

The Reflector

Official Newsletter of the Dade Radio Club



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DRC Holiday Party

The Dade Radio Club celebrated the holidays in style. Miguel Garate and family were gracious enough to open their beautiful home to the club and host the DRC holiday party. On the menu was a seafood paella and a chicken paella. The club also took the time to honor members

for their contributions to the club. Frank DeCespedes, Frank Echanique, and Edward Plumber were recognized for their work to get the Club D-Star Repeater up. Brandon Watson, Esther Sanchez, and Joanne Canberra were honored with the "Team Player Award". Darrell Day was honored for his "Words of Wisdom". Shannon Rodriguez was awarded a plaque for his hard work as a Net Control Manager. Ray Vaughn was also presented with a plaque for supporting the SoFlaHams Group. Julio Herrera was awarded the 2013 Amateur Radio of the Year.

Hamboree 2014

The Hamboree took place on January 31st and February 1st. Over one thousand people piled in to the Youth Fairgrounds to see the different vendors and the iCOM display. This year we had the honor to also hold a Mini Maker Fair with the Hamboree. Guest were able to see a wide array of robotics and sciences.



A large testing session was held at the Hamboree, with a guest as far as Georgia drove down to take his exam. Thanks to the efforts of our VE Exam Team, Twelve new techs have entered our hobby. Congratulations to Dave Thompson for being our grand prize winner of a IC-7100 donated by iCOM America. We look forward to Hamboree 2015!

SILENT KEY



It is with deep sadness that we report that Gustavo Menendez (KB4PEZ) has passed. Gus served his country in the U.S. Armed Forces. He also served as a sworn member of The Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary Unit for over 20 years. Gus served daily in numerous amateur radio public service groups. He was an active Sr. member of the U.S.A.F. Civil Air Patrol. Gus helped with security detail for the last two Hamborees. He was a big asset to the club and will be missed greatly.

Upcoming Events



18710 SW 288 St. Homestead, FL 33030



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TUESDAYS

Everglades Net 146.835 PL 94.8 1930-2000

Everglades Rag Chew 146.835 PL 94.8

2000-?

WEDNESDAYS

****Main Net 146.925 PL 94.8 1930****

VHF Net 146.925 PL 94.8 1900-1930

Coral Gables 147.150 PL 94.8 1900-1930

Simplex Net 146.520 1900-1930

UHF Net 444.200 PL 94.8 1900-1930

Cutler Bay Net 146.865 PL 94.8 1900-1930

10 Meters Net 28.350 1900-1930

THURSDAYS

Cutler Bay Rag Chew 146.865 PL 94.8

1900-?



WX4NHC Annual Station Test

WX4NHC conducted their annual On-The-Air Station Test on May 31st 2014. Lloyd Kurtzman (N4LJK) had the pleasure to be one of the many operators present and operating at the station. This is the 34th year of volunteer public service by the WX4NHC Group at NHC. WX4NHC conducts this event each year in preparation for Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1st to November 30th. The station was tested on many frequencies and modes, including; HF, VHF, UHF, HF WinLink, VHF/HF APRS, EchoLink/IRLP/All-Star, email and on-line form. We are happy to report that all of the radio equipment and antennas performed well producing the most contacts made during this event in memory.

Even though the HF propagation was poor and we were also conducting other equipment tests and operator training on new modes and tweaking our software. The event is also good practice for Radio Operators worldwide. It was also a good opportunity for NWS Staff to become aware of the capabilities of Amateur Radio during severe weather and disaster communications; when conventional modes fail. For the first time, D-STAR/D-RATS reports were received at WX4NHC which was proposed to us during the Hurricane Conference in Orlando Florida this year by John Davis WB4QDX, who then organized and coordinate this effort. Although we do not currently have a D-STAR Radio at WX4NHC, we did receive 51 Surface Weather Reports via the D-RATS form at WX4NHC. We are excited of the potential that D-STAR/D-RATS modes can produce hurricane surface reports in a similar format that is used at WX4NHC. These reports may some day fill in a very important gap in surface data during a hurricane that we could not receive on other modes. We thank John WB4QDX for his efforts and look forward to the participation from D-STAR/D-RATS during hurricanes. WX4NHC made a total of 308 contacts in 9 hours of operations. The contacts ranged from local VHF/UHF stations in South Florida and Florida Keys to international stations as far away as Guam. Communications contacts and surface reports were received from 25 US States, and countries, such as; Bermuda, Canada, Cuba, Curacao, Guam, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. We also made contacts with the NWS in Norman, Oklahoma, Broward County and Marion County Florida EOC's and the Guantanamo Military Base in Cuba. We are also thankful for all of the Skywarn Volunteers nationwide for their continued efforts to help the NWS and NHC and their communities. WX4NHC is thankful for the ARRL's help in publicizing this event as they have done for many years. We are especially grateful for the support from Mike Corey KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparations Manager.

Jan. 13, 2014

Lynne M. Olsen KK4WNS New General Class
Luis F. Roman KK4WNR New Technician Class
Carlos A. Lopez KK4WNT New Technician Class
Orlando M. Arias KK4SNC Upgraded to General

Feb. 1, 2014 (@ the Tropical Hamboree)

KK4YEA Eduardo Larghi New Technician
KK4YEB Brianna Pucko New Technician
KK4YEC Chris Shield New Technician
KK4YED Daniel Forni New Technician
KK4YEE Roentet Serralta New Technician
KK4YEF Krist Knaus New Technician
KK4YEG Neng Pau New Technician
KK4YEH Winston Roig New Technician
KD4ZMV Chadwick Labno upgraded to General
KP4FFO Aristides Maldonado upgraded to Amateur Extra
KK4BDE Deborah Keech upgraded to General
KK4VFS Adrian Mederos upgraded to General
KF4PXU Charles Allen upgraded to General
WP4OQU Ramon Perez upgraded to General

A Job Well Done

March 10, 2014

Amanda Gonzalez KK4ZIB New Technician
Philippe Chiroussot Chambeax KK4ZIC New Technician
Daniel Forni KK4YED Upgraded to Amateur Extra

April 14, 2014

Richard P. Zavaleta KM4ANV New Technician
David J. Gleinn KM4ANW New Technician
Narciso J. Fumero KM4ANX New Technician
Roentet Serralta KK4YEE Upgraded to General Class
Noel Morales KK4YPD Upgraded to General Class

May 12, 2014

Robert J. Wilkinson KM4BLX New Technician
Robert A. Huddleson KM4BLY New Technician
Terry L. Pittser KM4BLZ New Technician

