well. Having never done one before, we didn't know how long it would take, as we developed the presentation on PowerPoint ourselves. We thought it would take maybe 3 hours or so, but we had to cut it short after 4 hours. We could have done another hour easily. Had some good comments for the most part: some wanted more, some less, etc...

For the record, I plan to hold more of these classes as requested. I want to hold one down here in the Charleston area in a couple of months. More later. Need to find a place first.

Discussions:

Gil KS4YX saw in the FL QSOP files where they had a category for “Top Florida Mobile No Driver”. Now is that walking, a Google driverless car, bicycle, Gil couldn’t decide.

Kevan N4XL chimed in to say we offered “Single Op With Driver” (NON-OP DRIVER).

Let’s see; Mobile No Driver, Mobile with Driver, Single Op with Driver, Single Op no Driver, Multi Op with driver, Multi Op no Driver, etc.... Then breakup more for stopped, moving, parked, etc.

Just funning guys.

Awards & Certificates Received:

Gil KS4YX received a certificate for 2nd Place, Single Op CW, SC for his participation in the Florida QSO Party 2015

Dave WN4AFP received a certificate for 2nd Place USA, 1st Place SC. Single Op QRP in the New England QSO Party 2015.
And another for spelling "ORANGE" in the Florida QSO Party 2015

Dave needs to rent a room at the Biltmore Estate to display his achievement !!

Bill N4IQ received a certificate from the New England QSO Party for 6th Place USA, 1st Place SC Single Op High Power
Seems Dave WN4AFP placed 2nd in the QRP category

Congrats to Loyd on receiving a QSL card from Kiribati Island - # 179

Steve W4SLT received a certificate for #2 in the 4th call area, #6 in North America, #3 in the US, Single Op, High Power, 10M, in the CQ 2015 WW DX SSB

Ron N4VZ got #3 in the US 4th call area, Single Op, Low Power, ALL bands in the CQ WW RTTY DX

Dave WN4AFP NC QSOP Second Place, Single Op / Out of State / Mixed Mode LP

Gil KS4YX CQ WW RTTY DX #10 US 4th call area, Single Op, Low Power, ALL bands

Alan W4ANT FL QSOP 1st Place, Single Op Assisted, SSB, SC
#6, Single Op Assisted SSB US

Contests: (Number Q's - score)

Apr 3 **NA Sprint SSB**
N4IQ 179 - 9129

Apr 3 **MO QSO Party**
WN4AFP 97 - 17860

Apr 3 **EA RTTY**
NJ4F 21 - 759 bands were virtually closed, and other
chores took precedence

Apr 10 **GA QSO Party**
AJ5E 38 - 836
WN4AFP 69 - 8760
W4ANT 18 - 288

Apr 24 **SP DX RTTY**
K7OM 112 - 121432

Apr 27 **CW OPS 1300z**
WN4AFP 23 - 529

Apr 27 **CW OPS 1900z**
WN4AFP 16 - 256